Will the Westmonte Loop Concept Create Major Traffic Problems for Our Neighborhood?

Yes! As far as we can tell.

- 1. Requested Traffic Information Has Not Been Provided.
- 2. A Smart Alternative Has Not been Evaluated.
- 3. The Cheapest Solution is What We are Getting Now and It Will Be Too Expensive to Fix in Seven Years.
- 4. Our Tax \$\$ Should be Spent "Doing It Right the First Time."

Traffic Projections

The Traffic Projections Told To Us at the Public Meeting were for the Year 2015 - - about the time this project may be built.

Where is the 20-Year design life?

(Excerpt from FDOT Plans Preparation Manual, Volume1)

1.2 Traffic

It is the Department's responsibility to provide for an interconnected transportation system to insure the mobility of people and goods. In order to achieve these objectives, designers must determine if the proposed improvements will satisfy future needs by comparing the forecast directional hourly volume with the traffic handling capacity of an improved facility. Project traffic forecasts and capacity are used to establish the number of through lanes, length of auxiliary lanes, signalization timings, right of way requirements, etc., so that the facility will operate at an acceptable level of service through the design year. Roadway geometric design shall be based on project traffic for the design year. The design year for new construction and reconstruction projects *should be 20 years* after the project is opened to traffic. The Design Hourly Volume (DHV) shall be the 30th highest hour.

http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rddesign/PPMManual/2009/Volume1/zChap01.pdf





FDOT's Plan is To Route 75% of the Wymore/Douglas Traffic Onto Westmonte.....

 Westmonte currently takes 25% of the traffic
How can you add 50% more traffic around a two-lane loop road that you are not widening, only restriping to three lanes?

Does that make sense to you?

A Smart Alternative... Through Westmonte / Douglas Traffic Routed Under SR 436



WYMORE ROAD CAN GO UNDER 436

Another Alternative is to Streamline the Loop An Example of this is Currently Built At Douglas Avenue and SR 434



Will It Cost More?

	Cost	%
Total I-4 Widening	\$3,528,688,203	100%
Estimated 1 st Alternative Cost	\$1,000,000	.0002%
Estimated 2 nd Alternative Cost	\$6,000,000	.002%

Yes, but not much as a percentage of the total I-4 cost and much less than it will cost to fix a bad solution.

DEMAND That FDOT Does It Right The First Time.... Because there won't be a second time. After Design / Construction They're Done!



Don't Allow Goofy Solutions To Dictate Your Commute.

(Westmonte Loop Alternative Traffic)



You Can Make A Difference

- 1. Write to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) TODAY.
- 2. Ask for the traffic data needed to know if the Westmonte Loop really works.
- 3. Ask them to evaluate the alternative to go under SR 436 with Wymore Road and Douglas Avenue.
- 4. Have our Home Owner's Association Request that FDOT provide a Public Meeting for Our Neighborhood to discuss the Alternatives.

(A sample letter is included in this e-mail for you to print out and sign or edit as you choose. Please include your name and address under your signature.)

Complacency Will Leave You Here



All of Us Need to Act Now!

The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it always to be kept alive.

Thomas Jefferson

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

Abraham Lincoln

We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.

Thomas Jefferson

Those who govern, having much business on their hands, do not generally like to take the trouble of considering and carrying into execution new projects. The best public measures are therefore seldom adopted from previous wisdom, but forced by the occasion.

Benjamin Franklin

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

Benjamin Franklin

Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action.

George Washington