

STAFF REPORT

MTG. DATE:	June 18th, 2022
TO:	Village Board of Trustees
FROM:	JJ Larson –Director of Public Works & Utilities/Deputy Administrator
RE:	Direction on Buss Rd. build-out

BACKGROUND

Under our previous Village Engineer, the vision for the build out of Buss Rd. was a 4-lane boulevard. It was that typical section that was shown on the original plans for the Shady Grove development, and what the Village informed the school district they would be required to install along Buss Rd. eventually when they were getting approvals for Granite Ridge. When the new team re-engaged for the development of Shady Grove, they asked about scaling that down, the Village approved to modify the plan to a two-lane boulevard.

OVERVIEW

With more potential development coming along the Buss Rd. frontage, we wanted to re-visit the issue and get guidance on what the Village would like to see through this corridor. In forecasting future traffic, it is highly unlikely that 4-lanes of traffic will be warranted in the coming decades, if ever. Even a complete Buss Rd. from Vilas through Gaston may never hit the levels of traffic that warrant expanding to 4-lanes.

Given this information, we asked the Public Works/Sustainability Committee for guidance on what the Village should build along this corridor moving forward. Committee members all agreed that two-lane construction makes sense here but wants to continue the boulevard and path.

RECOMMENDATION

At the meeting July 12th, the Committee unanimously approved recommending plans to construct a two-lane road with boulevard and path on Buss Rd.