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Subject: RE: Slip Ramp

Importance: High

I know about Hawkins Lane. It is right smack against the NNMC fence. I have a link on the COMMUNITY Page on my web site.

To be honest, the slip ramp is a non-starter. The concept of some kind of road from Connecticut Avenue to the campus is slightly less of a non-starter but it won't happen. But a study is warranted -- or at least a thorough explanation of why a study may not be necessary -- to properly explain it to the public that clamors for traffic relief and sees the ramp as an obvious solution.

Here are the issues making the ramp a non-starter:

- * A slip ramp would need a re-entry to the Beltway, which cannot be built so close to the Connecticut Avenue interchange.
- * You would need a collector-distributor lane, which would severely impact the adjacent neighborhood.

That should be the end of the discussion, but let's take it further:

- * Not cost-effective: You cannot build a full interchange because of Rock Creek Park, so the slip ramp would serve only east-bound traffic. Therefore, you don't capture any westbound NNMC traffic.
- * The re-entry puts traffic into a choke point on the Beltway, exacerbating an existing traffic problem.

There are alternatives proposals involving a road from Connecticut Avenue to the NNMC campus:

- * Damage to parkland and public amenities (a well used park and community pool would be destroyed)
- * Traffic bottlenecks on Connecticut Avenue would be made worse.

The County realizes this but feels that a study is warranted to make sure all the issues have been fully analyzed and explained, so that the public can get closure on the issue. SHA has never done a study or even explained why a study may not be worth the time, energy or expense. That is why we have urged SHA to produce the "discussion paper" that Dennis discussed yesterday (and at the two previous meetings).

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Phil, At one of the events I attend, I was recently approached by a gent who asked me what I knew about Hawkins Lane. I told him, "Nothing." He pointed out to me that is a lane adjacent to the southeastern side of our Campus and that it has historical significance worth knowing. I did a search and found the attached article. Now that I know where it is and its significance, I question how a slip ramp proposal may be impacted by it. Last night, I was looking at your map and found the Lane and noticed that a good portion of the property around it is undeveloped so am wondering what might be protected by law. You might want to have your staff look into it before much more energy is spent looking into the slip ramp idea. It may be a non-starter as the land may be protected by law.

R, Ollie

<<washingtonpost_com The Oddity, The Ecstasy Of the Little Lost Lane.htm>>

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