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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mark Harder  
St. Louis County Council District 7  
41 South Cental Avenue  
Clayton, MO 63105

**Re: Baxter Road Crossing at August Hill Drive / Benton Taylor Drive**

Dear Councilmember Harder:

The City of Chesterfield continues to receive concerns from residents desirous of crossing accommodations on Baxter Road at August Hill Drive / Benton Taylor Drive. Many residents west of Baxter Road would like to walk to Chesterfield amenities including Central Park, the Chesterfield Amphitheater, and the Riparian Trail. This matter was recently discussed at a City of Chesterfield Planning and Public Works Committee meeting.

I understand that Baxter Road is under the jurisdiction of St. Louis County as part of its arterial roadway system. Accordingly, the City of Chesterfield sent the attached letter on May 22, 2020 requesting that crossing accommodations be investigated at this location. To date, we have not received a response to this letter. Could you please look into this matter so that the City of Chesterfield and its officials can respond to our residents.

Thank you in advance for you attention to this request. If you have questions, you can reach me at 636-537-4711 or [bnation@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:bnation@chesterfield.mo.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob Nation' in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Bob Nation, Mayor  
City of Chesterfield  
Enclosures



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May 22, 2020

Adam Spector, P.E.  
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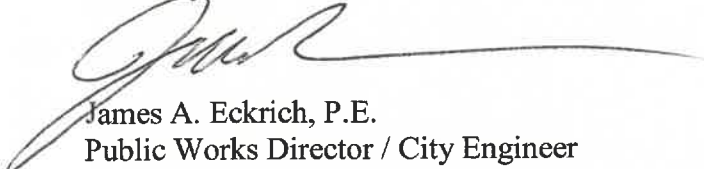
Re: Baxter Road and August Hill

Dear Adam:

As you know, the St. Louis County Department of Transportation owns and maintains the Baxter Road right of way. The City of Chesterfield has received a request from an area resident requesting accommodations be made to Baxter Road to help pedestrians safely cross Baxter Road at the August Hill Drive / Benton Taylor Drive intersection. Specifically, residents from the Estates at Baxter Point (Benton Taylor Drive) desire a safe crossing to allow them to walk to Central Park, including the Chesterfield Amphitheater and Aquatic Center. Possible solutions include a traffic signal with pedestrian control, a pedestrian hybrid beacon, or a painted crosswalk with appropriate signage.

Please consider this as the City of Chesterfield's request for St. Louis County to review this intersection and determine whether accommodations can be made to help residents safely cross this intersection. Should you have questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me at [jeckrich@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:jeckrich@chesterfield.mo.us) or (636) 537-4764. Otherwise, thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James A. Eckrich, P.E.  
Public Works Director / City Engineer

cc: Tom DeCampi, Councilmember Ward 4  
Michelle Ohley, Councilmember Ward 4  
Mary Ann Mastorakos, Councilmember Ward 2  
Ben Keathley, Councilmember Ward 2  
Michael O. Geisel, City Administrator

## Kathy Juergens

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**From:** Kathy Juergens  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 9:32 AM  
**To:** Kathy Juergens  
**Subject:** Baxter Road Crosswalk at August Hill Drive

**From:** Mike Geisel <[mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 9:24 AM  
**To:** Aaron Wahl <[AWahl@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:AWahl@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Barbara McGuinness <[BMcGuinness@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:BMcGuinness@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Bob Nation <[BNation@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:BNation@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Chris Graville <[cbg@gravillelaw.com](mailto:cbg@gravillelaw.com)>; Dan Hurt <[DHurt@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:DHurt@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Gary Budoor <[GBudoor@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:GBudoor@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Mary Ann Mastorakos <[MMastorakos@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:MMastorakos@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Mary Monachella <[MMonachella@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:MMonachella@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Merrell Hansen <[MHansen@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:MHansen@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Michael Moore <[MMoore@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:MMoore@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Mike Geisel <[mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us)>  
**Cc:** Executive Staff <[execstaff@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:execstaff@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Molly Lasley <[mlasley@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:mlasley@chesterfield.mo.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Cross walk

### Mayor and City Council.

**The PPW committee previously discussed the Baxter\August Hill intersection. As I recall, Chair Hurt discussed this with Mayor Nation, who made the request to Councilmember Harder. Councilmember Harder provided the County Department of Transportation and Public Works response below.**

**As they have in prior requests, they cite the established standards provided by the Federal Highway Association and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, in rejecting the request for a crosswalk and\or signalization. These standards have been established for consistency and safety.**

**They do indicate, however, that this location will be monitored as development continues. When and if the aforementioned standards are met, they indicate that they will act accordingly to construct the proper intersection and\or pedestrian controls.**

**By copy of this, I'm directing that County's response be included in the next PPW meeting packet for their review and consideration.**

**From:** Harder, Mark <[MHarder@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:MHarder@stlouiscountymo.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2023 9:28 PM  
**To:** Bob Nation <[BNation@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:BNation@chesterfield.mo.us)>; Mike Geisel <[mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cross walk

Hi Bob And Mike

I requested from county traffic department a study about baxter road and august hill to see if this intersection warranted a cross walk or stop light. Be low is the response I got from the study.

We need to keep or eye on this intersection as more of the area gets built up to a greater volume of traffic in Cars and walking. Let me know if you have any questions.

Mark Harder

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**From:** Pierce, Ryan <[RPierce@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:RPierce@stlouiscountymo.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 3:40 PM

**To:** Harder, Mark <[MHarder@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:MHarder@stlouiscountymo.gov)>

**Cc:** Gassel, Anne <[AGassel@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:AGassel@stlouiscountymo.gov)>; Leon Streeter, Stephanie <[SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov)>; Kulesa, Joseph <[JKulesa@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:JKulesa@stlouiscountymo.gov)>; Hauber, Christopher <[CHauber@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:CHauber@stlouiscountymo.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Cross walk

Dear Councilman Harder,

This Department has a vision in which walking and bicycling are key components of a multi-modal transportation system and offer County residents safe, comfortable, and convenient travel choices to access employment, schools, parks, transit, shopping, and other everyday destinations. Pedestrian facilities in support of that vision must only be installed in as safe of a way as practicable.

Baxter Road is an arterial, maintained by this Department as part of the Arterial Roadway System. In the area of August Hill Drive-Benton Taylor Drive, Baxter Road has five lanes, including two through lanes in each direction and a center two-way left-turn lane. The speed limit on Baxter Road is 40 MPH.

It is the policy of this Department to only install marked crosswalks which are found to have sufficient sight distance for a pedestrian to be seen while crossing the road and have sufficient pedestrian crossings to warrant a crosswalk. When evaluating the need for enhancements, such as rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) or pedestrian signals at marked crosswalks, this Department uses certain criteria, which consider factors such traffic volume, number of lanes, and speed. These criteria are consistent with guidance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

A recent field investigation of pedestrian sight distance revealed that, due to the curvature of Baxter Road, the available sight distance does not support the installation of a marked crosswalk without actively stopping traffic on Baxter Road using an intersection traffic signal. A recent 13-hr traffic count of motor vehicles and pedestrians at the intersection during good walking weather revealed that the number of pedestrians crossing Baxter Road are not sufficient to warrant a marked crosswalk nor a crosswalk controlled by traffic signal. Note that this Department uses the pedestrian hybrid beacon warrant for evaluation of pedestrian signal warrants. The count also revealed that the accepted warrants for the installation of a traffic signal are not satisfied due to the low number of motor vehicles entering Baxter Road at the intersection. These warrants, as established by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, are published by the FHWA.

We acknowledge locations should be reevaluated as conditions change, such as new development. The intersection of Baxter Road and August Hill Drive-Benton Taylor Drive will be reevaluated with the redevelopment of the Chesterfield mall site, as it is built out.

We realize that this is not the response residents requesting a marked crosswalk sought. However, we strive to maintain uniformity in the application of traffic control devices on the County's road system. As mandated in the Saint Louis County Traffic Code, we install only those controls which are determined to be warranted.

If residents have any questions regarding this matter, they may contact Christopher Hauber, Traffic Operations Manager, Studies and Signing, at 314-615-1132.

Sincerely,

Ryan Pierce, P.E.  
Division Manager, Transportation Operations

**From:** Leon Streeter, Stephanie <[SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2023 12:10 PM  
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**Cc:** Kulesa, Joseph <[JKulesa@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:JKulesa@stlouiscountymo.gov)>; Pierce, Ryan <[RPierce@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:RPierce@stlouiscountymo.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Cross walk

Councilman Harder, we will review the field condition and respond back to you soon.

**Stephanie Leon Streeter, P.E.**  
**Director**

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**From:** Harder, Mark <[MHarder@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:MHarder@stlouiscountymo.gov)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 28, 2023 10:57 AM  
**To:** Leon Streeter, Stephanie <[SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:SLeonStreeter@stlouiscountymo.gov)>  
**Subject:** Cross walk

Stephanie

How do we get a cross walk with beacons at the corner of baxter and august hill in chesterfield. This is a popular walking area for people to cross to get to chesterfield park. Let me know. Thanks

Mark Harder

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