



WARRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO: **SCOTT HAZELTON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

FROM: **MATHEW J. WORKMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE**

DATE: **OCTOBER 29, 2021**

SUBJECT: **POPEYES APPLICATION REVIEW**

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In reviewing the Popeyes Restaurant Development Application I have a few concerns, comments, and suggestions. Some of these may not follow under code requirements for the project but are made from a public safety/security perspective for customers, employees, and others in the area. Here are my observations:

- As I commented previously on the Fibre Federal development, the single access point is not the best design, but the limitations of the location are what they are. With Fibre, Walmart, and not Popeye's sharing the one ingress/egress point off of Ensign Lane, I foresee huge traffic issues. We currently have multiple traffic issues a day where driver's leaving that entrance onto Ensign Lane want to go left to toward Highway 101. Even though there are signs designating a right-turn-only, drivers will loop around the "porkchop" island in the roadway causing traffic issues and several bad crashed at the location. **My suggestion is that the current "porkchop" be extended on both sides (toward Highway 101 and to the east on Ensign Lane) creating a raised curb barrier with bollards on it to prevent traffic from trying to turn left toward Highway 101. This would also create a protected lane for drivers turning left onto Ensign from Discovery Lane to go into while waiting to merge into eastbound traffic.** **NOTE: Ensign Lane is a county-owned road but this area is inside of ODOT's purview so any changes would need to have both of their input.**
- I would like Popeyes & Fibre Federal to work with Walmart on adding signs that clearly state how to get to Highway 101 when leaving Popeyes/Fibre. It is not clearly marked currently, and I believe it is adding to the confusion when driver go toward Ensign Lane through the west entrance/exit.
- With regard to the above comments/suggestions, I am not sure how the entire area of Ensign Lane doesn't need a new TIA traffic study to consider all of the businesses that have been added, the jail construction, the new middle school that is routing vehicles to the area through Bugle and contribute to the daily vehicle counts. Again, this is just a comment as I do not know what makes a TIA valid or not.
- I may be missing them as I am not the best plan reader, but I want to make sure there is a stop sign as driver's leave the Popeyes property onto the shared drive with Fibre Federal.

- It looks like the plans have numerous lights for the parking lot and I would suggest for safety, security, and crime prevention that the building also have numerous lights and though I can't require it, I would like all businesses to have good video surveillance system too.

If you have specific questions or comments I can be contacted at policechief@ci.warrenton.or.us or my cell phone at 503-791-9995.