

UPDATE: Churchside Drive Traffic Calming March 5, 2009

The purpose of this update is to inform the FishHawk Ranch residents of the current status of the Churchside Drive Traffic Calming.

In December of 2007 the FishHawk Ranch CDD II Board was informed that Churchside Drive was routinely being used as a “cut through” from Dorman Road to access FishHawk Blvd. The concerns centered on heavy traffic and speeding.

The CDD II engaged the District Engineer, Heidt & Associates Inc, to recommend solutions, including traffic calming, for Churchside Drive. In the spring of 2008 the District Engineer and CDD II Chairman met with Hillsborough County officials to seek funding for traffic calming. The District was informed that Hillsborough County did not have funding at that time; however the County was receptive to having the FishHawk Ranch CDD II fund traffic calming improvements within the County right-of-way.

In March of 2008, Heidt enlisted the services of a traffic calming consultant for detailed recommendations. These were presented to the CDD II Board and the Board authorized Heidt to begin final design for Churchside Drive traffic calming (north of Dorman Road).

In July of 2008 the District Engineer submitted final construction drawings to Hillsborough County for review.

The District Engineer received final plan approval from Hillsborough County for the recommended traffic calming in February of 2009.

The CDD II Board authorized this construction to go out to bid immediately.

At this time the Bids are due the week of March 9, 2009. I anticipate the board will award the contract at and commence construction in April of 2009.

Construction is anticipated to take several months, however by summer of 2009, the Churchside traffic calming north of Dorman Road should be complete.

The expenditure of CDD capital improvement dollars is something the Board takes very seriously. As you can see, making modification to existing County roadways is a process; however upon completion we believe all residents will be pleased with the outcome.

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