
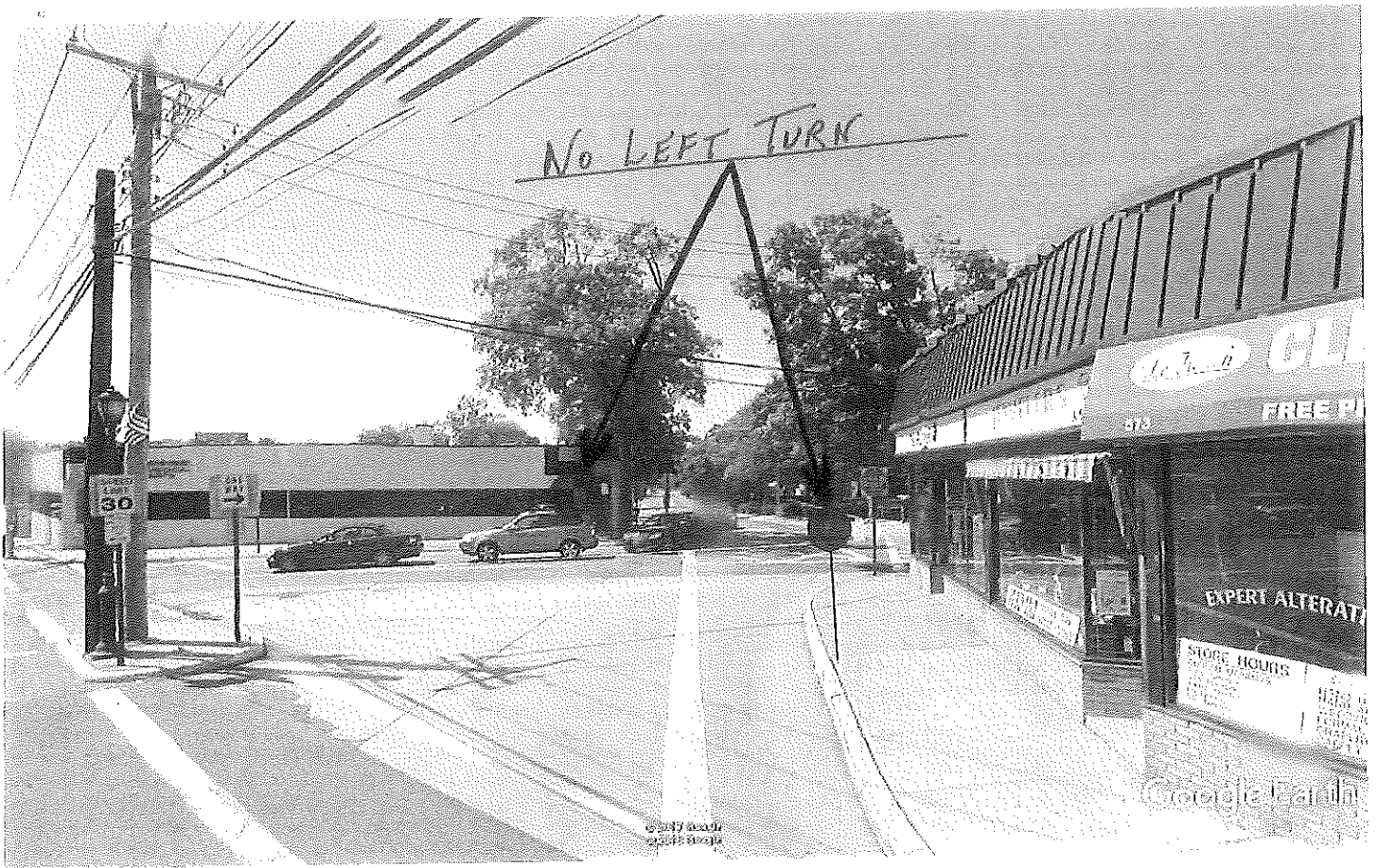


CASE # 3935-17

PROPOSED RESTRICTION

 = No Left Turn



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March 3, 2017

Dear Greater Council Colleagues:

I've consolidate the comments I received on this matter **to assist** :

- 1) Understanding the proposed restriction and rationale - Public Hearing Town Board meeting March 14, 1017. Proposed plan is on [Greater Council Webpage Our Projects tab \(link\)](#) under heading: **Proposed No Left Turn signs Locust PI at Colonial Pkwy**
- 2) Help identify related issues and future more comprehensive engineered solution(s) to improve both pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

Summary: As of today, there are **no objections** received to the proposed 'No Left Turn' warranted **to improve the current safety hazard** and there are several related concerns and suggestions that remain in process (below). The County DPW process has been initiated for a current more detailed traffic analysis of this intersection. The shared Town and County goal should be to produce the **additional TRAFFIC ENGINEERED improvements that better address longer term solutions for pedestrian safety and traffic flow.**

Town and County officials: Please DO save and forward to other appropriate Town and County parties involved in analyzing this intersection.

Rich Bentley, President, Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Assns
A civics' work is never done

Consolidated comments received, edited and/or truncated for clarity and intentionally w/o author names:

Chamber of Commerce spoke with seven businesses surrounding the intersection to discuss the no left turn issue. All of these businesses said they witness the constant flow of motorists (many of whom they believe are probably non residents whizzing thru) and unfortunately hear too much honking, but they are not sure what their opinions could do to improve the situation. One suggests to install video cameras and issue tickets and is in favor of no left. One had an employee sadly struck by a car making a left turn, and is in favor. One will tell delivery drivers to abide by whatever is decided upon. I still favor a Rotary Circle as I did 5 years ago when this issue first kicked around. Done right it can be a gorgeous "welcome focal" to our business district.

A photo documenting a common contributing problem at this intersection - Daily delivery vehicles to adjacent UPS and cleaning service businesses.



A traffic circle could be workable there and would provide opportunity for motorists to reverse direction at the north end of town and at the very least reduce U-turns in that section of town. If we have any input at all, I'd like the engineers who look at this to reconsider the circle. There are smaller spaces in Great Neck where it has been made to work.

Cars heading southbound on Plandome use the cutoff onto Locust Place and then, for some reason, make a quick left turn to get back onto Plandome Road. In doing so, they create a safety hazard. The proposed new sign would eliminate that type of traffic from that busy intersection. You are correct that as an alternative, some drivers will make a right onto Colonial Parkway and then make a U-turn to get back to Plandome Road. I would estimate as much as a third of all the cars that drive down Colonial Parkway do so in error thinking it's a shortcut to Shore Road. After driving to the end of the block, they make a U-turn and speed back up to Plandome Road.

As a Colonial Parkway resident, I'm aware how dangerous the intersection of Colonial Parkway/Locust Place/Plandome Road can be. My cars have been hit on that corner twice. What we really need is a stop light and a "No right turn on red" sign on the corner of Locust Place where it intersects Colonial. Until that happens, I'm in favor if anything that can be done to make that corner safer.

The "no left turn" is a replacement of a sign located at that spot many years ago. It was removed when the town paved the road and painted a right turn lane. Prior TNH Hwy Commissioner Tiernan has agreed to replace signs, but there evidently was a problem with the Town's original approval of the ordinance, so this Town Board action became necessary. So this is actually an "old" item. TNH request for County to undertake a current traffic study is in process.

What is happening is basically drivers driving south, in front of the UPS store realize they made a mistake and they decide to turn left. They completely block the traffic going West on the corner, whether entering Colonial or making a left onto Locust. The corner is a death trap. Two accidents within 2 weeks of each other because no one stops on Locust entering the box to make the light. Police have been there and they still don't behave. everyone running the stop sign, blocking the box and never even looking towards Colonial Parkway to see if anyone is exiting the block. With the UPS truck there, parents double parking waiting for the kids to finish at the gym, a rehab center, the traffic is higher than usual.

I am surprised someone on Colonial Parkway would want this no left turn. If they do implement the no left turn, my guess is vehicles are going to make a right onto Colonial Parkway and then do a U-turn on Colonial to proceed back onto Plandome Road. I would support whatever the residents on Colonial Parkway would want implemented at that location.

An option which I do not believe has been explored is Increasing the size of the current 'Island' Triangle. By expansion of this triangle, the benefits would be FOURfold.

- A) Better prevent vehicles that enter the southbound spur in error due to the current curb line, then realize they have 'exited' Plandome Rd and then attempt to get back onto Plandome Rd
- B) Better prevent Vehicles that currently go around the triangle for a U turn- A larger triangle would then be evident that there is not enough room and could not U turn there.
- C) The resulting thinner southbound exit lane would prevent vehicles (Fed Ex and/or Cleaners truck) from double parking exacerbating the very hazardous condition
- D) Creates a safety island for pedestrians while crossing (one currently does not exist there).

<https://www.google.com/maps/@40.7999281,-73.7014214,49m/data=!3m1!1e3>

The proposed restriction is intended to keep that vast majority of traffic flowing in the intended direction onto southbound Locust Place ... and prevents a southbound Plandome rd vehicle on that "spur" from making an immediate left turn onto Colonial Parkway to head back to Plandome Rd.

Could be a vehicle 'turning around' back onto northbound Plandome Rd,

Could be a vehicle that entered the triangle in error - and wants to proceed southbound on Plandome Rd. or

Could affect the customers / delivery vehicles of the 2 stores on that short 'spur' roadway that have no curbside parking in front of their store.

If the TOWN is suggesting a change seems to me it should be incumbent upon them to send out some kind of notice

to not only residents but to also reach out to include the affected adjacent businesses. Not do things in a vacuum

Too bad it's not big enough for a round-a-bout. The whole intersection needs updating because it is a bit convoluted.

The historical concern we all recognize continues is traffic from opposite direction - blocking the box , and of course little or no police enforcement... but this proposed 'no left turn' doesn't address that. I wasn't aware of the specific concern of southwest bound left turns at that intersection being a problem, but indeed Colonial Pkwy residents are more frequent observers of a problem. Some may object as 'sign proliferation'(?).Unclear if Chamber of Commerce is on board with the no left turn since that roadway is so short that I would think the businesses on that small strip of stores (UPS Store?) might be a source for making a left turn at that intersection... the hugest volume of course proceeds straight onto Locust Place as the common shortcut of commuting traffic from the Port Washington peninsula to Northern Blvd/Community Dr.

If everyone knows the concern and this 'solution' in advance, then it becomes less likely to get a last minute surprise objection.

An observation: Town's roadway surface paint quality is important - seems to wear quickly and thus relies on more frequent routine road surface re-painting of centerlines, crosswalks, don't block the boxes, etc

We've recommended engaging a current stakeholders group to re-visit/ update the Plandome Rd Vision Plan to make any needed revisions to that Plandome Rd "master plan". Many of the issues/comments on each intersection along the whole commercial strip are already documented, but the optimal engineered solutions have been questioned. The master plan approach allows for (as funding becomes available for any individual segment of the roadway), work to be consistent with the master plan. A wiser use of the limited resources to avoid years of "Band-Aids upon Band-Aids" approach. At the same time we all recognize the needed practicality that a Band-Aid curtails the bleeding and is sometimes unavoidable.

-----original notification-----

From: Sabereh Samet <samets@northhempsteadny.gov>
Date: 02/23/2017 12:04 PM
Subject: No Left Turn

Hi,

Hope all is well. I just wanted to give you the details on the No Left Turn that the Town Board is proposing per the Colonial Pkwy Civics' residents on Colonial Pkwy request.

Attached please find the map for the No Left Turn on Plandome Rd.

Below please find the language and the date for the hearing.

A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AFFECTING THE PLANDOME ROAD SPUR AND COLONIAL PARKWAY IN MANHASSET.

Synopsis: The adoption of this ordinance will establish a No Left Turn restriction for traffic southbound on the Plandome Road Spur, prohibiting drivers from turning left onto Colonial Parkway, eastbound, in Manhasset. Tentative hearing date March 14, 2017.

Thank you,

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