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**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>; tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; ChristyElizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Good Morning Frank

Patricia has reached out to FCDOT about restricting thru traffic /left/right turns during certain time periods of the day. FCDOT works with neighborhoods on that process.  As soon as we get word back will let you know. The county installs those sorts of signs. The standards for approval of turning restrictions as I understand them are VDOT

The VDOT response it was their answer to our open-ended question regarding determination if there was any other traffic calming that could potentially be implemented.

Best

Mike

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**Subject:** RE: Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Hi Mike,

As always, thank you  for your help. I don’t understand this line:

*VDOT indicated that Traffic Engineering has no tools or strategies to discourage Crossbow Court being used as a drop off location*

Installing signage that prevents thru traffic (or left/right turns during certain time periods), etc is the tool we need.  If Traffic Engineering does not install those sign, who does?

Thank you

FX

**From:** Wing, Michael G <Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov>
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**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>; tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; ChristyElizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Frank,

We reached out to find out if time restrictions could be established. Unfortunately, VDOT indicated that Traffic Engineering has no tools or strategies to discourage Crossbow Court being used as a drop off location. It is not clear to me that they only evaluated Crossbow Ct or other roads as you suggested. We will find out if VDOT evaluated time restricted access signage for Edgelea/Sutton Road and Oleander Ave.

Best

Mike

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**Cc:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>; tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; ChristyElizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Hi Mike and Patricia,

The days are getting shorter and the leaves make for slick driving, which only compounds my concerns about that cul-de-sac.

Just checking back in with you: any help from the various DOT guys?

FX

**From:** Wing, Michael G <Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 3:03 PM
**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>; tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; ChristyElizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Frank,

I agree that there are some negative tradeoffs with pursuing closure of the gates.

Unfortunately, not sure if time restricted access could be accommodated in this circumstance.  In the limited circumstances that I have seen that sort of restriction implemented it was to stop cut through traffic associated with major arterial roads and adjacent residential streets.  Generally, it has been my understanding that VDOT standards for implementing such a restriction were strict and therefore implementation has been very limited. Recently I did hear through the transportation grapevine that VDOT may currently be more receptive. Patricia will follow up with FCDOT/VDOT to determine feasibility at your suggested locations.

Will forward update from Karl as soon as hear back from him.

Best

Mike

Hello Mike,

Thanks so much for this info. I really appreciate the history here and completely agree: locking the back gate would needlessly impede the walkers and potentially create MORE traffic on the streets and few entrances to OHS.

So I keep coming back to the point that I started with: the real problem is the limited size and geometry of that cul-de-sac.   It cannot safely function as a kiss-and-ride.  Eventually, given the speed, density, impatience, and vortex of traffic on it, someone is going to be hurt, or worse.   So while the traffic folks are focusing on secondary concerns (like numbers of cars the feeder roads), I’m still unclear on why the emphasis is not on the crux of the immediate problem: preventing non-neighborhood traffic from entering that cul-de-sac.

I think the neighborhood would be open to ideas that would limit traffic into our neighborhood. One idea: some “no left/right turns from x to y o’clock” on Edgelea/Sutton Roads (and, if need be, Oleander Ave) that would prevent traffic from entering the neighborhood. Or  a ban altogether on non-neighborhood traffic from perhaps 7:30 am to 8:30 and then 2:30 – 3:30 pm.    Could we move to adopt something like that?

I’m including the rest of the EWCA BoD on this email to keep them updated.

Many thanks,

Frank Sheridan

**From:** Wing, Michael G <Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 12:13 PM
**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Frank,

I received word from Karl last week that he had obtained updates from Principal Lane. Karl also indicated that he was also obtaining further clarity from OSS and Facilities/Transportation school staff as to what measures could potentially be implemented to try and mitigate the problem.

In summary, Principal Lane conveyed some of the operational variables including:

* During renovation, the HS had a police officer and a crossing guard directing traffic in and out of the 4-way stop on campus.
* The police officer was funded by Design and Construction/Facilities to compensate for the loss of a third exit from campus that is now restored with the completion of renovation.
* With that exit coming back and the additional exit, there is no longer a police officer directing traffic.
* Challenges with bus drivers and the pandemic has resulted in more families driving their students to school over the past two years.
* The new traffic patterns in and off of campus are a vast improvement from previous years during renovation.
* The HS continues to communicate regularly with the crossing guard to keep traffic moving.
* In the morning families that arrive before 7:55am have no problems getting on and off campus in a short period of time.
* If they arrive after that time the traffic is heavier due to the nature of the 4-way stop and competing traffic with commuters and the metro.
* There has also been recent road construction in the immediate area to contend with.
* Many students walk to and from their neighborhoods using the gates to access the school.  It would not be fair to add substantial distances to our students who live in those neighborhoods to lock the gates.
* When Principal Lane started, she inquired about locking the gates during school hours.  She was told that they could not be locked because of the need to provide passage for commuters accessing metro.
* During renovation FCPS had to provide alternative routes around our campus for commuters to still be able to cut through and get to the metro.

I have reached out to Karl to find out if he has received any additional updates from OSS and Facilities/Transportation school staff.

Best

Mike

**From:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 8:50 AM
**To:** Wing, Michael G <Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** Any news? FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Mike,

I told him last week that you were communicating w/Karl F. re: this problem.  Any updates?

Thanks!

Patricia

**From:** fsheridan@verizon.net <fsheridan@verizon.net>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 3:33 PM
**To:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

HI Leslie,

When we spoke last week you had mentioned that Mike Wing was going to meet with some DOT experts and that I should check back with you.

Hoping for good news,

Thanks!

FX

Hello Patricia,

Very disappointing: I note the 85th percentile speed was 34 mph, more than fast enough to kill a student.

More importantly, the base problem remains: all of that traffic swirls around in a small cul-de-sac that has been pressed into use as a Kiss and Ride.

What are our options moving forward?

Thank you

FX

**From:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 2:39 PM
**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** Wing, Michael G <Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Brightlea Drive Engineering Review - did not qualify for traffic calming

Dear Frank,

I wish I had better news!

Traffic planners at the Fairfax County Department of Transportation have written that Brightlea Drive *did not qualify* for the Traffic Calming Program because it did not attain a volume between 500-6000 vehicles per day and it did not attain an 85th percentile speed of 35 MPH or greater in one direction.  A second study can be conducted, if you like.  Springtime traffic may bring greater numbers. Please see the attached and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Leslie

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Hello Patricia,

Thank you so much.

I spoke with Mike Wing this morning as well and we agreed that we would start with Brightlea. There is a risk of creating a whack-a-mole and sending traffic on to Oleander, but it will be easier to get the ball rolling with a smaller target. Yes: all of Brightlea is in the EW HOA.

Sounds like FCPS will be on-site this coming week as well to observe. Thanks for speeding this along.

Thank you

FX

**From:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 9:38 AM
**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; christyelizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Crossbow Court and adjoining streets traffic review

Hi, Frank,

I hear you!

I haven’t heard back yet from the traffic planners but I am guessing for purposes of RTAP, they would like more definition for the street(s) you would like included (with intersections listed) which feed into Crossbow.

Would you like all of Brightlea (from Oleander to Edgelea) included?  And does your HOA encompass Brightlea?  Keep in mind that the larger the area, the more votes will be needed to pass speed humps and other traffic calming measures with the exception of “Watch for Children” signs which do not require a community vote and are about the fastest measure Fairfax County offers.

I’ll be meeting with our School Board representative next week on another matter and shall inform him of your neighborhood’s complaint about “kiss and ride” on Crossbow.  Communicating with Oakton’s principal would help, too, I’ll bet!  Have you or any of your Board members been in touch with the principal who may send out a note of caution to drivers if she is anything like the principal at Oakton Elementary (where we have another traffic problem).

## [Jamie Lane](https://oaktonhs.fcps.edu/staff/jamie-lane)

Principal, Oakton High School

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Frank, please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you,

Patricia Leslie

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 7:26 PM
**To:** Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Cc:** tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; christyelizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Crossbow Court and adjoining streets traffic review

Hello Patricia,

Thank you for this information.  The EWCA is eager to immediately pursue whatever help we might get from the R-TAP system as soon as possible.  We are happy as well to provide any and all help the County might need to complete the process.

If Crossbow Court does not fit into the RTAP model, I will certainly urge Supervisor Palchik and others to look into alternate strategies for minimizing the use of that cul-de-sac as a kiss and ride.  The geometry, traffic flow, and narrowness of the mouth of Crossbow Court creates a dangerous situation, and our kids are in danger every single morning.

So I’m trusting that Fairfax County will not simply allow this dangerous situation to continue because it relies on overly rigid definition of what ‘traffic’ is.  Whether or not traffic flows “through” Crossbow Court is kind of beside the point: cars and pedestrians are mixing in excessive numbers and at great speed with no coordination in that very small space.  Every day.

If Crossbow Court does not fall neatly into the R-TAP system, this may be an opportunity to act even more expeditiously to ensure the safety of everyone there.

Thank you,

Frank Sheridan

President, EWAC

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**Cc:** tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; christyelizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** RE: Crossbow Court and adjoining streets traffic review

Hello, Frank,

Thank you for talking with me today.  I received and forwarded your message below to the traffic planners at Fairfax County.

If they need more information, I’ll let you know. You are likely aware of the procedures to implement traffic calming but in case not everyone on this distribution is familiar with them, I am attaching a chart which briefly outlines the measures.  Please let me know if you have any questions.  (The head of the department wrote me yesterday that Crossbow would not meet traffic calming requirements, but we have hopes for the other streets!)

Thank you for your interest in working to improve safety in Fairfax County.  Supervisor Palchik will do whatever she can to help you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Patricia Leslie

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**Cc:** tkennedy26@cox.net; 'CLAUDIA DECICCO' <wadecicco@aol.com>; christyelizbeth@gmail.com
**Subject:** Crossbow Court and adjoining streets traffic review

Good morning Patricia,

Thank you  again for taking my call and for  discussing the situation we face in Edgelea Woods.

Please accept this email as the official request from the Edgelea Woods Community Association, the HOA most immediately affected by the ad hoc adoption of Crossbow Court as a Kiss-and-Ride location for Oakton High School, for a traffic review and traffic calming.  The primary locus of concern is Crossbow Court but the traffic feeding onto Crossbow feeds in/out through Brightlea Drive and Oleander Avenue.  Please include those streets in your review.

If you need anything additional from us to get the project rolling, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703 505 9280. I’m including the rest of the HOA Board on this email to keep them apprised of our conversation.

Thank you,

Frank Sheridan

President, Edgelea Woods Community Association.

**From:** Wing, Michael G <Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 4:13 PM
**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net; Leslie, Patricia <Patricia.Leslie@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Cc:** Kalender, Aryeh <Aryeh.Kalender@fairfaxcounty.gov>; Fitzpatrick, Joanna L <Joanna.Fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Traffic concerns on Brightlea Drive/ Crossbow Court/ Oakton High School esp in the morning

Good Afternoon Frank,

Thanks for calling me back this afternoon to discuss the details of this new problem and the steps that can be taken to try and mitigate speeding associated with increased use of the back entrance to Oakton High.  As we discussed I have included Patricia on this response to request she follow up with you on Monday to explore starting an RTAP process for the impacted streets.

Additionally Patricia can help with engaging FCDOT and VDOT to determine if any access restrictions with signage (for the morning and afternoons M-F) can be instituted on any of the streets leading to the back entrance of the school.

Furthermore Patricia and Aryeh in the office can follow up with the police to request targeted speed enforcement in the area.

I will reach out to FCPS and share your concerns. Perhaps they may know why parents and caregivers abruptly shifted pick up and drop off to the back entrance of the school.  Will keep you posed with any updates we obtain.

Please let me know if I have inadvertently omitted anything from our discussion or if you have any add.

Best

Mike

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**From:** Wing, Michael G
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 10:00 AM
**To:** fsheridan@verizon.net
**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Joanna L <Joanna.Fitzpatrick@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Traffic concerns on Brightlea Drive/ Crossbow Court/ Oakton High School esp in the morning

Good Morning Frank,

Per my earlier voice mail message wanted to set up a time to discuss the problem in more detail to determine who we should engage.

Best

Mike

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:51:45 PM
**To:** Providence BOS <Providence@fairfaxcounty.gov>
**Subject:** Traffic concerns on Brightlea Drive/ Crossbow Court/ Oakton High School esp in the morning

Hi Joanna,

Thank you  for taking my call this morning.

I’m contacting you to seek some help in mitigating the volume and speed of traffic on Brightlea Drive and Crossbow Court in the mornings and around 3 pm in the afternoon.

Oakton High School has a back entrance just off Crossbow Court that has been open for many years so that walkers can access the school easily. Recently there has been a dramatic increase in the number of people using Crossbow as a “kiss and ride” location.   Every morning upwards of a hundred cars speed through the neighborhood via Brightlea Drive and Oleander Avenue, into Crossbow Court, and drop students off before racing off again.

Those traffic streams and the recent deaths on Blake Lane have made us very concerned about the safety of everyone involved, but especially those students who are walking to school from our and several adjoining neighborhoods.   The advent of darker mornings and messier conditions as the winter sets in is an increasingly dangerous mix.

I’d love to meet and discuss with someone immediately. My phone number is 703 505 9280. Please call any time.

Thank you,

Frank Sheridan

President, Edgelea Woods Community Association