

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

During the annual ELECA membership meeting on November 13, 2006, I summarized the scope and status of our traffic calming grant approved and funded by the City of Hampton Neighborhood Commission. Following main points were addressed at the meeting:

Scope of the Grant: Construct two traffic circles. Construct two traffic islands and, extend one traffic island, Construct a raised paved brick crosswalk. All construction located on Elizabeth Lake Drive between Bromley and Club Run. Install traffic signage.

Status of Construction: All construction has been completed and islands/circles filled with topsoil in preparation for landscaping materials.

Subsequent to the annual ELECA membership meeting the City Streets and Traffic Department addressed personal safety and potential property damage concerns by enhancing (painting) new boundaries for vehicular traffic traversing the newly constructed areas in addition to painting double line traffic lane markers along Elizabeth Lake Drive.

Our remaining task is landscaping the traffic circles and islands. The landscaping firm contracted for this project has selected materials that compliment those used on the entrance islands of Elizabeth Lake Estates. Specifically, landscaping plans call for the use of willow oak trees, crepe myrtles, miscanthus 'adagio' and seasonal grass. Selection of landscaping materials took into consideration pedestrian and vehicular occupant safety needs through the use of unobstructive, low height plants at maturity.

Landscaping is scheduled for completion by December 20th assuming favorable weather conditions and availability of all materials specified for transplanting.

Many thanks to all for your patience during construction of the traffic circles/islands and raised paver brick crosswalk.

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