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Subject: Roundtree Drive agenda item for signage
Attachments: Round tree Drive

Tony,
Commissioner Jay Williamson was approached by residents in the Briarwood Estates subdivision, off of East Spencer Field Road, about their concerns related to the high volume of motorists using Roundtree Drive as a turnaround location. I have also met with some of the residents of this subdivision. The residents are requesting that the county post a sign on Roundtree Drive stating "NOT A TURN AROUND".

The county has installed a concrete median and guardrail along East Spencer Field Rd. at this intersection as a safety improvement to prevent crashes due to U-turns and other turning maneuvers. This barrier is directing motorists that are exiting the convenience store on the east side of this intersection toward the north. Roundtree Drive is the first public roadway north of the intersection for motorists wishing to return to Highway 90 to make a safe turnaround. As can be seen in the attached photograph, motorists are running off the edge of pavement while making this maneuver, thus causing some damage to the roadway edge, and the adjacent grassed shoulder. The residents also expressed safety concerns for children and other pedestrians utilizing this residential street.

I informed the residents that the BCC has the authority to direct us to post the requested sign, however, it would in the form of an "advisory" sign, and not enforceable by law enforcement. The residents understood that there may be some motorists that continue to make this maneuver.

Lastly, the next public roadway to the north is White Road. White Road is not wide enough to accommodate motorists turning around without causing the same type of damage being experienced at Roundtree Dr. Therefore, for this problem to be resolved, motorists leaving the convenience store are going to have to either accept a long detour to the north, then west, and then back south again, or wait for an opportunity to exit directly onto Hwy. 90, and then maneuver across lanes of traffic if they desire to U-turn and head east on Hwy. 90.

Please let me know if you would like for me to expand on any of this information.

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