


# Memo



**Date:** July 24, 2013

**To:** Commissioner Bottcher

**VIA:** Russ Blackburn 

**From:** Teresa Scott, P.E.  
Philip Mann, P.E.

**Subject:** Traffic Concerns on N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive by Alfred Ray Massey Park

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As a follow-up to the June 12, 2013, public meeting at Alfred Ray Massey Park regarding traffic conditions on N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive between N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, staff was asked to prepare cost estimates for traffic control along N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive:

1. Install Northbound and Southbound radar speed signs – similar to the radar speed signs along N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between West University Avenue and N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Estimated cost is \$10,000;
2. Upgrade the existing mid-block crosswalk along N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive at the property line between Alfred Ray Massey Park and Westwood Middle school. Estimated cost is \$3,000;
3. Install a sidewalk on the east side of N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive from N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue north to approximately the 1100 block to tie into the existing sidewalk and mid-block crosswalk that also includes a new mid-block crosswalk in front of the pool at N.W. 9<sup>th</sup> Place. Estimated cost is \$78,500;
4. Install rumble strips at each speed limit sign on N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive. There are 2 "Speed Limit 25" signs at either end of the street as traffic enters off of N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue or N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There is also a school zone flashing beacon at the north end for southbound traffic and at the southern Westwood Middle School property. Estimated cost is \$ 1,500

NOTE: The speed limit on N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive is 25 MPH. The speed limit is based upon the Florida Statutes and Florida Department of Transportation Uniform Speed Standards. The existing posted speed limit is the minimum that can be posted based upon statutes, standards and the design of the street. Changing the functional classification of the street will not provide for additional lowering of the speed limit.

Additionally, the Gainesville Police Department was asked to perform the following tasks:

1. Place the speed trailer on N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive for several weeks alternating between northbound and southbound directions;
2. Conduct a follow-up speed study with their speed measuring equipment to include 2 weekdays and 2 weekend days; and,
3. Enforce the existing "No Parking" signs along N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Drive by Alfred Ray Massey Park.

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