

### Norton Elementary School Traffic Congestion Timeline District 16 and JCPS School Board District 3

August 9, 2023	JCPS Bussing Crisis.
August 31, 2023	Mayor of Spring Valley emails District 16 office upset about Norton Elementary School traffic congestion blocking Goose Creek Road and cutting off Emergency Services. (D16 office gets numerous emails, calls, messages on Nextdoor.)
August 31, 2023	Jared Townes, District 16 Office, contacts Chuck Truesdell JCPS, Truesdell has JCPS, Chris Noe work with Norton Principal, and Greenberg Staff to improve.
September 1, 2023	4:15pm (during evening Norton School congestion) vehicle hits and kills 61 year old bicyclist on Old Brownsboro Hills Road near Goose Creek.  <a href="https://www.wdrb.com/news/61-year-old-bicyclist-dead-after-crash-involving-suv-near-brownsboro-farm/article_1d8fbf7e-4b52-11ee-8dde-0f64e170779d.html">https://www.wdrb.com/news/61-year-old-bicyclist-dead-after-crash-involving-suv-near-brownsboro-farm/article_1d8fbf7e-4b52-11ee-8dde-0f64e170779d.html</a>
September 14, 2023	8 <sup>th</sup> Division LMPD Captures photos of traffic congestion with drone.  <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">8101 Brownsboro Rd Norton Elementary sUAS pictures</a>
September 18, 2023	City of Barbourmeade Council meeting (20-30 residents attended).  James Craig JCPS Rep unable to attend. Chuck Truesdell JCPS Attended  District 16 Scott Reed and Jared Townes attend  Lyndon Police Chief Robert Schroeder, LMPD 8 <sup>th</sup> Officers attend
October 10, 2023	District 16 asks for update, Truesdell reports that JCPS is working with Springdale Presbyterian Church to use parking lot to hold additional cars.
November 7, 2023	Truesdell reports that JCPS is still evaluating Springdale Church.
November 8, 2023	District 16, Jared Townes contacts Springdale Church Office Manager Leah Bradley. Leah asked to check with all other Church personnel and confirmed in email on November 9 <sup>th</sup> that no contact had been established with JCPS.
November __, 2023	After unsuccessful attempts to reach JCPS School District 3 Board Representative James Criag by phone, Scott successfully gets contact via Facebook.
November 27, 2023	JCPS Rep Craig Responds and calls for a meeting.
November 29, 2023	First virtual meeting held between Scott Reed, Ken Fleming, James Craig, Steve Haag and Jared Townes
November 29, 2023	Councilman Reed's office receives petition from Barbour Lane Animal Hospital with 168 signatures. Petition explained that the traffic backing up from Norton Elementary School, blocked business entrance. Clients unable to access hospital

every weekday afternoon, harming animals needing care, waiting in traffic congestion.

November 29, 2023 Truesdell again mentions JCPS working with Springdale Church as an option.

December 1, 2023 District 16 checks with Springdale Church. Leah reports that they have heard from Chris Noe of JCPS, he is still collecting information and sharing questions with the Church committee.

December 2, 2023 Councilman Reed meets on Saturday with Dr. Mary O’Grady, owner of Barbour Lane Animal Hospital in response to petition.

December 7, 2023 Thursday afternoon, Jared Townes District 16, Brandon Shelley and Seth Grothaus of Public Works make onsite visit and examine Norton Elementary School dismissal, carpool, adjacent intersections, Springdale Church lot, and surrounding neighborhoods. 2:30pm-5:00pm.

December 8, 2023 In follow up and as suggested during JCPS meetings, Townes emails and asks Major Wampler 8<sup>th</sup> Division LMPD, to write citations to carpool drivers sitting in idle on roads surrounding Norton Elementary.

December 11, 2023 Major Wampler calls District 16 office explains that He does not want to write tickets to parents in carpool. His interpretation of the law is that a person waiting in line for carpool is not a parked vehicle. A parked vehicle does not have a driver. Therefore no violation for parking.

December 12, 2023 JCPS Chris Noe reviews Public Works double lane carpool recommendation and provides new JCPS recommended route through neighborhoods of Brownsboro Farms and Barbourmeade.

December 13, 2023 Meeting District 16 and JCPS, Steve and Scott out. JCPS Chris Noe dismisses Public Works recommended double lane carpool because fire and ems would have difficulty accessing building in an emergency. Then recommends JCPS rerouting of traffic through neighborhoods. District 16 Townes offers to present JCPS reroute to Barbourmeade and neighbors. Explained that the proposal would meet substantial resistance.

December 14, 2023 District 16 Townes reviews JCPS neighborhood reroute proposal with Cory Denbo, City of Barbourmeade.

December 14, 2023 Kevin Groody, Anchorage/Middletown Fire Chief reviews Public Works two lane carpool proposal, says that is does not impede Fire and EMS from access Norton and could actually improve their access.

December 20, 2023 Truesdell emails Townes to see if Neighborhood route should be implemented. states that “parents should be more thoughtful”.

January 3, 2024 Townes, District 16 responds to Truesdell, JCPS and explains that JCPS recommended route is not viable. Truesdell says JCPS will return to Springdale Church parking plan. Again, he states that this is a “human behavior problem”.

January 9, 2024 District 16 requests January 17<sup>th</sup> as Follow Up Meeting date.

January 9, 2024 Truesdell responds that he and Representative James Craig will be unable to attend.

January 10, 2024 Truesdell and Townes 3:15pm phone call, Townes Summarized phone call. Truesdell and Criag not likely to join meeting, "the solutions proposed by [Metro] have not been practical or impactful enough."

#### Summary/ Additional Notes:

#### Suggested Solutions:

1. **LMPD/Lyndon Police issue citations:** LMPD 8<sup>th</sup> Division does not want to issue citations to parents waiting in carpool.
2. **Add Traffic Guards and Crossing Guards:** JCPS members can't work off of property. Metro difficulties in hiring and staffing traffic and crossing guards.
3. **Springdale Church Parking lot as additional holding location for cars:** A possibility, may produce limited help, also needs JCPS employees to help. (Would be off of JCPS property.)
4. **Public Works Recommended Double Carpool Parking Lanes on Norton Campus:** Not acceptable according to JCPS. Emergency vehicles not able to reach building. Appears inaccurate base on Fire Chief's email. (Also, it's difficult for Fire to move down KY22 now.)
5. **JCPS Detour Cars from Brownsboro Road/ KY22 through northern neighborhoods:** Not acceptable to surrounding Neighborhoods. Barbourmeade down not want cars parking on their streets. Brownsboro Farm upset as reroute sends car down road where resident was killed.

#### **Neighborhoods/Small Cities that have contacted D16 office requesting help with Norton Traffic:**

City of Barbourmeade, Brownsboro Farms, Spring Valley.

#### **Past and Future Busing Issues:**

JCPS busing crisis August

JCPS moves start time back to accommodate busing. This moves release time back and causes larger congestion issues combined with evening rush hour. (Cited by Lyndon Police Chief Schroeder at September Barbourmeade City Council meeting).

2023-2024 School year: 10% reduction to Busing personnel. This resulted in an increase of cars at Norton Elementary School and leads to current congestion levels.

2024-2025 School year it is projected that 60-80 more bus drivers will retire. How will this impact Norton Carpool numbers and other schools around Jefferson County?

*Throughout our discourse JCPS (Both James Criag and Chuck Truesdell) have stated multiple times that this is a “parent behavioral issue”.*

**Question for Reed and Fleming: What legislation options do we have at the state level and Metro level to help this situation?**