

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Patricia Abbott
Controller/Interim Town Manager

Date: June 15, 2024

Re: Traffic Calming on Azalea Drive

As part of the roadwork being done on Azalea Drive speed humps, raised crosswalks, and chicanes were installed. Each of these devices are designed to control speeding. Once installed, Councilors and Staff have received numerous phone calls and emails from those living in this area strongly opposed to the chicanes. Residents have also spoken during the Public Comment portion of recent Council meetings.

The issue and traffic calming in general has been discussed at numerous Agenda Review meetings and among Staff. There is general consensus from residents, Staff, the Speed Team, and Council that the use of chicanes is problematic. Chicanes cause parking issues for the homes closest to the structures. Public Works will have problems plowing and performing other maintenance on the road.

Milestone is the contractor performing the roadwork for this project and has provided a cost of \$27,214.00 to remove them and patch the area. They estimate it will take about two weeks to get on the schedule to perform the work.

After numerous discussions, Staff and the Speed Team recommend the removal of the chicanes on Azalea Drive.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and voice vote, authorize Milestone Contractors North to remove the chicanes on Azalea Drive at a cost not to exceed \$27,217.00.