

To the Honorable _____

RE: Consideration of Traffic Review and Installation of Stoplight at Stilesboro Road and Marietta Country Club Drive.

Dear _____ Sir/Madame;

This letter is written on behalf of the 97 homeowners of Marietta Country Club Estates to advise you of a major traffic problem-- specifically, the need for a traffic light installation.

CURRENT STATUS

Today's increased and increasing traffic on Stilesboro Road especially during rush hours becomes more congested and treacherous daily. As drivers attempt to turn right or left or go across the intersection from the Marietta Country Club Estates entrance, they are severely challenged to safely enter or cross Stilesboro Road. We are fortunate there have not been more accidents at this intersection than have occurred. Traffic from our left is regulated by a traffic signal at the corner of Stilesboro Road and Kennesaw-Due West Road, about 500 yards away, and has reached or exceeded the 45 MPH speed limit well before reaching our intersection, and has passed a blind curve less than 1/10th of a mile from our entrance. As a safe driver you can often look left, look right, and then check left again and a car that was not there previously has already rounded that curve that was clear previously. With autos traveling 45 - 55 miles per hour, they can literally cover that less than 1/10th mile in two seconds.

Daily traffic coming and going into Marietta Country Club sub-division is continually very heavy. There are the 97 resident homes with at least 194 automobiles. In addition there are service vehicles for lawn care, home maintenance, house cleaning, and other home vendor usages, including Fed-Ex and UPS trucks. There is also the busy Marietta Country Club with golf, swimming, and dining as a popular draw for its many employees, members, and guests adding many more autos and vendor trucks. Thus, there is ever increasing traffic through that single entrance/exit intersection.

FUTURE CASE

What has prompted this letter of acknowledgment for your reference is not only the current conditions of heavy auto traffic but the recently approved new subdivision by the Cobb County Commission on July 16, 2014. This is a 56 acre development just north of Marietta Country Club Estates just 200 yards to our left on Stilesboro Rd.

During the course of the Cobb County Commission meeting in which that zoning was approved, their attorney, John Moore, representing the developers explained that the developer planned to construct 96 new homes at this location. Using Mr. Moore's multiplier of 2 cars per house hold (192 autos), he explained that they estimated that 80 to 85% of the residents would be accessing Stilesboro Road each day, with the remainder entering Kennesaw Due West Road. Based on the developer's own numbers, they estimate up to 163 or more additional vehicles entering Stilesboro Road, most during rush hours.

The County Commission also approved for them a curb cut access to Stilesboro Road south of the traffic light at Kennesaw-Due West Road, so there is to be no regulated or controlled

movement or staggering the flow of autos on to Stilesboro Road at this point of entrance. When you add in the additional new autos from the subdivision, no controlled traffic process for the 160+ autos entering the road, and the previously mentioned blind curve, there is serious potential for auto accidents, injury and death for the residents of our subdivision.

Additionally compounding the problem is that the Overlook at Marietta Country Club is directly across our intersection-- another existing group of 300+ homeowners already frustrated trying to make left or right turns onto Stilesboro Road.

We hope this information will make you aware of a big problem in hopes that you will support a new traffic study to determine whether a traffic light at Stilesboro Road and Marietta Country Club Drive would achieve the desired traffic controls and maintain a safe driving environment for all residents in the area, both existing and those coming with the new development.

Respectfully,