

## Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

2:00 pm

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**Committee Members Present:** Randy Ognio, Committee Chair – Representative, Fayette County BOC  
Kevin Madden, Committee Vice Chair – Council Member, Peachtree City  
Takiyah Christian, Committee Secretary – Staff, Fayette County (non-voting)  
Lee Hearn – Chairman, Fayette County BOC  
Edward Johnson – Mayor, City of Fayetteville  
Gary Laggis – Mayor, Town of Woolsey  
Maurice Ungaro – Staff, Town of Brooks  
Gary Farr (for Chris Robison) – Fayette County Sheriff’s Office  
Phil Mallon – Staff, Fayette County  
Stanley Merantus – Staff, Fayette County  
Martin Sas – Citizen Representative, Fayette County  
Jaimi Tapp – Citizen Representative, Town of Tyrone

**Committee Members Absent:** Chris Robison – Sheriff’s Office, Fayette County

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**1. Call to Order by Committee Chair Ognio**

Committee Chair Ognio called the May 4, 2021 meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

**2. Ascertainment of Quorum**

Committee Chair Ognio acknowledged that a quorum of the Transportation Committee was present.

**3. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda**

Mayor Johnson made a motion to accept the meeting agenda. Mr. Ungaro seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**4. Review and Approval of the April 6, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Sas made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**5. Review and Approval of the March 9, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Sas made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## 6. New Business

### a. GDOT District 3 Preconstruction Engineer, Adam Smith

#### i. **Project Updates** (See attachments for more information)

##### Program Projects

- West Fayetteville Bypass (SR 54 to Lester Road) – On schedule for letting in April
- Ebenezer Church Road Bridge Replacement at Whitewater Creek - Holding their FY21 construction date
- SR 85 at Whitewater Creek – Behind schedule for construction; Construction proposed for FY24 (subject to change due to funding)
- Coastline Road at CSX Railroad – slightly behind schedule; if GDOT can recover ROW, they will be back on their FY21 schedule
- SR 85 (from Bernhard Rd to Old Hwy 92) – Let date set for April 24<sup>th</sup> but is subject to change due to funding; Construction date is still undetermined
- SR 85 & SR 279, Roberts Road – On schedule
- Interstate 85 & SR 74 Interchange (Fulton County) – Let and construction scheduled for FY 22; Proposed let date is at risk due to ROW funding
- SR 92 at Flint River (Bridge Replacement Project) – About to kick-off bridge design process; Construction is proposed for FY26
- McDonough Road Bridge Replacement – GDOT has sent a request to the State Office to review the weight restrictions for the bridge
- Displaced Left Turn Project at SR 54/ Floy Farr Pkwy & SR 74/Joel Cowan Pkwy – Environmental documents are under review by Federal Highway Administration; Just began their final design task order
  - Anticipated Schedule:
    - May/June 2021 – Environmental Document Approval
    - June 2021 – ROW Authorization (ROW Acquisition would take place June 2021 – May 2022)
    - November 2021 – Final Field Plan Review
    - March/April 2022 – Completed Final Plans
    - May 2022 – Advertise to Contractors
    - June 2022 – Let to construction

#### ii. Q&A

- **Suggestions for making projects “shovel ready”**  
From Mr. Smith’s understanding, a project is “shovel ready” when the ROW is certified and purchased, design is done, environmental studies are completed, permitting is in place, and the entire PDP process has been followed per GDOT’s requirements. Essentially, the project is awaiting funding to go to construction.
- **Dip in the road on Hwy 74 at Rockaway Road** – GDOT has not received any reports but will look into it.
- **Citizen letter about SR 138 at Old Hwy 138** - Mr. Smith confirmed that the portion of SR 138 that lies within Fayette County is in District 3’s jurisdiction.

Mr. Smith informed us that he will reach out to the District 7 Office since both offices had previous discussions about this portion of SR 138.

- **SR 54 at Carriage Ln** – Mr. Smith stated that the Board of Education will need to receive a permit from District 3's Traffic Operations department, if they will need direct access onto 54.

## 7. Report of Committee Members

### a. Brooks

Mr. Ungaro stated that there was a recent car accident where a speeding driver hit the railroad tracks and then crashed into a building.

### b. Fayette County

#### i. GDOT McDonough Road Bridge Detour Impact – PI 0016579

Mr. Mallon presented GDOT's proposed detour map for the Committee's feedback. After review, it was determined that the County will request that the detour be routed along McDonough Road and SR 54 instead of McElroy. McDonough and SR 54 are more capable of handling the traffic volume and we already get complaints of cut-thru traffic on McElroy.

#### ii. Reallocation of 2004 Transportation SPLOST Funds – Veterans Pkwy (Antioch and Goza Roads)

Mr. Mallon stated that he will be asking for the BOC to consider reallocating funds from the Antioch/Goza Road intersection to the Veterans Pkwy project for the installation of a waterline between SR 54 and South Sandy Creek Road.

Committee Chair Ognio asked if transportation fund should be reallocated to water infrastructure. Mr. Mallon stated the funds are not allocated for specific purposes and the waterline would be very beneficial, and it would be entirely within the project's right-of-way.

#### iii. Citizen Letter – The Shenandoah Estates' HOA contacted Representative Bazemore and Commissioner Rousseau about their safety concerns with the intersection of Highway 138/Jonesboro Road and Old Highway 138. Three subdivision use a center turn lane to access Highway 138. Their problem is that the length of this lane between Old Hwy 138 and Embassy Trace is short and poses a serious road safety hazard, especially when drivers from both locations enter the lane at the same time.

### c. Fayetteville

Mayor Johnson introduced the City of Fayetteville's new assistant director of Public Works, Cajen Rhodes. They are happy to have him on their team working alongside Chris Hindman.

### d. Peachtree City – No report

### e. Tyrone –

The Palmetto Road project is set to go to design.

f. Woolsey

Mayor Laggis expressed that there is continued concern about the increase in truck traffic by the residents of Woolsey. He would like steps taken to move forward on a proposed truck route map for the County.

**8. Public Comment - none**

**9. Unfinished Business**

a. Committee Bylaws

Committee Chair Ognio addressed the amendments to the Committee's Bylaws per the redlined bylaws received for the BOC following the April 20<sup>th</sup> BOC meeting.

- Change the meeting time to 2:00 pm
- Remove the requirement for two commissioners to be appointed to the Committee by the Board.

He asked to Committee for their feedback on corrections that need to be made or changes that they would like to see. Since several members were unaware changes, the document will be sent for all to review and submit comments.

b. County Truck Routes

Mr. Merantus presented the truck traffic data, which was gained on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for Hampton Road between SR 92 and Antioch Road, for the Committee's feedback.

Committee Chair Ognio expressed the need for the Committee to prioritize creating a county-wide truck route solution.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, there was a little over 40 tractor trailers were counted to have traveled on Hampton Road. Mayor Laggis stated that 40 tractor trailers out of the road's 5,000 vehicles per day may seem like a small percentage but are noticed by the property owners.

He believes that the increase is due to large trucks not wanting to navigate the roundabout at Antioch Road. The trucks seems to be heading towards State Route 92 and the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Committee Chair Ognio stated that the proposed truck route ordinance would need to have very specific language such as prohibited roads for trucks, no trucks vs. no thru trucks, and which roads will allow trucks for local service only. The only issue that is in question is the County's ability to enforce it. The Sheriff's Office does not have enough resources to assist in enforcing.

Peachtree City Council Member Terry Ernst said that in his experience as a police officer with Peachtree City, truck drivers are aware of which roads that they can travel on based on depth of the road. A few officers are also specially trained to look at the road and identify if it is suitable for tractor trailer travel.



Both Mayor Laggis and Committee Chair Ognio both suggested that once a truck route is approved, the County should contact mapping apps and systems to update their maps to reflect the route.

c. Crash Data

Mr. Merantus presented the crash data for the following three intersections of interest:

- i. Banks & Ellis Roads
  - 22 collisions between 1/01/17 – 4/12/21
  - 9 were not a collision with another motor vehicle, 8 angle collisions, 3 head on collisions, and 2 rear end collisions
  - 12,000 vehicles per day on Banks Road and 4,00 vehicles per day on Ellis Road
- ii. Hwy 85 Connector & State Route 85
  - 31 collisions between 1/01/17 – 4/12/21
  - 22 rear end collisions, 8 angle collisions, and 1 not a collision with a motor vehicle
  - 12,000 vehicles per day on SR 85 and 3,500 vehicles per day on Hwy 85 Connector
- iii. Morgan Mill Road & Hwy 85 Connector
  - 12 collisions between 1/01/17 – 4/12/21
  - 8 angle collisions, 2 not a collision with a motor vehicle, 1 right turn collisions, and 1 rear end collisions
  - 4,000 vehicles per day on Hwy 85 Connector

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM. Mayor Laggis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ungaro and it passed unanimously.

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**Quick Response**

<b>Proposed Year</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
<b>FY 21</b>	<b>SR 74 at Johnson Rd/Westbourne Dr. – installing RCUT</b>	<b>NTP will be issued mid-May.</b>
<b>FY 21</b>	<b>SR 54 - installing RCUTs; Knight Way, Autumn Glen Circle/Rosewood Dr, Cobblestone Blvd/Weatherly Dr.</b>	<b>Out to bid</b>
<b>FY 21</b>	<b>SR 54 at Commerce Dr. – installing RCUT</b>	<b>Previously proposing right-in/right-out, changed to RCUT – under design</b>
<b>FY 21</b>	<b>SR 85 at Corinth - left-turn extension at existing traffic signal</b>	<b>Out to bid</b>
<b>FY 21</b>	<b>SR 74 @ Tyrone Rd – left-turn lane extensions at existing traffic signal</b>	<b>Under design Potentially FY 21, if not then in FY 22 Potentially NB left-turn lane extension in FY 21 only, SB extension in FY 22</b>
<b>FY 22</b>	<b>SR 92 at Inman/Goza – potential roundabout</b>	<b>Under design – RAID team at TMC agreed to explore a roundabout concept, aiming of early FY 22 if a roundabout is feasible</b>

Maintenance		
Proposed Year	Description & Status	
FY 22	Currently, there are no maintenance projects scheduled for FY22	
Mowing	The mowing contractor is scheduled to be in Fayette County within the next week. Jody Evans will coordinate with the county.	
Construction		
PI	Description	Current Status
0009971	SR 92 @ CR 149/ANTIOCH ROAD & CR 308/LOCKWOOD ROAD - HRRR	NTP: 6/21/21, anticipated completion date: Oct. 2021
0009972	SR 92 @ CR 138/SEAY ROAD & CR 129/HARP ROAD	NTP: 6/21/21, anticipated completion date: Oct. 2021
Completed Projects		
0016058	FAYETTE COUNTY RESURFACING PROGRAM - FY 2019	project is in finalization process
0016083	FAYETTE COUNTY RESURFACING PROGRAM - FY 2020	Expected final inspection/Completion in June
M005003	SR 92 FROM CR 347/WESTMORELAND ROAD TO SR 85	Project has been closed out.

# Truck Data on Hampton Road

	Hampton Rd	
Direction	EB	WB
ADT (vpd)	2614	2657
Posted Speed (mph)	35	35
85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (mph)	55.8	55.8
CL 5 (single unit 2-axle)	121	132
CL 6 (single unit 3-axle)	8	8
CL 7 (single unit 4-axle)	0	1
CL 8 (single unit 3 or 4-axle)	2	0
CL 9 (single trailer 5-axle)	11	13
CL 10 (single trailer 6 or more-axle)	0	1
CL 11 (multi-trailer 5 or less-axle)	0	0
CL 12 (multi-trailer 6-axle)	0	0
CL 13 (multi-trailer 7 or more-axle)	0	0
Total Truck (vpd)	142	155
T (%)	5	6

1. Traffic data were collected on April 15, 2021
2. Station was positioned on Hampton Rd approx. 445' west of Anna Ln

# FHWA Vehicle Classifications

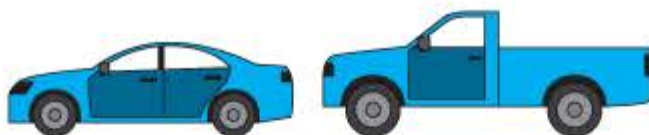
## 1. Motorcycles

2 axles, 2 or 3 tires



## 2. Passenger Cars

2 axles, can have 1- or 2-axle trailers



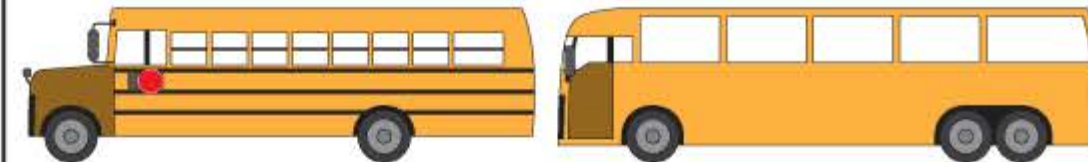
## 3. Pickups, Panels, Vans

2 axles, 4-tire single units  
Can have 1 or 2 axle trailers



## 4. Buses

2 or 3 axles, full length



## 5. Single Unit 2-Axle Trucks

2 axles, 6 tires (dual rear tires), single-unit



## 6. Single Unit 3-Axle Trucks

3 axles, single unit



## 7. Single Unit 4 or More-Axle Trucks

4 or more axles, single unit



## 8. Single Trailer 3- or 4-Axle Trucks

3 or 4 axles, single trailer



## 9. Single Trailer 5-Axle Trucks

5 axles, single trailer



## 10. Single Trailer 6 or More-Axle Trucks

6 or more axles, single trailer



## 11. Multi-Trailer 5 or Less-Axle Trucks

5 or less axles, multiple trailers



## 12. Multi-Trailer 6-Axle Trucks

6 axles, multiple trailers



## 13. Multi-Trailer 7 or More-Axle Trucks

7 or more axles, multiple trailers





# Intersection Crash Data



Stanley W. Merantus, Transportation Engineer

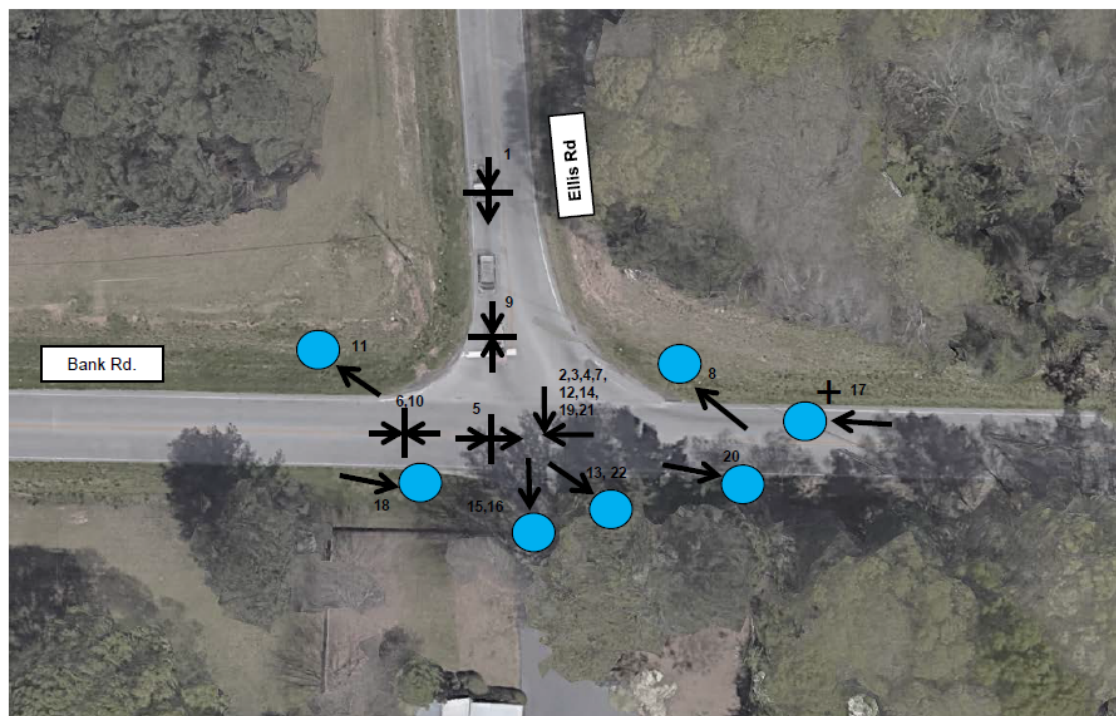
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Location: Banks Rd and  
Ellis Rd

1. 2-05-17 7:07 PM
2. 3-31-17 7:26 PM
3. 4-30-17 4:45 PM
4. 5-07-17 2:12 PM
5. 6-08-17 7:39 PM
6. 12-06-17 5:22 PM
7. 12-23-17 4:26 PM
8. 1-17-18 11:56 AM
9. 5-30-18 2:10 PM
10. 6-26-18 6:54 PM
11. 3-13-19 5:10 PM
12. 4-12-19 8:02 PM
13. 6-30-19 11:46 PM
14. 7-16-19 7:23 PM
15. 8-08-19 11:00 PM
16. 8-18-19 4:45 PM
17. 11-06-19 6:35 PM
18. 7-04-20 1:00 PM
19. 7-25-20 4:35 PM
20. 8-20-20 4:34 PM
21. 9-16-20 3:04 PM
22. 2-11-21 4:15 PM



## LEGEND

● OBJECT

↔ HEAD ON

●+ DEER

→ REAR END

↘ ANGLED

\* FATALITY

↗ RIGHT TURN

Period: 5 years

From: January 1, 2017

Thru: April 12, 2021

Date: April 12, 2021

Prepared By: Stanley W.  
Merantus



Location: SR 85 and  
Hwy 85 Conn

1. 1-19-17 7:39 AM
2. 2-21-17 4:16 PM
3. 3-28-17 10:10 AM
4. 4-07-17 2:01 PM
5. 5-03-17 7:14 PM
6. 12-04-17 7:49 PM
7. 12-07-17 6:26 PM
8. 1-06-2018 8:49 AM
9. 4-04-18 8:28 AM
10. 6-11-18 8:28 AM
11. 6-27-18 4:54 PM
12. 8-06-18 7:44 PM
13. 8-14-18 6:43 PM
14. 9-04-18 5:35 AM
15. 9-24-18 11:18 AM
16. 10-22-18 4:14 PM
17. 10-29-18 5:29 PM
18. 11-13-18 7:00 AM
19. 1-14-19 7:56 AM
20. 3-10-19 11:00 AM
21. 3-21-19 5:39 PM
22. 4-11-19 6:01 PM
23. 4-26-19 6:14 PM
24. 12-13-19 7:59 AM
25. 12-19-19 7:43 AM
26. 1-24-20 2:54 PM
27. 3-09-20 8:48 AM
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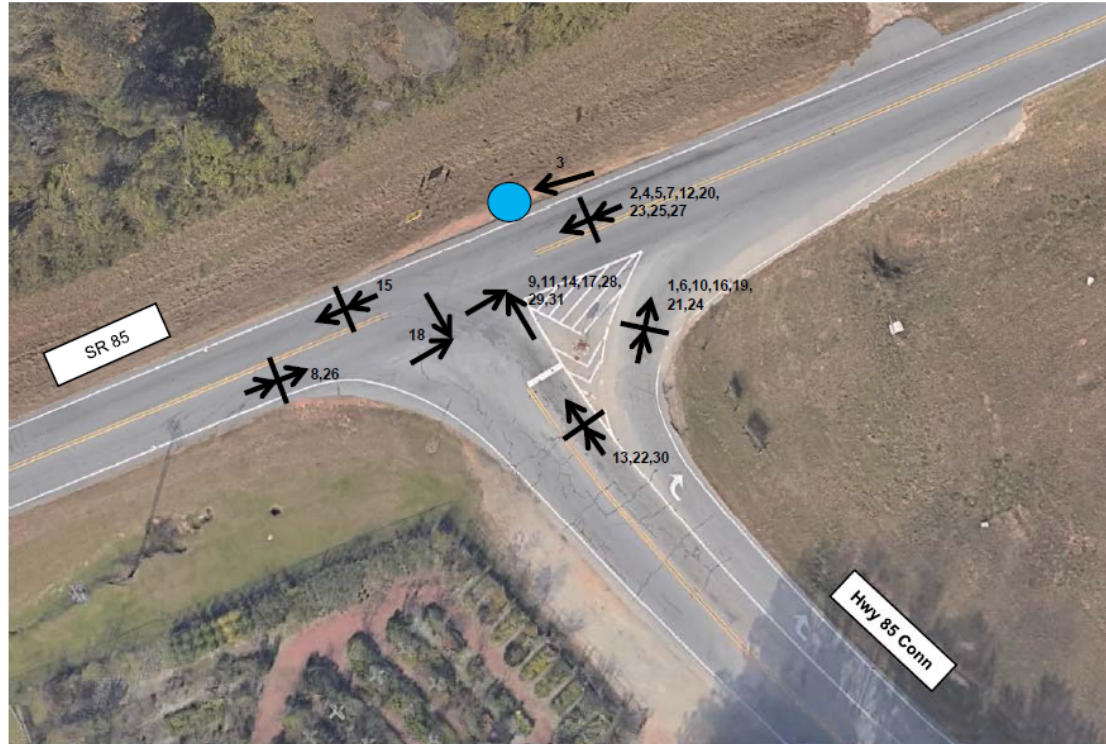
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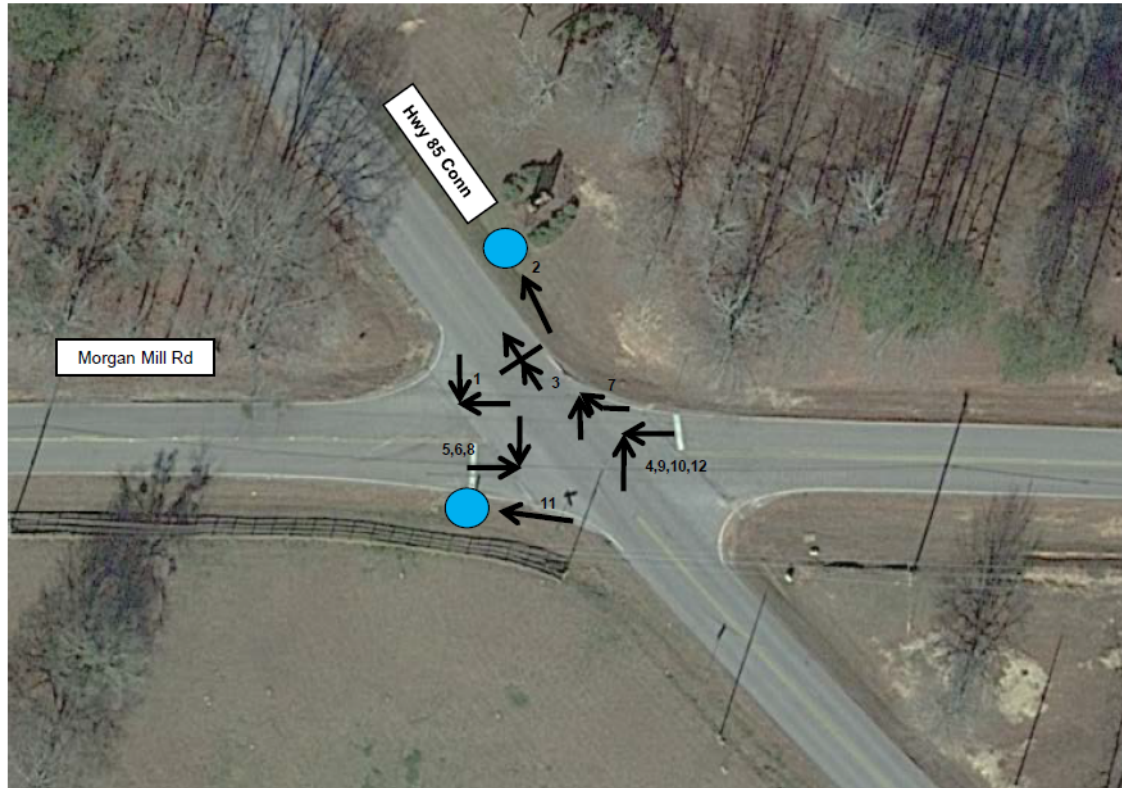
↗ RIGHT TURN





Location: Morgan Mill Rd and Hwy 85 Conn

1. 2-06-17 5:05 PM
2. 10-18-17 5:58 PM
3. 11-27-17 5:03 PM
4. 10-18-18 9:15 PM
5. 1-31-19 10:22 PM
6. 6-24-19 2:43 PM
7. 7-12-19 2:57 PM
8. 8-24-19 10:04 PM
9. 10-10-20 3:36 PM
10. 12-16-20 11:42 AM
11. 3-04-21 3:15 AM
12. 3-12-21 4:34 PM



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
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# Conclusion

	Banks Rd and Ellis Rd	Hwy 85 Conn and Morgan Mill Rd	SR 85 and Hwy 85 Conn
<b>Total # of crashes in 5 Years</b>	22	12	31
<b>Average # Crashes Per Year</b>	4.4	2.4	6.2
<b>Total # Crashes Involving injuries</b>	8	3	12
<b>Total # of Rear End Crashes</b>	2	1	22
<b>Total # of Angle Crashes</b>	8	8	8
<b>Average Traffic On Road Per Day</b>	Banks Rd: 12,000 Ellis Rd: 4,000	Hwy 85 Conn: 4,000	SR 85: 12,000 Hwy 85 Conn: 3,500



## Conclusion

- At the intersection of Banks Rd and Ellis Rd: 9 not a collision with a motor vehicle, 8 angle collisions, 3 head on collisions, and 2 rear end collisions.
- At the intersection of SR 85 and Hwy 85 Conn: 22 rear end collisions, 8 angle collisions, and 1 not a collision with a motor vehicle.
- At the intersection of Morgan Mill Rd and Hwy 85 Conn: 8 angle collisions, 2 not a collision with a motor vehicle, 1 right turn collisions, and 1 rear end collisions.



