



George County Board of Supervisors
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County begins road redesign to improve High School traffic

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George County road crews began a major redesign project on Antioch Road on Aug. 12 to improve traffic flow in and out of George County High School.

“During the morning rush hour, Antioch Road might be the busiest road maintained by the County with student drivers, parent drop-offs, and it is also a school bus entrance.” District 5 Supervisor, Henry Cochran, said.

Antioch Road runs adjacent to the north side of the campus and provides important access to parking near the football stadium and the cafeteria. The first step in the redesign will be to widen and install a 500 foot long turning lane on Antioch at the intersection with Old 63.

“This turn lane is going to relieve a major traffic bottleneck. Until now, a driver on Antioch trying to go south on to Old 63 could stop dozens of cars from going north, classic bottleneck,” Cochran explains. “The new turn lane will provide room for south bound cars to wait and allow north bound vehicles to pull out on to 63.”

The second step for road crews is to resurface the entire half mile length of Antioch Road and the service road which connects Antioch to the high school’s campus. The redesign project will cost \$62,000 in District 5 road funds. The School District will pay \$34,000 for paving on the campus service road. Supervisor Cochran will oversee the entire project. The work is expected to take a week to complete, weather permitting.

“Our crews should have this widening and asphalt work done in time for the first home football game of the season. This is my first road project in this area since the new redistricting



lines were approved. Once complete the project will improve traffic flow and safety for years to come,” Cochran said.

Residents will only experience intermittent closures during paving work. All drivers are asked to use caution around this construction site and should pay special attention to traffic signs, road workers, heavy equipment, and the school zone. For additional information, call District 5 Supervisor Cochran at 601-947-7506.

Cutline:

- Road work signs went up Aug. 12 on Antioch Road as road crews began widening and paving work to improve high school traffic.

- George County Supervisor Henry Cochran (left) discusses paving the service road which connects Antioch Road to the high school campus with asphalt contractor Sonny Nelson (right) on Aug. 12.

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