

**IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY
ON SHAMROCK ROAD NEAR THE RAIL CROSSING**

The imminent closing of the JPA bridge for reconstruction (slated to begin ca. Feb. 2010) can be expected to increase traffic along Shamrock Road between JPA and Cherry Ave. Shamrock Road is the nearest alternative railroad crossing and a likely detour for JPA traffic seeking a route around the bridge construction. The City has long neglected issues of pedestrian and traffic safety along Shamrock Road in this area, and has done NO work on Shamrock Road in anticipation of the JPA bridge closing.

Improve pedestrian safety at the railroad crossing on Shamrock Road.

At present pedestrians crossing the railroad tracks are forced to walk in traffic lanes. Pedestrian sidewalks should be built and clearly marked off from traffic on both sides of the rail crossing to improve both pedestrian and traffic safety.

Improve pedestrian and traffic safety on Shamrock Road to the east of the railroad tracks. The area approaching the railroad crossing from the Cherry Ave. side is a narrow, winding road, with poor visibility. There is side street parking on both sides of the street, including illegal parking on gravel areas on the north side, where there are no sidewalks. The City should upgrade the road in this area to improve visibility and safety; such an upgrade should include building sidewalks on the north side of the road and finding solutions that increase parking for residents without compromising pedestrian access and traffic safety.

Initiate baseline traffic studies of Shamrock Road near the rail crossing now.

Promoting 5th Street and Stribling as detours when the JPA bridge is closed is highly unlikely to succeed. People traveling in from Old Lynchburg, Harris and JPA are hardly likely to use either street to get to UVa and points north. Taking Cherry to Shamrock will be the most direct route closest to the one they have been used to taking. The City claims it will not recommend Shamrock Road as a detour but provides no backup plans to handle excess traffic and preserve pedestrian safety on this narrow and winding street. We demand the city begin now to monitor baseline traffic flows on Shamrock Road, to follow up with repeat studies once the JPA bridge is down, and to report both results publicly to the City and the concerned neighborhoods. The City should have a plan to upgrade Shamrock Road if in fact Shamrock becomes the heavier traveled solution. Shamrock is a collector street and not eligible for traffic calming.

Sign here to demand the City act now to improve pedestrian and traffic safety on Shamrock Road near the rail crossing.

Name	Street Address	E-mail	Signature

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