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Issue: Saint Marys Traffic Intersection

The intersection of Douglas Drive and Highway 40 Spur, which is adjacent to the southwest corner of Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, is plagued by numerous traffic accidents. As a result, the City of Saint Marys requested a traffic study be conducted by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

The traffic study determined the root cause of the traffic problems at this intersection to be acute angle that the crossing roads make at this intersection. GDOT's recommendations were to reconfigure the intersection such that Douglas Drive and Highway Spur 40 would meet at a standard, ninety-degree angle, and to install a raised concrete island.

The City of Saint Mays has accepted the GDOT study and is working to institute the recommendations.

Fixing the geometry of the intersection requires the city to request a small transfer of land from the Navy in order to realign Douglas Drive at the intersection. The land is not developed and is a small corner of the base along the outer perimeter fence.

The City has approached Naval Base leadership with this proposal and a dialogue has begun to determine if the concept is possible. If all parties agree, details to identify the parcel in question and to arrange transfer will be worked out.

Action: None, for information only.