

The Springdale Estate Association

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Grady McCollum, PE

Senior Engineer

Dear Grady;

This is Steve Collins (President of the Springdale Estates Association, representing 360 property owners). It was a pleasure to meet you at the Leesville Road Pre-planning meeting last week. You have a tremendous challenge ahead of you!

The SEA had our quarterly board meeting last evening and we feel it is appropriate to reach out to you since so many families and neighbors are impacted. The following topics were discussed at length and are supported by the SEA BOARD.

Let me first say that we applaud you, the City of Raleigh and the State of NC for undertaking this initiative. We know that this is part of a larger State plan and the City of Raleigh will be working with the State on the design and implementation. After seeing the sketches and learning of the current plans, we do have some serious concerns and possible suggestions.

1. Overall, the scope of the project is much more than necessary. We only have a traffic backup twice per day relative to the high school schedule. We realize that something is going to be completed, we are just hoping for less intrusion, and hoping to ensure the safety of our children and senior residents that walk and ride through the roads of Springdale Estates daily.
2. As the planning progresses, we (the Board) would like to meet with someone from the State. If the city is following their guidelines, we think it is only fair for us to have a contact from the state. Can you arrange that?
3. That being stated, as we consider the safety of our residents, we **STRONGLY** feel that there should be a traffic light and turn lane at the North ONeal entrance providing Ingress and egress to Leesville. If not, you will have almost all of the residents double-crossing the neighborhood to enter or exit. **THIS MAKES NO SENSE.** We have walkers and children whose safety will be in danger if this is not allowed! The lack of a turn lane/stoplight only increase traffic throughout the neighborhood. The two ONeal intersections are the only entrances to our neighborhood – and serve over 350 homeowners. Multiply that by the number of cars in each family and you will see how significant the situation will become.
4. In addition to helping with safety issues, an entrance and cross-walk at the North ONeal interaction would alleviate the need for a sidewalk and path on East side of the road, and possibly preserve the large oak trees which contribute to the character of neighborhood. If there is a light, a crossing can be available. When I asked about this, you informed me that a sidewalk was needed on both sides because there was no crossing access from the North ONeal entrance. You also said that a light there may be too close to other lights for the Sate to

approve. We can provide you with multiple examples of lights that are currently close together. Additionally, this would save the State and the City significant DOLLARS!

5. And as a good neighbor, we object to the U-turn encroachments at the Fairbanks intersection. These poor owners will literally lose most of their front yards! They are devastated to learn of these plans.

Grady, thanks for meeting with the community. We understand the challenges you will be facing. We would like to be a constructive and rationale partner as the planning progresses. At the same time, the safety of our residents and character of our beloved Springdale Estates is paramount.

Most sincerely;

Steve Collins, President SEA