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CORRESPONDENCE

TYPE OF ITEM: Information

The following correspondence has been sent or received by the CRTPA:

- Correspondence from Governor DeSantis to the CRTPA related to the approval of the CRTPA's apportionment plan, dated August 8, 2024 (***Attachment 1***).
- Correspondence from a citizen to the CRTPA related to speeding near Raa Middle School, dated August 15, 2024 (***Attachment 2***).



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

August 8, 2024

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency
300 South Adams Street, A-19
Tallahassee, FL 32301

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with s. 339.175, Florida Statutes, and Title 23 CFR Part 450, please consider this letter as formal concurrence with the Department of Transportation's recommendation that the Capital Region Transportation Planning Organization's apportionment plan meets the requirements of s. 339.175, Florida Statutes and Title 23 CFR 450.312(a).

The TPO's continued adherence to the requirements of Florida Law are of utmost importance.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis", written over a horizontal line.

CC: Mr. Jared Perdue, P.E., Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation

From: [Burke, Greg](#)
To: chelseaquynn@proton.me
Subject: August 15 Letter to the CRTPA
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024 2:36:50 PM

Good afternoon, Ms. Joslin. Thank you for reaching out to the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) regarding speeding in the vicinity of Raa Middle School. As you note, speeding in school zones puts the safety of children and others at serious risk.

One aspect related to speeding is traffic enforcement. Relatedly, the City of Tallahassee (COT) is initiating a "[School Speed Zone Enforcement](#)" program which involves the installation of speed detection cameras in school zones, including Raa Middle School. Most recent information from the COT identifies that the program is anticipated to begin prior to the end of the school year.

Additionally, the CRTPA is conducting a study ("[Take the Safe Route – Safe Access to School Study](#)") which aims to improve safety for students walking or biking to school. The study includes the identification of schools with a demonstrated need for safety and infrastructure improvements for students walking and biking to schools. Raa Middle School is one of the schools that has been identified and will be included in the study's identification of nearby walking and biking improvements to enhance student safety.

Finally, we have forwarded your comments related to speeding and the placement of signage to the City of Tallahassee.

Thank you again for reaching out to the CRTPA.

Sincerely,

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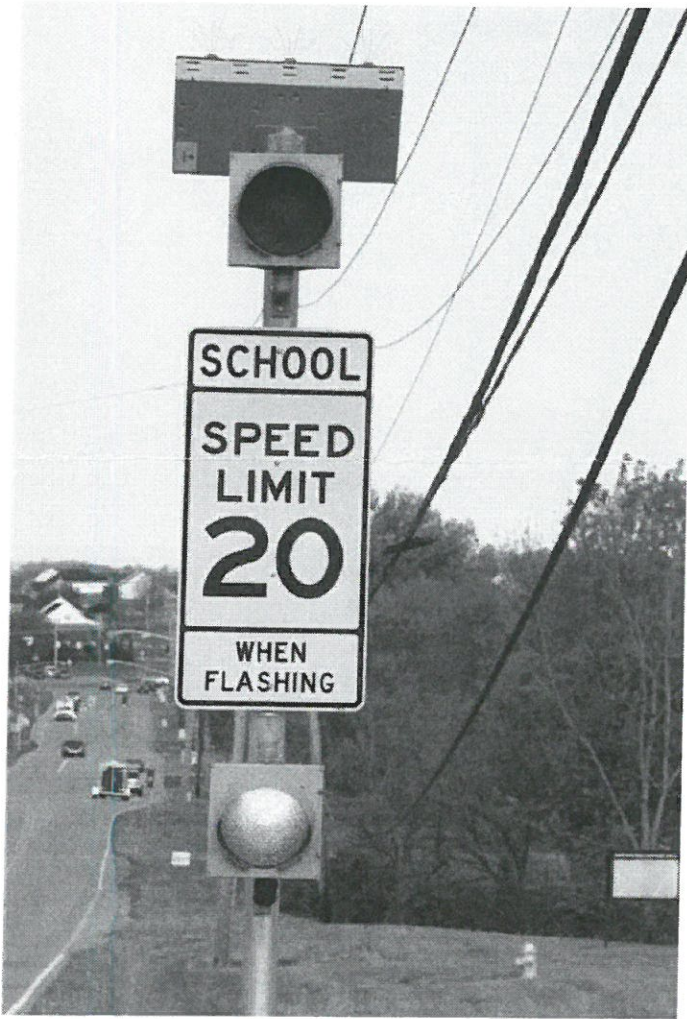
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Dear CRTPA Staff,

I am writing to you regarding my concerns about the school zone on W. Tharpe St. and N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., for Raa Middle School. I have passed through this school zone almost every weekday for the past 8 years, and I have noticed a concerning amount of people speeding through the school zone or seeming to not notice the zone is active until they are inside the zone.

I believe that a big part of why this school zone is often neglected by drivers is because of the positioning of the active school zone lights for the zone. This school zone ONLY has active lights suspended ABOVE the road. These signs are not only hard to see in certain car models or drivers of above average height, but they are nearly impossible to see during the afternoon. When the bright Florida sun is positioned high in the sky, its glare blocks out visibility of the lights. If a driver has lowered their sun visor, it can block out visibility of the signs as well. This is especially noticeable on W. Tharpe St., as the sun's east to west movement can place its blinding light directly in the driver's eyes.

I think that it would be beneficial for drivers and the safety of students to install street level signs, such as this one pictured, into Raa's school zone to complement the lights above the road.



If you are not the appropriate party to contact about these concerns, I apologize for bothering you. I would appreciate a reply informing me of the best party to reach out to.

Thank you for your consideration and all the best,

Chelsea Joslin

Concerned Leon County Citizen