

Midway City Council
7 April 2020
Regular Meeting

Whitaker Farm Subdivision /
Road Widths

**To: Midway Mayor &
City Council**

**From: Wes Johnson
Midway City Engineer**

Memorandum

Date: April 7, 2020

Subject: Reducing the Roadway Width within the Whitaker Farms Subdivision

Mayor & City Council,

The current City roadway asphalt width is 30'. During the City Council approval of the Remund Farms PUD the required roadway width was reduced from 30' to 26'. The reason for the reduction was to allow vehicles to park on the driveway without blocking the sidewalk. During the approval process it was agreed that the cost savings of reducing the roadway would be given to the City, ensuring the reduction in the development cost was not a financial benefit to the developer. A check for Remund Farms Phase 1 has been delivered to the City.

It's my opinion that drivers travel at a speed that is relative to our comfort level. The wider the road the more comfortable we feel and generally travel at a higher speed. Engineering studies have shown over many years that a narrower roadway results in slower speeds.

Dan Luster, the developer of the Whitaker Farms has requested that Midway City Council allow the development to reduce the asphalt width from 30' wide to 25' wide. A 2' wide flat ribbon curb will be installed on each side of the roadway. Including the 2' ribbon curbs the total roadway width would be 29'. The developer has indicated their goal in narrowing the roadway is to enhance the slower rural feel. The developer has agreed that any cost savings will be returned to the City.

It appears that the narrower roads within Remund Farms Phase 1 is accommodating the construction of the homes, and the movement of vehicles. It's my opinion that the vehicles within this development are traveling at or below the posted speed limit of 25 mph.

Due to the straight roadways within the Whitaker Farms subdivision I am concerned with excessive speeds within the subdivision. I believe that narrowing the roadways is a positive step in slowing the speed of the traveling public.

Please let me know if you have any questions.