



To: Chairperson and Transportation and Safety Committee
From: Frank Kalisik, Civil Engineer *FK*
Through: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CSG by D.C.*
Date: September 28, 2010
Subject: Highlands of Lombard Crosswalk Request

The Village has received a request for the installation of a crosswalk across Highland Avenue at the signalized intersection of Yorktown Mall's southern entrance to Ring Road to provide safe walking access to the Yorktown Mall. The request comes from residents of the City View Apartments in the Highlands of Lombard development. The residents believe that a crosswalk would promote safety for those who currently walk to Yorktown Center, promote conservation by encouraging even more residents to walk rather than drive, and promote commerce as it would make the Yorktown Center more accessible to the 600+ residents of the subdivision.

Staff has investigated the request and has concerns regarding the termination of the crosswalk on the east side of Highland Avenue. There are currently no sidewalks along the east side of Highland or in the Ring Road of Yorktown Center. As a result, pedestrians would be directed to a grass right-of-way at Yorktown Center with no connection to an interior sidewalk/pedestrian system. Furthermore, Community Development identified additional challenges for sidewalk construction in the general area, such as insufficient right-of-way on the east side of Highland Avenue, the need for significant grade changes, utility relocations, existing parking lot interference, and development rights.

At this time, it is recommended that Community Development/Public Works discuss sidewalk issues with Yorktown Center before considering the installation of a crosswalk across Highland Avenue.

