



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Public Works Department

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Inter-Office Memo

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager

THRU: Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Marc Bernath, Director of Public Works

SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025001

CEER #2025001, titled Change Lane Flow from the South Publix on Merritt Island, was received by the County from Russell Wrenn.

Citizen Statement:

Exiting the First Merritt Shopping Center at Magnolia and S. Courtenay on Merritt Island -- the shopping plaza with Publix, Pet Supermarket, CVS and TJ Maxx -- the straight and right turn lanes are combined. This impedes the flow of traffic and discourages use of the light, causing more cars to exit at the unsignalized TJ Maxx entrance.

Citizen Recommendation:

Put the straight lane with the left turn lane and make the right lane right turn only. People going straight or to the left will have to stop much the same and cars turning right toward FL-520 and N. Courtenay will be able to right-turn on red when there is a break in the traffic or into the traffic backed-up from the 520 light. There is the same lane design as is proposed at E. Cone and S. Courtenay, just over half a mile south.

Staff Analysis:

South Courtenay Parkway at this location on Merritt Island is a 4-lane undivided arterial roadway and is county-maintained. Magnolia Avenue is a local road which extends west of S. Courtenay Parkway and is also a County-maintained roadway.

The citizen's request proposes reconfiguring the private driveway out of the First Merritt Shopping Center onto S. Courtenay Parkway to have a shared through/left-turn lane and a dedicated right-turn lane to improve traffic flow for right-turning vehicles. Currently, the driveway features a combined through/right-turn lane and a dedicated left-turn lane. Because this is exclusively on private property and not in the County-maintained roadway, the property owner would need to perform the requested driveway modifications and submit for a County Right of Way permit.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation (CEER) #2025001 because the shopping center driveway is privately owned and does not fall within Board of County Commissioner jurisdiction.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2025 2:21 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026001

Recommendation # 2026001

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026001 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

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Alternate Email	

Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID	2026001
Recommendation Title	Change Lane Flow from the South Publix on Merritt Island
Areas Affected	
Department Affected	
Current problem	Exiting the First Merritt Shopping Center at Magnolia and S. Courtenay on Merritt Island -- the shopping plaza with Publix, Pet Supermarket, CVS and TJ Maxx -- the straight and right turn lanes are combined. This impedes the flow of traffic and discourages use of the light, causing more cars to exit at the unsignaled TJ Maxx entrance.
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Attachments	Google StreetView - Cone & Courtenay.png Google StreetView - Magnolia Ave light.png Google StreetView - TJ Maxx exit.png

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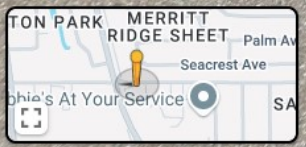
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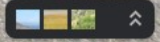
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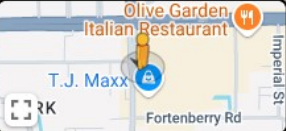
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