
More Reams Road Troubles

From Gino Iavarone <gino2854@aol.com>

Date Mon 12/2/2024 7:41 AM

To District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>

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Dear Commissioner Wilson, Commissioners, and Mayor Demmings,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent installation of the red turn arrow at the intersection of Reams Road and Summerlake Park Boulevard. This new traffic pattern has significantly exacerbated traffic congestion and created an even worse safety hazard than it was previously.

The intersection of Reams Road and Summerlake Park Boulevard has been a point of frustration for residents for some time. The inadequate infrastructure, particularly the narrow and damaged road and poorly timed traffic lights, has led to frequent traffic jams, floods, and delays. The addition of the red turn arrow has further compounded these issues, causing even longer wait times and increased frustration.

It is imperative that immediate action be taken to address these problems. I urge you to prioritize the expansion of Reams Road and the optimization of the traffic light timing at this intersection.

I look forward to a prompt resolution.

Sincerely,
Gino Iavarone
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Winter Garden, FL 34787

Development along Reams Road

From Adam Parish <asparish@pm.me>

Date Sat 12/14/2024 9:28 AM

To District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

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I'm writing as an Orange County citizen that is for smart growth, but deeply concerned by the lack of thoughtful planning along Reams Road that is causing water issues for pedestrians, residents and drivers.

Our government exists to tackle big problems for the residents. As a result, we must slow and pause development until our infrastructure can support people that walk, bike and drive through our community. Developers wishing to build in the community must help carry the burden of well designed infrastructure, if their budgets can't accommodate this need, they may need to absorb their sunk costs and look for other sites.

Please don't let developers dump un-inspired plans on our county that fails to consider the overall needs of the community.

We get one shot and then we live with your decisions for 50-100 years. Consider the current residents and the future residents as you decide how to proceed.

Thank you,
Adam Parish
12524 Aldershot Lane
Orange County

Dec 17th BCC Public Hearing: Windermere Springs Townhomes

From Lake Mabel Shores HOA <lakemabelshoreshoa@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 2:44 PM

To District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>; Wilson, Nicole H (Commissioner) <Nicole.Wilson@ocfl.net>

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Dear Orange County Commissioners,

We'd like to express our strong opposition to the proposed Windermere Springs Townhomes development on Reams Rd that the BCC will be considering at the Dec 17th Public Hearing. The gridlock and flooding must be resolved before any further development in the area.

Approximately ten years ago then Commissioner Scott Boyd told us that the funding was in place to widen Reams Rd and Ficquette Rd between Taborfield Ave and Overstreet Rd (see map below). However we continue to suffer with a 2-lane road with no shoulder or sidewalks that is unsafe and badly congested. It commonly takes 20-25 minutes to drive three miles on Reams / Ficquette between Taborfield and Overstreet. The Reams / Ficquette Rd intersection at Summerlake Park Blvd is beyond ridiculous, and it typically takes 2-3 light changes to make it through the dangerous intersection.

Orange County Fire Station 44 is located along this gridlocked roadway. The fire trucks and EMS vehicles have been stuck in the gridlock because there's not even a shoulder for folks to pull off to the side to allow EMS vehicles to pass.

Disney's largest employee parking lot is also located along this gridlocked roadway. Please keep in mind that Disney is the largest single-site employer in the nation with more than 80,000 employees. There have been multiple severe accidents (typically rear-end collisions) with severe injuries and two fatalities on Reams Rd just east of the Disney employee parking lot at Floridian Place. That section of roadway has also been closed for weeks at a time because of severe flooding.

We strongly support Commissioner Wilson's very wise proposed moratorium on all development along this gridlocked roadway until the infrastructure catches up with the development.

Sincerely,
Lake Mabel Shores HOA
President: JoAnne Quarles
Vice-President: Mike Dutton
Secretary: Doug Mikkelsen

Please notice the red (severe delays) right next to OC Fire Station 44.
It's a significant safety issue for all of Horizon West when our EMS personnel are trapped in gridlock.

Summerlake Park Blvd and Reams Road

From Ed Anderson <edwardclintonanderson@gmail.com>

Date Sun 12/1/2024 6:24 PM

To District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

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Good morning, We need some help with traffic. Someone really needs to come out and look at the intersection of Summerlake Park Blvd, Reams Road and Fiquette. There are two issues first coming North on Reams road when turning left onto Summerlake the arrow should turn blinking yellow when the southbound goes green not red. Next when coming from Summerlake towards Reams the left lane should be painted and signed left turn and straight and the right lane should be right turn only. It currently was just changed to match an incorrect sign they put up and took down.

The way both of these are has caused massive backups and will only get worse once people move into the new development.

Thanks for your help.

Ed Anderson
7036554967

Reams Road Development

From Patrick Ferguson <ptferguson25@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 10:20 AM

To District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

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Good Morning,

I wanted to reach out regarding the Special Magistrate recommendation to return the Windermere Springs case to the BCC. I request the Commission to extend the moratorium on construction until the improvements by public works can be completed. It is estimated it will require an additional \$800,000 and delay of 270 days from public works. These enhancements will only remedy current challenges in the area, and the request for additional construction will only compound current challenges. Once these improvements are completed then requests can be resubmitted based on improvements to the area and be reviewed for potential impacts.

While Windermere Springs is not directly in a flood zone (<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search> , utilizing the neighboring church as the address on file) it is surrounded by special Flood Hazard Areas, A and AE within the vicinity. These designated flood zones will negatively impact the development and I urge the board to coordinate with FEMA to review the existing map and potential impacts to development. In 2018, the BCC approved the Dream Finders Project and based on their address (<https://dreamfindershomes.com/new-homes/fl/windermere/palms-at-windermere/>) the area is located in in a Special Flood Hazard Area (<https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>) . Due to the development, road and drainage enhancements are required totaling millions of dollars to mitigate development costs. This money could be utilized for schools, parks, and libraries instead of mitigating development costs for constructing in Flood Zone Areas along Reams Road. I am requesting the board to delay the decision and just obtain more information from FEMA and Public Works prior to approving additional construction to prone flooding areas.

Thank you,
Pat Ferguson

FW: Reams / Summerlake Park Blvd / Commissioner Nicole Wilson

From District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

Date Tue 12/3/2024 5:30 PM

To Orange County 311 <GovernmentInformation@ocfl.net>; Mirza, Masood <Masood.Mirza@ocfl.net>; Castellero, Humberto L <Humberto.Castillero@ocfl.net>

Cc District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; Chan, Laura (OCISO) <laura.chan@ocsofl.com>; Gonzalez Quinones, Ismalie M <Ismalie.GonzalezQuinones@ocfl.net>

Good afternoon.

We wanted to forward these concerns to you ASAP so that this can be logged and escalated—please see below.

We have copied Laura Chan onto this communication in case there are further questions.

Respectfully,



*Suvane "Susie" Bechelli
Office of Commissioner Nicole Wilson
Aide to Commissioner Wilson
201 S. Rosalind Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801
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Email: district1@ocfl.net*

From: Chan, Laura <Laura.Chan@ocsofl.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 5:25 PM

To: Castellero, Humberto L <Humberto.Castillero@ocfl.net>; Mirza, Masood <Masood.Mirza@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

Subject: Re: Reams / Summerlake Park Blvd

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Please advise - traffic is backed up past the cast parking lot behind Magic Kingdom.

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Change Order #7 - Professional Engineering Services For The Final Design Of Reams Road

From Ussach, Susan <Susan.Ussach@ocfl.net>

Date Fri 12/6/2024 1:57 PM

To Wilson, Nicole H (Commissioner) <Nicole.Wilson@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; Bechelli, Suvane L <Suvane.Bechelli@ocfl.net>; Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>

Cc Kunkel, Joseph C <Joseph.Kunkel@ocfl.net>; Weiss, Jon <Jon.Weiss@ocfl.net>

Afternoon Com. Wilson,

I left voice messages for Alexis and Susie to let them know I wanted to provide you with a status update on the Reams Road bridge design project before it goes to the Board for approval.

We expedited Change Order #7 (Professional Engineering Services for the Final Design of Reams Road), and it is scheduled for Board approval on December 17. During this process, staff noticed that the contract for Change Order #6, previously approved, is set to expire on March 1, 2024. To maintain consistency, we extended Change Order #6 by 291 days, aligning its expiration with the proposed Board approval date for Change Order #7—December 17, 2024.

Change Order #7 addresses the bridge design due to the deep muck pocket between Greenbank Blvd. and Peachtree Park Ct. The funding will be used for the following:

- Bridge Design: Incorporates a permanent sheet pile weir to control discharge from Lake Reams, custom gravity wall design, and optional piping design.
- Traffic Control Plan Revisions: Updates to align with the bridge construction.
- Geotechnical Services: Additional services to support the bridge design and custom gravity walls.
- Updated Reports: Includes a contamination screening and evaluation report.
- Project Deliverables: Bridge concept report, bridge calculations, roadway geometry revisions, updated roadway plans (plan view, profile view, drainage structures, driveway profiles), bridge hydraulics report, utility coordination, and a revised construction cost estimate.

This change order also extends the project timeline by 270 days to complete the tasks listed above. Bridge design usually take 1 year, if not longer, but fortunately the Consultants sensed our urgency to get this completed ASAP and was able to shorten it a 270 days timeframe.

Please let me know if you need further clarification.

Side Note: We have a meeting scheduled with you on December 19, 4:00–5:00 PM, to discuss the Ficquette Road and Reams Road Improvement Work Session. A draft PowerPoint will be ready for your review at that time.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm Regards,

Susan Van Ussach, P.E., CFM
Deputy Director / County Engineer

Reams Rd. Development/ Item D-1 for Mtg on December 17

From Luisa Luce <luisaluce9@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 7:12 PM

To District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>

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Please consider a complete halt on any future development and keep the undeveloped areas as natural green spaces as the trees and vegetation help with the absorption of the rains.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Luisa Luce

Reams Rd, Ficquette Rd, and Summerlake Park Blvd

From Mike D <michael.dombrow@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 11:55 PM

To District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

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We want this area to continue growing but infrastructure must be a priority in the planning. We ask that current plans be reevaluated and accelerated to address the current challenges of these roads and to ensure the safety and well being of both the county residents and tourists who travel along them daily.

Thank you,
Michael and Colleen Dombrow

RE: Complaint Letter Concerning Dangerous And Bottlenecked Reams Road

From District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

Date Tue 12/10/2024 5:07 PM

To Jonah Fiedelholz <jonahfiedelholz@gmail.com>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>

Cc Dietzen, Andrew J <Andrew.Dietzen@ocfl.net>; Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>; Bechelli, Suvane L <Suvane.Bechelli@ocfl.net>

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Good afternoon Mr. Fiedelholz,

I want to thank you for reaching out to my office and for your advocacy. I am in complete agreement with your observations and want to make sure you know that I was elected after the approval of the development you are seeing constructed today. I ran for office because of my concerns related to growth and I publicly opposed the Dream Finders project when it was approved in 2018-19.

I've consistently pushed to prioritize the Reams Rd corridor, and I made a motion for denial on a development that came to the Board of County Commissioners in August and with the support of the Mayor, and Commissioners from D6, D4, and D5 , we denied the subdivision plan. That developer is currently suing the County and next Tuesday we will have to discuss the case again (it went to a special magistrate who sent it back to the BCC). I am concerned that my colleagues on the Board will reverse course because of the litigation but I maintain that public safety is paramount and any new developments will endanger citizens.

I also recently moved to adopt a development moratorium for the Reams Road corridor, and it will be coming back to the Board in January.

If you do not already get my newsletter, please visit www.nicolewilson.org and register. I work hard to try to make sure citizens know what is coming to the Board so they can get involved feedback to the whole Board of County Commissioners.

Please consider coming to make public comments about the Reams Rd conditions on Tuesday morning. Or if you are unable to make it in person, please share your important observations with my colleagues on the Board. Because of Sunshine Laws I would be unable to speak to them about this issue outside of the public meeting.

Thank you again for reaching out and please let me know if I can share anymore historic information with you.

Nicole Heilman Wilson

Vice Mayor

Commissioner, District 1

201 S. Rosalind Avenue, 5th Floor

Orlando, FL 32801

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lack of one) is, or if it's general incompetence and mismanagement of taxpayer money, but thousands of Orange County residents are suffering because of it. Reams Road not only poses a major safety hazard, but massively increases time to get to work, gas that must be spent in traffic, and general stress of being in bump-to-bumper traffic.

Please be advised that if you choose to dismiss this request to take quick action, I will ensure my friends, family and fellow residents are informed on voting out those who ignore this critical issue.

I hope you will act soon.

Thank you,

- Jonah Fiedelholtz

jonahfiedelholtz@gmail.com

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JF' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Concerns for new development along Reams Road

From David Caesar <dcaesar13@gmail.com>

Date Sat 12/14/2024 3:36 PM

To District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>; Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>; David Caesar <dcaesar13@gmail.com>

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Hello Orange County Board Members,

I want to convey concerns over future development of residential or commercial development along Reams Road prior to the road being expanded.

Our major road arteries from the Hamlin and Independence subdivisions onto Reams road are major safety concerns due to not expanding Reams Road.

It is a major concern that Orange County does not prioritize the safety of the residents of the Hamlin and Independence subdivisions.

There should not be any additional residential or commercial development along Reams Road until the expansion of the road is complete.

We have entrusted each of you to our community's safety. Please uphold the recommendation to prioritize the expansion of Reams Road prior to any more residential or commercial development.

Regards,

David Caesar
dcaesar13@gmail.com
(407) 427-2502
"Pay It Forward"

Fw: Ficquette Road Flooding Problem

From District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Date Mon 12/16/2024 7:11 PM
To Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>

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From: Lorraine Burch <lorraineburch3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 6:02 PM
To: District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Subject: Fwd: Ficquette Road Flooding Problem

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Dear Nicole Wilson,

Sorry. I forgot to include you on this email below.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Burch

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From: Lorraine Burch <lorraineburch3@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2024 at 5:59 PM
Subject: Ficquette Road Flooding Problem
To: <District2@ocfl.net>, <District3@ocfl.net>, <District4@ocfl.net>, <District5@ocfl.net>, <District6@ocfl.net>, <Mayor@ocfl.net>

Dear Commissioners and Mayor,

I am a local resident who has been impacted by seasonal flooding of Ficquette Road. I am a senior citizen and this is the road that I take to get to my Primary Care Doctor. This is a relatively new problem. In the past few years, everytime we have a heavy rain event this roadway floods, making it impassable. It seems dangerous to me.

Fw: Reams Rd, Ficquette Rd, and Summerlake Park Blvd

From District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Date Tue 12/17/2024 8:30 AM
To Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>

From: Mike D <michael.dombrow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 11:55 PM
To: District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Subject: Reams Rd, Ficquette Rd, and Summerlake Park Blvd

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Fw: Item D-1: Consider the Special Magistrate's Recommendation regarding the Wlndermere Springs Townhomes Prelim Subdiv Plan

From District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Date Tue 12/17/2024 8:30 AM
To Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>

From: Brandon Miller <bmill9k@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 7:53 PM
To: District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>
Cc: District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Subject: Item D-1: Consider the Special Magistrate's Recommendation regarding the Wlndermere Springs Townhomes Prelim Subdiv Plan

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To the Board of County Commissioners,

My name is Brandon Miller, and I live off of Reams Rd in the Preserve (the same neighborhood which includes Greenbank Blvd). Unfortunately I can't attend tomorrow's BCC meeting in person, but I would like to lend my voice to the community with my experiences and concerns regarding development along Reams Rd.

When my family and I first moved to the area mid-2017, it was largely undeveloped. The intersection of Fiquette Rd, the fire station, the homes and townhomes on the south side of Reams, none of those were there.

In the years since, there have been studies and a lot of pre-announcements about widening Reams Rd between Fiquette all the way out to Taborfield where it becomes 2-lanes today. That has not happened - instead, development has exploded and the road remains exactly the same.

The worst example of this is in fact at the Fiquette intersection. This is now extremely backed up at least twice a day as a regular thing. It's laughable the 2-3 car turn lanes that have been put in to "accommodate" the residents who will live in the latest development. Of which said residents have not even moved in yet. This intersection is so confusing that many people get in a turn lane thinking that's where they need to be to continue along the road. Not to mention the flooding.

Reams Road is, in short, a bottleneck at both ends. It is well understood that progress comes for us all, but it's got to take the rights of the current residents into account instead of just

Fw: Reams Rd. Development/ Item D-1 for Mtg on December 17

From District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>
Date Tue 12/17/2024 8:31 AM
To Albino, Alexis N <Alexis.Albino2@ocfl.net>

From: Luisa Luce <luisaluce9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 7:12 PM
To: District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>; Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>
Subject: Reams Rd. Development/ Item D-1 for Mtg on December 17

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Luisa Luce

Re: Reams Road is a Disaster - NO MORE DEVELOPMENT!

From Don Kendzior <don.kendzior@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/16/2024 2:45 PM

To District2, Mail <District2@ocfl.net>

Cc Mayor <Mayor@ocfl.net>; District1, Mail <District1@ocfl.net>; District3, Mail <District3@ocfl.net>; District4, Mail <District4@ocfl.net>; District5, Mail <District5@ocfl.net>; District6 <District6@ocfl.net>

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In all due respect Commissioner Moore, I totally disagree. As I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow, I'll respond herein.

Is your position to fold every time a developer threatens? What is the value of a comprehensive plan if the basic tenants of it are sacrificed for the financial benefit of a few over the welfare of all?

As an elected official, your duty is to represent the will of the people not special interests. For far too long in Orange County developers have been given a pass. The result of poorly planned development is visible across the county: gridlock roadway congestion, little or no public transit, lack of adequate green space and affordable housing, overcrowded schools, massive flooding, the slaughter of thousands of native animals, and the list goes on and on and on.

I'm educated and experienced in environmental studies and urban planning. I'd appreciate the opportunity to share with you some career insights from my time working with one of the countries largest private financial institutions that funded planned development. I'd also like to share some of the hundreds of photographs of wildlife killed on Reams Road that Noah's Notes organization collected. EVERYTHING the organization warned the county about since 2014 has come to fruition - increased flooding, wildlife mortality, and a reduction in public safety and quality of life. The cost of pausing development now will pale with the costs of dealing with all the negative environmental impacts the community will incur and which the county will have to address in the near future.

Reams Road cannot handle anymore development in its current capacity and **any further development must be contingent upon improvement of the roadway first.**

If the developer is so eager, then make them chip in to fund the prompt improvement of Reams Road before any further consideration of their application is granted.

Regards,

Don Kendzior



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I totally support the BCC's rejection of Windermere Springs development and support Commissioner Wilson's call for a moratorium on any development until the road is improved to acceptable standards.

As a 15 year resident of Horizon West, I have witnessed first hand the degradation of Reams Road to totally unacceptable levels due to increased traffic from new development. The roadway is frequently flooded, over congested, and completely unsafe for pedestrians or bicyclists. It has also become a death trap for over a thousand wild animals.

Reams Road cannot handle ANY more traffic until it is completely improved in a timely manner. Residents were told it would be complete by now and NOTHING has been done!

Reject any development in the Reams Road corridor and accelerate improvement of the roadway NOW!

Sincerely,

Don Kendzior

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