

HOA HWY SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Tellico Village HomeOwners Association (HOA) Ad Hoc Highway Safety Committee (HSC) and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Meeting Feb 7, 2022

The Tellico Village HomeOwners Association Highway Safety Committee and TDOT meeting was held virtually on Feb 7. Attending for TDOT were Traffic Engineer, Andrew Padgett, and District Engineer, Todd Sexton. Attending for the HSC were Chairman, Ed Wilson, and Members Deb Marshall and Rick Carlin. The key subjects discussed were as follows:

Tellico Parkway Speed Limit

At the request of the HSC, TDOT recently completed a study of Hwy 444 speed limits. Their review indicated that the current speed limits were correct for the design of the road, the topography, the signage, and the current traffic volume. Therefore, the current speed limits will remain unchanged.

Mialaquo/Cheeyo and Tellico Parkway Hwy 444 Safety Improvements

At the request of the HSC, TDOT conducted study of the above intersection and found that that it does not have enough traffic flow to qualify for either a stop light or four-way stop. However, TDOT did commit to clearing additional vegetation on the northwest side of that intersection to significantly improve sight distance for motorists turning out of Cheeyo Place.

Vonore Niles Ferry/Highway 411 Intersection

At the request of the HSC, TDOT completed another traffic study for this intersection May 2021. As with a previous study of the same intersection, it does not meet the traffic volumes necessary to approve placement of a stop light.

TDOT is proposing that the intersection be restriped to make a left turn from Niles Ferry easier and safer to accomplish. This is suggested:

- Restriping that would allow only a right-hand turn onto Hwy 411 from Church St and remarking Hwy 411 so that a left turn off 411 to Church Street would be prohibited. This would provide space for cars half-way across 411 for motorists turning left out of Niles Ferry Road, Vonore heading south onto Hwy 411.
- TDOT will discuss this restriping proposal with the City of Vonore before moving forward.