

Beatties Ford Road Widening Project

Public Meeting Summary

May 27, 2003

Dear Resident:

Thanks to all of you who attended our public meeting on April 10, 2003, at East Stonewall AME Zion Church. The purpose of the meeting was to present the need for the project and to have you, a resident of Beatties Ford Road, identify additional issues and concerns to be considered as we begin planning this project.

A highlight of comments and questions received from the audience is shown below with staff comments in *italics*:

- What is the schedule for the project? *The planning phase will be complete by April 2004. However, funding is currently not available for the design, right-of-way acquisition, or construction of this project. Therefore, a schedule has not been prepared for these phases.*
- How much right-of-way will be needed and how will property owners be compensated for their property? *Approximately 100 feet of right-of-way will be needed. This width includes all travel lanes, curb and gutter, planting strips, sidewalk, and utilities. All property will be assessed at fair market value, and property owners will be compensated for any land needed for the roadway project.*
- Residents also expressed interest in having traffic signals installed at currently unsignalized intersections along Beatties Ford Road, such as Capps Hill Mine Road, Trinity Road, and Lakeview Road. *These intersections do not currently warrant a traffic signal. However, each intersection will be analyzed during the planning process. Some factors to consider in the warrant of a traffic signal installation include vehicular and pedestrian volumes, location of a school crossing, accident history, and the roadway network.*
- Will sidewalk be constructed on both sides of Beatties Ford Road? *Sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of the road, as it is a city council priority to provide sidewalk on both sides of a major thoroughfare.*
- Several residents asked about median openings: will they provide full access (both directions) to driveways and local businesses, what will be their frequency, and are they safe? *Median openings will be placed at regular intervals with U-turn accommodations.*
- Will some businesses have a separate right-turn lane? *We have yet to determine if right turn lanes will be provided. However, Beatties Ford Road will have two thru lanes in each direction throughout the entire length of the project.*

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