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Pasadena Hills Homeowners Association
Mr. Larry James, Board President
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Dear Mr. James,

On behalf of the County Administrator, this letter is in response to your October 13th letter, on behalf of the Pasadena Hills Homeowners Association, Inc., regarding the installation of traffic calming devices along Walden Road.

Walden Road is a local road maintained by the County and runs from Mahan Drive to Buck Lake Road. During the summer of 2021, Leon County completed the installation of traffic calming devices along Walden Road. This project consisted of the installation of three raised intersections (Walden Rd. at Pasadena Dr., Walden Rd. at Landover Cir., and Walden Rd. at Cordova Circ.) as well as five strategically placed speed humps to meet the needs identified by the October 2020 speed study. The project was initiated by the County in August 2020 following the receipt of a traffic calming petition by residents of Walden Road. The following is a timeline of events for the project:

- The traffic calming petition containing signatures from at least 75% of the residents along Walden Road was received by County on August 25, 2020.
- The County collected vehicle speed data and completed its speed study in October 2020.
- The preliminary traffic calming design was completed in December 2020 and was presented to the residents along Walden Road during a meeting in March 2021.
- The final design and construction were completed in June 2021.

The County's traffic calming program was established in 1999 to assist neighborhoods with safety concerns related to "cut-through traffic" as drivers often seek new routes through residential neighborhoods. Leon County Public Works has historically interpreted the HOA endorsement letter requirement to be limited to calming devices proposed for roadways internal to a subdivision. While Walden Road does provide access to several subdivisions, an HOA endorsement letter was not required because Walden Road is not internal to any subdivision including Pasadena Hills. Therefore, an HOA endorsement letter was not required for this project.

The County's adoption of the traffic calming policy in February 2021, as referenced in your letter, sought to formalize the traffic calming program and requirements. Admittedly, the new policy should better define the circumstances for seeking an HOA endorsement letter related to the proposed project area. The concerns raised in your letter will provide us an opportunity to revise and affirm the intent of the traffic calming policy to require an HOA endorsement letter only for proposed improvements within the subdivision.

Thank you for bringing these concerns to the County's attention. If you have any questions about the County's traffic calming policy, please contact the Director of Leon County Public Works, Brent Pell, at PellB@leoncountyfl.gov or (850) 606-1537.

Sincerely,

Ken Morris

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Assistant County Administrator