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RE: Tech Center Parkway Extension Phase II Project
Response to Public Comments

Dear Mr. Woodruff,

The Department of Engineering has received your letter dated August 5, 2019, in regards to your organization's comments on the Hogan Drive Extension Phase II Project. City Staff have reviewed each comment and I offer the responses below.

- Comment: We recommend that the extension of Village Green Parkway be given a name that identifies with the professional research park. Naming it Village Green Parkway could lead to confusion as well as increased traffic into the Village Green neighborhood. We suggest something like, "Research Drive."

Response: The extension will be named Innovation Parkway.

- Comment: We also recommend the City consider renaming Hogan Drive to something which identifies with Jefferson Labs as part of this project. At this point, there are a few parcels with addresses on Hogan Drive which would make the transition easier rather than after development -- as in the Middle Ground to City Center Blvd address change. We recommend leaving the Hogan Drive name on the other side of Jefferson Ave (the trailer park).

Response: City Council acted on September 10 to rename the public part of the road (from Jefferson to the old SCOT center) "Tech Center Parkway". The new extension will remain Tech Center Parkway.

- Comment: We request that the "Don't Block The Box" signs be enforced. These were put in recently, but they do not currently appear to be enforced. There continues to be a challenge for residents as well as the NNFD (Fire Station #6) leaving Village Green Pkwy onto Oyster Point Road. This is an inconvenience for Village Green residents but more importantly, a safety concern for NNFD and the residents they are servicing.

Department of Engineering on-line at: <http://www.nnva.gov/engineering>

Response: Traffic enforcement is the responsibility of the Newport News Police Department (NNPD). A request has been forwarded to NNPD for selective enforcement at this location.

- Comment: We recommend the City put a "No U-Turn" at the Jefferson Ave (southbound) and Oyster Point Rd intersection. When drivers are attempting to make a right-hand turn from Oyster Point Rd onto Jefferson Ave (northbound), traffic on Oyster Point Rd backs up as drivers wait for U-turning traffic to clear.

Response: This change is not recommended. U-Turns are generally only restricted where there is inadequate space to safely make the turn. Historic traffic control practice allowed many more median breaks, which limited the need for u-turns. Some restrictions for congestion were considered acceptable at that time. Current practice limits median breaks, requiring more u-turns to reach individual businesses and properties.

It is now recognized that limiting u-turns creates more problems than allowing them, including: scofflaws ignoring the restrictions; shifting the problem to other intersections; and decreased access. The traffic turning right (north onto Jefferson), by design, has a red signal when the southbound left turns have a green signal. This requires the right turns to yield to the u-turns.

The City has obtained funding for expanding the Jefferson/Oyster Point intersection for 2024-2026. This will include added lanes east and westbound on Oyster Point.

- Comment: We request the City post "No Thru Way" and/or "No Outlet" coming into Village Green.

Response: A "No Outlet" sign will be installed on Village Green Parkway just after Baxter Lane. It appears the issue arises from motorists mistaking Village Green Parkway as a potential entrance to the mall. The new sign may help.

- Comment: Review traffic accident analysis to see if other improvements should be made between Jefferson Avenue and Canon Blvd. We recommend extending the right hand turn lane onto Canon Blvd from Oyster Point Rd to minimize the risk of accidents near this intersection.

Response: The combination of the new dual right turns from Canon Boulevard to Oyster point (a free-flow dedicated right turn and a signal-controlled right) with the construction of the Hogan extension significantly reduces the needs for rights from Oyster Point to Canon. This change is not recommended at this time.

- Comment: Consider additional landscaping/beautification on both sides of Oyster Pt Road between Canon Blvd and Criston Drive.

Response: Where the Innovation Parkway intersects with Oyster Point Road, landscaping is part of this project. For areas extending away from the intersection, landscaping is addressed individually as each parcel is developed.

- Comment: Please provide an update on the plan to address the street surfaces in Village Green. City streets, in the Village Green neighborhood, are degrading and need to be addressed. Mr. Skipper indicated he would check with Public Works to see what the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for the roads in Village Green. Certain sections of our roads are currently being patched but we would like the City to consider resurfacing all of them. Our roads play a large part in our quality life because we are a neighborhood without sidewalks and have many walkers and bike riders.

Response: The Department of Public Works evaluates the streets every four years and assigns the street section a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) number based on the condition at that time. They then determine the priority that street will have on the resurfacing schedule based on the current PCI.

Public Works reevaluated the streets in Village Green this year and the ones that received a poor to fair rating will be resurfaced by next year. Following is a table showing the PCI value for each street section provided by Public Works.

Currently Public Works is resurfacing the following streets with City crews:

- Lexington Circle
- Bunker Hill Circle

The following streets are scheduled for Fiscal Year 2021:

- Village Green Pkwy, from Oyster Point Road to the right to Crown Point Drive
- Baxter Lane, from Village Green Pkwy to Southgate
- Southgate Rd, from Baxter to Village Green Pkwy

In Fiscal Year 2022, the remainder of Village Green Parkway from Crown Point Drive to the entrance will be resurfaced as part of a paving contract.

Public Works plans to reevaluate the remaining streets in Village Green this winter and add the streets they determine to need resurfacing to the list. Their intent is to have the large streets like Village Green Pkwy paved by a contractor and City forces will repave the smaller side streets. We will continue to monitor the streets with a satisfactory rating and above.

Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Streets in Village Green		
PCI Scale:		
Good	100 - 81	
Satisfactory	60 - 41	
Fair	40 - 21	
Failure	20 - Below	
Village Green Parkway		
From	To	PCI
Oyster Point Rd	Baxter Ln	39
Baxter Ln	Village Green Pkwy	37
Village Green Pkwy	Southgate Rd	63
Southgate Rd	Prescott Cir	71
Prescott Cir	Prescott Cir	57
Prescott Cir	Plymouth Cir	59
Plymouth Cir	Plymouth Cir	63
Plymouth Cir	Musket Ct	58
Musket Ct	Falmouth Cir	49
Falmouth Cir	Minuteman Dr	49
Minuteman Dr	Crown Point Dr	30
Crown Point Dr	Valley Forge Dr	68
Valley Forge Dr	Valley Forge Dr	60
Valley Forge Dr	Brandywine Dr	78
Brandywine Dr	Brandywine Dr	53
Brandywine Dr	Independence Pl	59
Independence Pl	Village Green Pkwy	59
Southgate Road		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Lexington Cir	81
Lexington Cir	Bunker Hill Cir	72
Bunker Hill Cir	Baxter Ln	78
Prescott Cir		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Village Green Pkwy	80
Plymouth Cir		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Village Green Pkwy	64
Musket Ct		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Village Green Pkwy	75
Falmouth Cir		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Cul-de-sac	67

Crown Point Dr		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Cul-de-sac	83
Village Green Pkwy	Minuteman Dr	74
Minuteman Dr	Cul-de-sac	88
Minuteman Dr		
From	To	PCI
Crown Point Dr	Cul-de-sac	62
Patriot Cir	Liberty Cir	54
Liberty Cir	Village Green Pkwy	59
Patriot Cir		
From	To	PCI
Minuteman Dr	Cul-de-sac	56
Liberty Cir		
From	To	PCI
Minuteman Dr	Cul-de-sac	64
Brandywine Dr		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Village Green Pkwy	81
Independence Pl		
From	To	PCI
Village Green Pkwy	Dead End	87

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