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Residents of Malabar:

For several Years the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has proposed improvements and changes to SR514 / Malabar road, including projected widening and enhancements proposed for no sooner than 2025 to 2030.

Citizens and Council members were lead to believe that improvements to the Corey Road and Weber Road intersections would be already completed by this time, however these improvements are now proposed to be let for bid in 2019. FDOT newsletter 2, dated April 2014 reported on the Corey and Weber road improvements stating “The project is funded for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction.”

Attendees of the April 18, 2016 Town Council Meeting were informed that this project was funded and ground breaking may occur in 2019, now 4 years later than initially anticipated. Since 2015 FDOT has made additional presentations at Town Hall with proposed changes for the downtown section from U.S.Highway 1 westward. These include: three lane downtown to Improved two lane with multi-modal bike and pedestrian path, three lane downtown westward passed the curve then transitioning to four lane, three lane downtown to four lane at Marie intersection. The timeline for all these variations is between 2025 and 2040.and they currently are not funded.

Projected traffic counts, accidents, injuries, and worse not withstanding, Improvements to our congested intersections should be the priority before any endorsement, of future concepts, decades down the line, are finalized.

We wish to have a clear and unified voice on these issues because changes or lack thereof, will affect all of us. Please contact your Councilman for your district or me to express your opinion on these issues.

For additional information see www.townofmalabar.org and follow the links to SR514.

Thank you for your participation.

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