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**Community Development Department**

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*City Engineer*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Michael S. Bezanson, PE, City Engineer  
**FROM:** Karen Hill, PE, Transportation Engineer  
**DATE:** August 4, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** History of Manchester Street / Crestwood Driveway

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In response to safety concerns at the intersection of Crestwood Drive and Manchester Street, the Engineering Services Division has researched the City archives and has recovered 217 pages of documents related to the matter. Below is a summary of the chronology of City Council actions and other information related to the Manchester Street concerns at the driveway of Crestwood Residential Community, f/k/a Jensen's Mobile Home Park.

**2002**

At the December 9, 2002 City Council meeting, item 10 was referred to the Traffic Operations Committee regarding communication from the Disability Rights Center requesting the City of Concord consider installing a traffic light and pedestrian crosswalk at or near the entrance of Crestwood Estates f/k/a Jensen's on Manchester Street in Concord.

**2003**

At the January 13, 2003 City Council meeting, item 53 was accepted as a consent report. The item was a report from the City Engineer, on behalf of the Traffic Operations Committee, which authorized staff to amend the work scope for the design of Manchester Street to include a signal warrant analysis at the intersection of Manchester Street and the entrance to Jensen's mobile home park. The cost of the analysis was \$5,000.

At the May 12, 2003 City Council meeting, item 40 was accepted as a consent report. The item was a report from the City Engineer, on behalf of the Traffic Operations Committee, regarding a signal warrant analysis at the intersection of Manchester Street and the entrance of Jensen's mobile home park. The report indicated that a traffic signal was not warranted and would result in major disruptions to the through traffic on Manchester Street. No further action required.

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## 2004

At the September 13, 2004 City Council meeting, item 12 was referred to Community Development – Engineering regarding communication from residents of Jensen’s Crestwood Community requesting the installation of an “on demand” signal light with pedestrian activation on a crosswalk at the intersection of Jensen’s Park on Manchester Street. The referral included a letter from Councilor Allberg and a signed petition from residents.

At the October 12, 2004 City Council meeting, item 12 was tabled for a November 8, 2004 public hearing. The item was a report from the City Engineer regarding the installation of an on-demand pedestrian sign on a crosswalk at the intersection of Jensen’s Park on Manchester Street. The report recommended the installation of a new mid-block crosswalk, with the addition of a refuge island, between Garvin’s Falls Road and Crestwood Drive.

At the November 8, 2004 City Council meeting, item 49, a report from the City Engineer regarding the installation of an on-demand pedestrian sign on a crosswalk at the intersection of Jensen’s Park on Manchester Street was discussed under a public hearing. After discussions and public testimony, Councilor Allberg moved to table action on this item until January, pending:

1. The receipt of a report from the City Solicitor providing his opinion to Council as to what authority the State Department of Transportation really has on the installation of a stop intersection at this location within the Urban compact.
2. A more detailed cost estimate as to the true cost of Option One as outlined within the report to council.
3. A more detailed drawing that lays out Option One and a list of pros and cons.
4. An additional option that creates a new intersection and shared driveway alignment across from Garvins Falls Road.

After further discussion, the motion passed with no dissenting votes.

## 2005

At the January 10, 2005 City Council meeting, item 51, a report from the City Engineer and additional reports were moved to the February agenda due to the length of the January meeting.

At the February 14, 2005 City council meeting, item 54, a report from the City Engineer regarding the installation of an on-demand pedestrian sign on a crosswalk at the intersection of Jensen’s Park on Manchester Street, an updated report that outlined the pros and cons of the three options and recommended not installing a signal until appropriate signal warrants are met, a report from the City solicitor, and public testimony were discussed. After discussions about pros and cons of the three alternatives presented in the City Engineer’s report, Councilor Allberg’s motion to accept the report and choose to move forward with concept #1 which was to install a new traffic signal at Jensen’s driveway on Manchester Street with pedestrian activation passed 6-5 on a roll call vote.

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Date: 8/4/2023

## Summary

In 2005, the CIP#36 Manchester Street Corridor Improvements project was modified to include \$550,000 at a future date, to review and construct improvements at the intersection of Crestwood Drive and Manchester Street. At that time, the City focused efforts on improving Route 3, north. The Manchester Street design was advanced and put on hold.

The documents can be reviewed at City Hall.