

HBNA Transportation Committee Report
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In the fall of 2012 at the request of neighbors on Vermont and Stovall Blvd. an industrial triangle was installed by the City of Atlanta Public Works department. These neighbors felt the intersection wasn't safe and the Commissioner has agreed with them even though there hasn't been a reported accident there. Unfortunately, none of the adjacent neighbors were consulted and everyone had a different opinion of how the intersection could be improved with safety, functionally, drainage and aesthetics as the top concerns. The Transportation Committee with the approval of the board hired the Foresite group, an engineering firm, in April 2013 to address these concerns and present us with some concepts which we could ask the City of Atlanta to implement. We signed a contract for \$6,000 and have to date paid this firm \$4,800. Foresite presented us with 2 concepts and the traffic engineer with the City suggested one other concept. Currently, these 3 concepts are being reviewed by the Watershed department with particular emphasis on drainage. This has been a very slow process due to personnel turnover in the Public Works and Watershed departments. Currently, the Commissioner of Public Works and Howard Shook, our city councilman, have become more involved and we have been assured that the process is being expedited. As soon as we review the Watershed remarks, we will meet with any interested neighbors and then with the help of the Foresite group work with the city to improve this intersection.

In March of 2014 due to input from the neighbors, we again hired Foresite to do a comprehensive traffic study for the City of Atlanta side of the neighborhood at a cost of \$20,000 and at the same time the City of Brookhaven has also hired this same group to do a traffic study for them. This is a good opportunity for us to have the entire neighborhood evaluated for speed, volume of traffic, commuter cut through traffic and get suggestions of traffic calming measures. This will allow us to have a baseline to be used in discussions with both cities as we focus on the safety of our neighbors and neighborhood.

In addition, with the help of Hal Kravitz who serves on the transportation committee we have created a Pothole Patrol and submitted all of the existing potholes to both cities for repair. The city of Atlanta had 25 reported and the City of Brookhaven had 1. We are making progress on those and have emailed them to the neighborhood with the appropriate reference numbers for follow up.

The transportation committee will be taking a look at the sidewalks during 2014 and 2015 and with the input from neighbors determine where those might be wanted and needed.