Attendance:  Atooser Reaser, Vice Chair, Loudoun County Public School Board
Julie Briskman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Algonkian District
Rey Banks, Staff Aide to Supervisor Briskman
Jim Bishoff, J-2 Engineering
Sara Howard-O’Brien and Donna Torraca, LCPS Planning Division
Approximately 11 community members.

Proposed Improvement:
The following pedestrian improvements are proposed to enhance the opportunity for students to walk or bicycle to Countryside Elementary School:

- add a five (5) foot sidewalk and crosswalks along the east side of Tripleseven Road between Glade Street and Heather Glen Road
- add a five (5) foot asphalt trail on the west side of Tripleseven Road connecting to the existing east/west trail located between Tripleseven Road and Countryside Boulevard
- provide a crosswalk across Tripleseven Road at Heather Glen Road
- construct a trail from the existing east/west Countryside trail, across LCPS property, to the school and
- reduce the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph proximate to the crosswalk.

Issues Raised by Community for proposed improvement:

- Cars traveling above the speed limit; near misses between pedestrians and cars
- Crosswalk location unsafe due to sight distance
- Blind curve where Tripleseven changes to Environs Road
- Use of Countryside trail through wooded area is unsafe due to lack of lighting
- Countryside trail is uneven and in need of repair
- Blindspot onto Heather Glen from Tripleseven (cars parking on south side with turning vehicles swinging wide to complete turn)
- Lack of Crossing Guard

Alternatives Suggested from Community

- Pedestrian pathway should be completely along west side of Tripleseven between Cromwell and the east/west trail. The crosswalk should be further south toward Cromwell but not at Cromwell as the Cromwell intersection would be unsafe due to rise in road
- Alternatively, pedestrian pathway could be to the south on the east side of the road, or east and west side but toward Cromwell
- Traffic calming measures on Tripleseven
- Reduction of speed along entire road

LCPS Additional Comments:
The original map posted on the website and mailed to the community depicted a speed limit increase from 25 to 35 when the proposal is to decrease the speed limit to 25 from 35.

LCPS and J2 Engineering noted that several options were reviewed for the project including both sides of Tripleseven and beginning the project further south. There are many challenges including topography, drainage and funding restrictions. Some of the alignments would cause the need for reconstructing the drainage system and/or providing retaining walls, expenses which the SRTS funding would not cover.

The east side of the road slopes down toward the road and there is limited available right-of-way on the eastern side; there would be a need to purchase additional right-of-way which is time consuming and potentially costly. The west side of the road is lower than the road. Additionally, there are power lines along both sides of the road that may need to be relocated and, due to the topography, retaining wall(s) may be required. It is a possibility that these improvements cannot be completed with Safe Routes to Schools funding.

Supervisor Briskman pointed out that sidewalk and trail improvements to Tripleseven are included in the County’s CIP but not currently funded. It was also noted that there is a long list of unfunded improvements needed in the Algonkian District.

**Next Steps:**

LCPS will revisit the options and suggestions from the community and provide a layout of what the (conceptual) project would look like utilizing either side of the road, including cost estimates. Additional discussions will be required with VDOT. LCPS will follow-up with the community when the options have been analyzed.