



PUBLIC WORKSHOP

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**April 13, 2022
6:00 PM**

OAKDALE CUT THRU / SPEEDING CONCERNS PUBLIC ZOOM WORKSHOP

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OAKDALE CUT THRU / SPEEDING CONCERNS

1. Staff Presentation

a. Oakdale Cut Thru Presentation

b. Traffic Data

2. Public Input

Concerns and input will later be presented to the Town of Windermere's Long Range Planning Committee.

Meeting date TBD.

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Oakdale Street Public Workshop Minutes

April 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Council Members Andy Williams and Bill Martini. Town Manager Robert Smith, Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter, Police Chief Dave Ogden, Sgt. Jayson Bonk, and Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore were also present.

Manager Smith began the workshop at 6:00pm

1. Staff Presentation:

- a. Oakdale Cut Thru Presentation
- b. Traffic Data

Manager Smith gave a presentation regarding average daily trips vs time, average daily trips, speed, study reviews, 85th percentile review, existing signage, past discussion items, possible solutions, and speed videos. Once the presentation completed, Manager Smith opened the floor for public comments.

2. Public Input:

Manager Smith began reviewing the comments in the chat box (attached). He stated that these comments will be forwarded to Long Range Planning as well. Some public comments were regarding “no right-hand turn,” all day issues, the need for a permanent solution/not law enforcement, speeding, road closures, and reckless/rude/disrespectful drivers. Brandi Haines stated for the record that she has never agreed with the study by Kimley-Horn from 2017 due to the software and apps. More comments were made regarding barricades/temporary/removable, road closures (6th and Oakdale), complaints from residents in town, speeders, accurate studies, notification to all residents in the area affected, cul-de-sac, close calls/dangerous, road rage, the next step, additional workshop, and Long-Range Planning meeting with recommendations to Town Council. Member Martini thanked all for attending. He commented on a similar situation on Ridgewood Drive. He asked for all to be patience until a solution could be found. Manager Smith continued with chat comments. Chief Ogden reported on past enforcement. Discussion ensued. Manager Smith thanked all for their participation.

ADJOURN:

Manager Smith adjourned the workshop at 7:42pm

00:06:36 Jim & Peg Currie: Robert, it would seem that releasing agenda
a couple hours ahead of meeting prevents analyzing your data?

00:07:14 Jim & Peg Currie: Thank you

00:14:38 Matt: What were the locations of the sensors?

00:16:47 milaniwalters: That was a year ago

00:16:51 milaniwalters: During Covid

00:17:39 Tonya Elliott Moore: He is showing historical data

00:18:04 Joe Tenczar: Yes, as a comparison

00:18:13 Joe Tenczar: First set was current

00:18:35 Tonya Elliott Moore: Device was placed at 2 locations. Oakdale
and 6th and Oakdale and 11th

00:19:01 Adrienne: So all the cars cut through 11th now

00:19:51 Brittany: Love the signs and one ways... let's keep the ball
rolling for more

00:22:17 Matt: Traffic went from 137 per day to 230 per day. That is a
huge increase

00:23:13 milaniwalters: We lost you

00:23:47 Joe Tenczar: Additional calm.... last we heard

00:25:41 Matt: Its moving in slow motion and very choppy

00:25:47 Brandi: 17

00:25:52 Joe Tenczar: Jumpy

00:25:54 Rachel Martin: 15 mph

00:25:55 Brittany: 10

00:25:59 Adrienne: no clue

00:26:00 Nancy Nix: 15

00:26:01 milaniwalters: It is moving in slow motion, hard to tell

00:26:02 Christina Morris: 12

00:26:05 Brittany: It looks in slow motion

00:26:11 Betsy Shaw - Westpointe Elementary School: It's too jumpy to
actually tell.

00:26:17 Rachel Martin: Do I get a prize?

00:26:38 Amy Diederich: 25

00:26:38 Rachel Martin: 20

00:26:39 Brandi: 20

00:26:41 Brittany: 18

00:26:45 Nancy Nix: 18

00:27:13 Matt: Everyone on here guessed under the speeds you showed. I
think it demonstrates most understand speed

00:27:36 Amy Diederich: I get that point, but really 25 is very dangerous
for our children...

00:27:38 GebbenB: We live it every day, we know because of the amount
of dust they kick it up. Try to pull a dog out of the street or a small kid at 20
plus mile an hour

00:27:41 Brandi: 30

00:27:42 Nancy Nix: 25

00:27:53 Rachel Martin: If you see dust they are over the limit

00:27:57 Brandi: the cloud of dust is helpful 😊

00:28:09 Brandi: LOL

00:28:42 Brittany: I feel like we all guessed pretty accurately

00:28:43 milaniwalters: The issue goes far beyond speed

00:28:51 ellenchase: what about blowing through the stop sign
00:29:37 Betsy Shaw - Westpointe Elementary School: Running the stop signs is also an issue. If everyone actually stopped, it would be hard for cars to get up to high speed. I've sat on my porch for a couple of hours in the afternoon and counted the number of cars that actually stopped and sometimes it was no more than 1 car per hour.
00:30:48 ellenchase: The agenda packet didn't include all the information that you have provided
00:31:23 Brittany: You have done a good job making some changes to keep people off the roads, but to us here, we need even more. Today is the best traffic will ever be. Closing 6th and Oakdale is a good start to deter some and see what it would do. We can try and move on from there. Any progress is better than no progress.
00:32:13 Adrienne: I live on 11th....they are always cutting through when main in stopped
00:32:54 Christina Morris: How often does WPD sit on Oakdale and monitor the speed?
00:33:06 Joe Tenczar: That's a good question
00:33:36 Brandi: Might want to have ppl raise hands if they want to speak instead of type
00:33:39 milaniwalters: Are we allowed to talk?
00:33:42 Brittany: We can't count on police to be present constantly, we need to do something more permanent
00:34:03 Stephen Lewis: How many tickets have been issued on Oakdale for speed or running stop signs over the past 3 months?
00:34:04 Jim & Peg Currie: Oakdale was never meant for thru traffic. The dust at 15 is horrendous, let alone 25 and higher which I believe happens. Orlando Country club closed off streets from Colonial Dr. Why can't we?
00:34:13 GebbenB: 11% of cars going upwards of 20mph is a large potential hazard. I live on corner of Oakdale and 12th. High speed cars pick up speed as they approach this corner. We've lived on this corner for 20 years. Last 2 years drivers are aggressive. All it takes is one child or pet
00:34:28 ellenchase: 10th in the morning is an issue with the middle school bus with the cut through. Sometimes the bus is made to backup due to people blowing stop sign and whipping around the corner
00:35:03 Jim & Peg Currie: 137 cars in 2019, now 230, how many next year?
00:35:08 ellenchase: Can we make the speed limit lower
00:35:28 Joe Tenczar: Corners are certainly an issue, as I've attested many times
00:35:44 GebbenB: We need to get our neighborhood back. This is within the town of Windermere. It's our neighborhood, not a cut thru. Thank you so much for hearing us and helping us.
00:36:11 Amy Diederich: We are officially requesting that you close 6th and Oakdale. Let's see how this impacts the cut through traffic. This is a safety issue for our children. We want our neighborhood back.
00:37:04 Amy Diederich: Let's start with one place.
00:38:49 Jim & Peg Currie: Mr. Sharpe makes a very good point.
00:39:07 milaniwalters: These drivers can't even follow a stop sign
00:42:39 Jim & Peg Currie: Yes, we want to block roadways!

00:42:59 milaniwalters: 6th and Oakdale needs to be closed

00:43:39 Brittany: Love closing all of 6th

00:43:51 Joe Tenczar: I love it too

00:44:22 GebbenB: We agree to close off Oakdale and 6th and 12th & Chase

00:45:03 GebbenB: Over 50 homes 39 are present that should speak volumes

00:46:01 Joe Tenczar: I don't see 12th as an issue if there are no exits on 6th

00:47:04 Joe Tenczar: Pole barriers. Removable

00:47:10 Joe Tenczar: For traffic diversion

00:52:57 Amy Diederich: Well said Milani. We agree 100%

00:52:58 GebbenB: Agree with Milani, And 12th....

00:53:10 Stephen Lewis: Agreed.

00:53:28 Jim & Peg Currie: Robert, all due respect but we need to move on this in a expeditious manner.

00:54:06 Brittany: Have physically pulled and pushed my kids out of the way to avoid accidenta

00:54:32 Joe Tenczar: Closing 6th and Oakdale will just put people on 7th. Prob need to look at all 6th.

00:54:59 Mari & Wallace Palladino: well said Milani, completely agree

00:57:10 Betsy Shaw - Westpointe Elementary School: I agree with all of 6th. There is also a lot of cut through traffic that turns on 7th and goes all the way down to 6th to turn right (East).

00:57:54 Kerry Sharpe: 11% of 8000 trips is 880 going over 19MPH, that should be unacceptable to all of us.

01:04:12 Jim & Peg Currie: I want to thank all you folks for your participation. Strength in numbers. We may not all agree on everything but we can all agree that our children and animals need protection.

01:04:42 Amy Diederich: It was in front of mine...right before a stop sign

01:05:27 Liz Andert: Creating some pain for the non-residents who drive through our town (by street closures or other methods that reduce their ability to cut through on Oakdale) could elevate the demand and urgency for County to build alternative routes. That is ultimately what will be needed as neighboring development continues.

01:06:25 Amy Diederich: Good point Liz!

01:07:43 Kerry Sharpe: Yes, agreed Liz.

01:07:48 Jim & Peg Currie: Totally agree Liz.

01:08:40 Amy Diederich: Robert, is the next step bringing our points/concerns to the Town Council meeting? How do we move forward?

01:09:43 milaniwalters: This is the best it will ever be, as the TOW continues to develop and Horizon West continues to grow at a fast pace - this will only get worse. We have to close our roads before someone gets seriously hurt.

01:10:48 Brandi: that is 25.9 cars a day that are 20 or over every day

01:11:33 milaniwalters: The stop signs may as well be invisible. We need to close the road.

01:12:32 milaniwalters: Agree, Laurel! The rage road down OUR street is out of control.

01:12:43 milaniwalters: road rage*

01:13:47 Jim & Peg Currie: I have been given the finger, sworn at and

accelerations. A neighbor was nearly accosted.

01:15:00 Brynna Connors: Agree! Been called names when walking dogs at 6:45am. The roundabout isn't even backed up then.

01:15:19 Amy Diederich: Yes Laurel...You are exactly right. The data does not show any of these frightening interactions that we all see on a daily basis

01:15:30 Stacey Sullivan: My little fluorescent little "Slow down, kids playing" plastic man was run over several times until it was destroyed.

01:17:58 Brittany: Amy asked my question, so I'm good

01:20:12 Amy Diederich: We would love an in person meeting Robert

01:22:16 Brittany: Starting some place is better than doing nothing because it 'might' cause another problem

01:22:25 Chris Rucki: Much like the town developing a comprehensive plan for managing the dirt roads erosion, we need a comprehensive plan for the whole town. These issues proliferate throughout the town and we can't have years continue to go by as we address traffic hot spot, by hot spot. A strategic plan of one-ways, dead ends etc throughout the town in order to take our town back.

01:23:04 Jim & Peg Currie: All those in favor of closing off Oakdale at 6th as a starting point, please vote. I say aye.

01:23:24 Mari & Wallace Palladino: \

01:24:40 milaniwalters: YES

01:25:15 Amy Diederich: YES

01:25:35 Betsy Shaw - Westpointe Elementary School: aye

01:26:05 Amy Diederich: Thank you Councilman...we appreciate your support.

01:26:43 Mari & Wallace Palladino: YES

01:27:02 matt: Yes

01:28:46 Tonya Elliott Moore: Non Emergency number is 407-905-6333

01:28:51 Betsy Shaw - Westpointe Elementary School: They cut down all of the avenues - even 7th with a quick left on Oakdale to 6ty.

01:29:00 Frank: Close 6th and do the diversion at 8th

01:29:21 Frank: or 9th

01:32:46 Brittany: Super sorry... I was telling my kids to be quiet not shushing the Chief

01:33:04 Dave Ogden: np

01:33:26 Evan Small - Ball Janik: The "10" daily trip data isn't reliable. Our family probably takes 10 trips but we get off Oakdale immediately on 90%+ of our trips. We are on 11th and use either 11th or 12th as our exits. I think most people do.

Also, the speed limit deviation considered is flawed because, as someone mentioned, 5mph is 30%. In addition, some areas of Oakdale (like in between 11th and 12th), the potholes are so bad that cars going 15mph+ bottom out, catch air, and lose control. I'd like to see a video of the police cruiser going from 11th to 12th and you will see how dangerous going 20mph is on that stretch.

The solution of closing Oakdale with a park at 9th sounds worth studying.

01:37:18 Stacey Sullivan: Robert, I think you need to check your headset/mic there is a lot of static and feedback and has been the whole time. You are doing a great job by the way! Thank you!

01:38:59 Katie Hershisier Jones: In the interim to help our neighbors on Oakdale who are taking the brunt of the issue can we hire a dedicated officer for

weekdays during most impactful times as a short term solution until the permanent closing of 6th and Oakdale can be executed?

01:39:18 Matt: we live on 9th and Oakdale and our worst problem is people speeding on 9th on their way out to main right past our house where the kids play. All that to say it's not always the Oakdale thru traffic but residents or visitors to the neighbors.

01:40:44 Mari & Wallace Palladino: Does that "industry standard" consider various exits in the analysis? Evan's point makes complete sense given the many exits along Oakdale

01:41:05 milaniwalters: Good question, Palladinos.

01:42:22 Brandi: I think some people instinctively slow down when they see those strips going across the road so possibly skews the speeds recorded.

01:42:46 Dave Ogden: maybe we should put them everywhere then. the strips

01:43:08 Brandi: Works for me 😊 or a decoy police car

01:43:58 billmartini: Thanks everyone!

01:45:02 Dave Ogden: we can do that. we were short on cars for a few months and now have the pool car back.

01:45:12 Stephen Lewis: Agree with your synopsis of recommendations/requests of residents, Robert. Thanks to all involved for listening to our concerns!

01:45:25 Stacey Sullivan: Thank you Robert, chief and all our fearless Windermere safety leaders!

01:45:31 Amy Diederich: The Gebbons!

01:45:38 Brittany: Come by anytime!

01:45:38 Amy Diederich: But you are welcome with us as well

01:45:48 Nancy Nix: Thx Robert.

01:46:32 Liz Andert: Thanks, Robert, Chief Ogden, Councilman Martini and neighbors.

01:46:33 Amy Diederich: Thank you Robert. We appreciate you taking our concerns to the town.

01:46:47 Dave Ogden: Thanks everyone

01:46:48 billmartini: Thank you, Robert

01:46:48 Brandi: Thanks Robert!

01:46:49 Stacey Sullivan: AMen Amy!