

Following are 5 SR7 issues which combine the thoughts of both SR7 Corridor Reps.

1. Overall high road noise level from heavy and high speed traffic with peaks created by J-brake usage. Section of SR7 from Kirkwood Highway to SR4 peel off has uneven concrete sections and bridge with uneven slabs and deterioration which causes truck noise to be magnified.
2. Speeding over posted limits is obvious throughout the length of the road. Due to a straight road section, this is most prevalent south of the Brackenville Rd and SR7 intersection.
3. Major intersection performance: SR7/Kirkwood, SR7/SR4, Milltown Rd/ RT7, RT7/Valley Rd, RT7/Brackenville Rd. During rush hour periods, turning lanes are sometimes inadequate to hold all turning vehicles. Any additional truck traffic would worsen this condition due to longer length and slower acceleration.
4. Overall SR7 safety. As the stats from the last meeting presentation revealed, accident frequency on SR7 is comparable to SR41 which reportedly is average for all DE roads. I am most familiar with the SR7/Brackenville Road intersection where accidents seem to be too frequent. Road design requires many U-turns, may be contributing to the accident frequency. Investigate traffic accident data to identify hot spots
5. On the southern section of SR 7, construction truck convoys create a situation where side by side trucks prevent other traffic from navigating around slower moving trucks. Consider right lane only for trucks.

Thanks,

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SR 41 Top Five Issues

Update: top 5 issues, 1: number of heavy trucks. 2: Noise, fumes, vibration, speed. 3: Lack of heavy truck enforcement by police. 4: Safety and quality of life of residents along the corridor. 5: School zone and tourist venue safety. Regards, Bill Taylor

FIVE TOP ISSUES RE TRUCK TRAFFIC FOR SR 48
submitted by Nick Ferrara and Gale Hamilton

(Please note that our first issue listed below in #'s 1 and 2, SAFETY, has so many components that it seems irresponsible to choose only a few, but we will try. Please remember, however, that our safety issues, enumerated by many members of The Route 48 Coalition, include trucks barreling down hills and through intersections; 'stoppability' difficulties due to hill/grade/loaded weight/speed; large numbers of elder and novice drivers; pedestrian workers crossing busy 48 from or for bus stops; blind spots; unexpected curvature; unexpected speed limit changes without proper warning; overly high speed limits in places; horrible bike lanes; repeated fatalities; an unexpected intersection; failing intersection; repeated guard rail collisions; repeated deer collisions; train tracks; blinding sun glare at certain times; very dark areas of road; truck traffic in addition to the overall numbers of cars; sun glare when driving east/west; dark areas; difficult development entrances/exits; frequency of emergency vehicles, many of them servicing our elder populations; changes from wide shoulders to no shoulders offering no opportunity for police enforcement, etc.).

Our five issues are:

1. Dangerous intersections and entrances (safety)
2. Speed (safety)
3. Congestion (safety, inconvenience, loss of profit, pollution)
4. Sudden hills, curves and blind spots (safety)
5. Noise/vibration (health and quality of life)

DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS AND ENTRANCES (SAFETY)

- Intersections
 - Route 141 and 48
 - Turning tractor trailers often cut off cars turning in adjacent lanes, 'squeezing' them in dangerous ways.
 - Centerville Road and 48
 - pedestrian walkway; a very dangerous place to cross on foot.
 - Hercules Road and 48
 - Blind light coming down hill
 - Horrible sun glare at different times of year
 - Coming down the hill try to fly down turn lane and cut over to straight lane right at the light.
 - People flying down Hercules Road and through the light.
 - Old Wilmington Road and 48
 - Several fatalities at this intersection.
 - Cars/trucks coming up the hill, heading west, are not prepared for curve then traffic feeding onto 48 from Old Wilmington Road; heading east on 48 from Canterbury Hills, the 35 mph sign is partially hidden and there are inadequate warnings about the dangerous stretch of road ahead.

SUDDEN HILLS, CURVES and BLINDSPOTS

- Grade issue at Hercules Hill and 48
- Curves heading into and out of stretch between the tracks and up to Old Wilmington Road.
- Truck climbing lane near Old Hobson Farm entrance puts residents of O.H.F. at risk.
- Nowhere to pull over across from entrance.
- Heading east, there is a blind spot as trucks come over a hillock from 41/48 split toward the Kinder Care exit—which many patrons use as an entrance.
- Coming out of Canterbury Hills is a blind spot because of the crest of the hill.

NOISE/VIBRATION/QUALITY OF LIFE

- Terrible noise and vibration (sound not just from large trucks but also motorcycles, dump trucks and certain pickups racing away from traffic lights.)
- Items falling from shelves, cracks in walls. People have to sleep with windows closed, fans on, etc.
- Quality of life issue: sleep interruption; blood pressure/stress issues; poor air quality.
- This is a problem up and down SR48 but is exacerbated at intersections due to jake braking (which continues) and poor truck exhaust systems/mufflers.
- Sound bowl at Old Hobson Farm