

TRAFFIC CONTROL PROJECT

At the 2019 annual homeowners meeting, those present requested that the Board of Directors investigate means to control the speed by vehicles on River Oaks Drive. The board at its next regular meeting in April 2019 the Board approved that the Capital committee investigate Traffic control alternatives of STOP signs, Speed Humps and Radar Speed indicating devices. At the July 2019 meeting the Board sanctioned a Traffic Control study by a Traffic Engineering firm. This was done as a result of a recommendation from the St Tammany Sheriff's Office (STPSO) and St Tammany Parish Department of Public Works.

St Tammany Sheriff's Office provided Radar Speed Data from two locations – inbound and outbound to the Association. The Association contracted with JV Burkes Engineering to give us recommendations on Traffic Speed Control Alternatives. They used the STPSO data and their knowledge of best practices in speed control to develop recommendation for River Oaks. At the October 2019 the Board approved the implementation of the recommendations of the consultant, JV Burkes. The project will be funded from the "Reserve for Capital Projects" account.

The recommendations to be implemented in 2019-2020

1. Request the St Tammany Parish Government to pass an ordinance authorizing the STPSO to issue traffic citations and monitor the roadways of the subdivision. **Completed on January 16, 2020 – Ordinance passed by St Tammany Parish.**
2. Install 3-Way STOP signs at Hardy and River Oaks. **Completed on November 25, 2019**
3. Install 4 additional Speed Limit signs to accommodate a rotating radar speed detection sign with feedback to driver. **Completed on November 25, 2019.**
4. Purchase one radar speed feedback sign and software system associated with the radar sign to document time and level of speeding. **Purchased one sign on November 14, 2019.**
5. Install one speed radar sign. **Completed on December 17, 2019**
6. Utilize one additional speed radar sign on loan and to be paid in 2020. **Sign was obtained and installed on December 17, 2019**

The recommendations to be implemented in 2020:

1. Purchase the speed radar sign on loan in **February of 2020**
2. Install STOP Bars at all Three-Way Stop intersections – **To be completed in February**
3. Purchase 3 universal mounting brackets and two sets of solar connecting plug-in devices to be used for rotating Radar Speed. Signs to be purchased in first quarter of 2020.
4. Install rotating radar speed sign mounting devices and solar plug-in devices.
5. Set a schedule for rotating of Speed Limit signs.
6. The outgoing signs will be rotated on:
 - a. River Oaks at Vesper (Solar Controlled)
 - b. Hardy at Needlepoint
 - c. River Oaks at Greenluster
7. The incoming signs will also be rotated on:
 - a. River Oaks and Winterberry. (Solar Controlled)
 - b. River Oaks and Greenluster,
 - c. River Oaks and Vesper
8. Utilize the St Tammany Sheriff's Office to enforce state and local traffic laws per Ordinance. All vehicles speeding over 30 MPH will be ticketed during STPSO details.