

From: William Semora Jr [William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)  
Subject: RE: FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard Intersection  
Date: Sep 13, 2024 at 11:31:06 AM  
To: Butler Hugh D. [hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)  
Cc: Cohen Michelle [michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us), Grau Micah  
[micah.grau@budatx.gov](mailto:micah.grau@budatx.gov), Kennedy Angela [akennedy@budatx.gov](mailto:akennedy@budatx.gov),  
McDaniel Caitlin [caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com](mailto:caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com), Mark Baumann  
[Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov](mailto:Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov), Adam Ramirez [Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov](mailto:Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov),  
Brenda Guerra [Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov](mailto:Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov), Cory Jucius  
[Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov](mailto:Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov)

---

Good morning Mr Butler,

Great to hear from you! Just as a quick update, in June 2024 the design for both intersections were submitted as 90% complete for review. We expect that the designs will be 100% complete in the next couple months with final plans in hand by early 2025. In regards to funding, each location has made our prioritized list and is fully funded. They are currently scheduled to bid in 05/2026 with contract number CSJ [0914-00-543](#). In many cases we look for ways to accelerate bids however right now the plan is constrained by our budget. As such, I would expect installation to occur in the later part of 2026 assuming the bid date is not accelerated forward as future budget evaluations occur.

We appreciate the community's patience as we work through these exercises in delivering design and managing our district budgets. I'm excited that the funds are available and furthermore that we are pushing towards delivery. As always, if you have any other questions, im happy to help were possible!

Thanks  
Willie



William "Willie" Semora Jr., P.E.I Area Engineer  
South Travis Area Office  
9725 S I-35 Austin, Tx 78744  
Email: [william.semora@txdot.gov](mailto:william.semora@txdot.gov)  
Phone: 512-292-2401

---

**From:** Butler Hugh D. <[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 13, 2024 11:19 AM  
**To:** William Semora Jr <[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cohen Michelle <[michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us)>; Grau Micah <[micah.grau@budatx.gov](mailto:micah.grau@budatx.gov)>; Kennedy Angela <[akennedy@budatx.gov](mailto:akennedy@budatx.gov)>; McDaniel Caitlin <[caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com](mailto:caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com)>; Mark Baumann <[Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov](mailto:Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov)>; Adam Ramirez <[Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov](mailto:Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov)>; Brenda Guerra <[Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov](mailto:Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov)>; Cory Jucius <[Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov](mailto:Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard Intersection

This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Willie,  
As you know Hays County and the City of Buda have arranged for the traffic control lights at the Main Street and Firecracker intersection (item 4 in email below). The Hays County Commissioners Court on Sept. 3rd approved awarding the engineering contract for the design of the intersection with construction funded and plans for it to be completed mid-year 2025. Also, the Sunfield developer is in process of having the Black Pole reinstalled at the Sunbright entrance (item 1 in email below).

Since it's been a little over six months, I thought this might be an appropriate time to check in on the status of the traffic control signals approved for FM2001 at Sunbright and at Firecracker (item 2 & 3 in email below). Has the design work been completed? How is funding going? When do you anticipate installation may occur? Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dan

Dan Butler  
Chairman  
Sunfield Community Association Advisory Committee  
[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)

On Feb 25, 2024, at 6:46 PM, William Semora Jr  
<[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Hugh!

Feel free to check in regularly on the status of the signals.. TxDOT is doing all we can to prioritize their funding and construction.. but as always if the team has ideas or potential contributions, im happy to talk those through!

Have a great week!  
<image001.png>  
William "Willie" Semora Jr., P.E. | Area Engineer  
South Travis Area Office  
9725 S I-35 Austin, Tx 78744  
Email: [william.semora@txdot.gov](mailto:william.semora@txdot.gov)  
Phone: 512-292-2401

---

**From:** Hugh Butler <[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 25, 2024 4:47 PM  
**To:** William Semora Jr <[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)>  
**Cc:** Courtney Runkle <[deneil21@yahoo.com](mailto:deneil21@yahoo.com)>; Michelle Cohen <[michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us)>; Micah Grau <[micah.grau@budatx.gov](mailto:micah.grau@budatx.gov)>; Angela Kennedy <[akennedy@budatx.gov](mailto:akennedy@budatx.gov)>; Caitlin McDaniel <[caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com](mailto:caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com)>; Mark Baumann <[Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov](mailto:Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov)>; Adam Ramirez <[Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov](mailto:Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov)>; Brenda Guerra <[Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov](mailto:Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov)>; Cory Jucius <[Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov](mailto:Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard Intersection

This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Willie,  
It was nice meeting you Thursday evening. Thank you for taking time to discuss areas around Sunfield outside of I35 which was the purpose of the TXDOT event.

I appreciate your understanding of the intersection of FM2001 with Sunbright Blvd. and what transpired during the construction of the

rerouting of FM2001. Thank you for clarifying that the Sunfield Black Pole Light which was removed during construction does not need TXDOT review or approval to be reinstalled. Thank you for also clarifying that if the light is reinstalled and subsequently needs to be moved during the installation of the future Traffic Control Signals, TXDOT will facilitate the relocation. I also appreciate the added explanation you provided regarding the illumination of the intersection which will be provided by the Traffic Control Signal infrastructure.

We also discussed how the growth of Sunfield and the entire area south of Austin is exploding. The phenomenal growth is dramatically and rapidly impacting traffic patterns and volumes throughout the area. The major access roads for Sunfield have been drastically impacted and it is appreciated the need for traffic control has been recognized by TX DOT, HaysCo DOT, and Buda DOT. The items we touched on during our conversation are listed below and outlined on the attached document.

- 1) Sunfield Black Pole Light
- 2) FM2001 & Sunbright Blvd. Traffic Control Signal
- 3) FM2001 & Firecracker Rd. Traffic Control Signal
- 4) Main St. & Firecracker Rd. Traffic Control Signal

Thanks again for your time last Thursday and for reaching out after the meeting.

Sincerely,  
Dan

Dan Butler  
Chairman  
Sunfield Community Association Advisory Committee  
[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)

On Feb 21, 2024, at 8:29 PM, William Semora Jr  
<[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)> wrote:

Evening Dan!

It was a great meeting you tonight. As we discussed, let me know what questions you all have about the illumination at 2001 and Sunbright Blvd. I wasn't aware of a pending question but happy to get you what you might need!

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** William Semora Jr  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 6:09:38 PM  
**To:** Dan Butler <[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)>  
**Cc:** Courtney Runkle <[deneil21@yahoo.com](mailto:deneil21@yahoo.com)>; Michelle Cohen <[michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us)>; Micah Grau <[micah.grau@budatx.gov](mailto:micah.grau@budatx.gov)>; Angela Kennedy <[akennedy@budatx.gov](mailto:akennedy@budatx.gov)>; Caitlin McDaniel <[caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com](mailto:caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com)>; Mark Baumann <[Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov](mailto:Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov)>; Adam Ramirez <[Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov](mailto:Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov)>; Brenda Guerra <[Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov](mailto:Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov)>; Cory Jucius <[Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov](mailto:Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard Intersection

Happy Sunday Dan,

Thank you for the follow up.. The are some procedural items that we are working through which will officially remain old FM 2001 so that new FM 2001 can take its place on the states records. We are working through those items and should be able to issue a WO in the next 30 days or so to have all the signs upgraded. Regarding the 60 MPH section on existing FM 2001, ill have the District Traffic Team look into this and determine what the proper posting should be.

Thanks

<image001.png>

William "Willie" Semora Jr., P.E.I Area Engineer

South Travis Area Office

9725 S I-35 Austin, Tx 78744

Email: [william.semora@txdot.gov](mailto:william.semora@txdot.gov)

Phone: 512-292-2401

---

**From:** Dan Butler <[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2024 10:09 PM  
**To:** William Semora Jr <[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)>  
**Cc:** Courtney Runkle <[deneil21@yahoo.com](mailto:deneil21@yahoo.com)>; Michelle Cohen <[michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us)>; Micah Grau <[micah.grau@budatx.gov](mailto:micah.grau@budatx.gov)>; Angela Kennedy <[akennedy@budatx.gov](mailto:akennedy@budatx.gov)>; Caitlin McDaniel <[caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com](mailto:caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com)>; Mark Baumann <[Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov](mailto:Mark.Baumann@txdot.gov)>; Adam Ramirez <[Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov](mailto:Adam.Ramirez@txdot.gov)>; Brenda Guerra <[Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov](mailto:Brenda.Guerra@txdot.gov)>; Cory Jucius <[Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov](mailto:Cory.Jucius@txdot.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard Intersection

This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Willie,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply. I appreciate that a speed study has been completed and speeds will be adjusted for a stretch of new FM2001. As indicated in my note the traffic load on that stretch of FM2001 will change dramatically over the next year or two as 1,000+ residential units are completed around the intersection with Satterwhite Road. Once the new traffic signal lights are installed at Sunbright Blvd., perhaps a new traffic speed study of FM2001 can be conducted.

I would also like to bring to your attention two somewhat related items. First, there is still an old sign posted at the intersection of Overpass Rd. (FM2001) and old FM2001 with a right arrow directing traffic to turn right to follow FM2001.

<image002.jpg>

Second, there is still a 60 MPH speed limit sign on old FM2001 eastbound with what is now a dead end roughly 1/4 mile past the sign.

<image003.jpg>

Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Dan Butler

On Jan 26, 2024, at 7:33 PM, William Semora Jr  
<[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)> wrote:

Mr Butler,

Your correct, the signal evaluation done by Hays County was approved by the TxDOT Team and the signal location has officially been added to our districts list of projects for funding. Once construction funding is secured, we will identify a bidding date and deliver the signal just as soon as possible! Up until that point, the team will work towards finishing a 100% design package that's ready for construction!

Regarding speed limits, our Districts Traffic Operations team just recently issued a final speed study and recommendation to set the posted speed limits along FM 2001. A summary of those actions is listed below.

Traveling EB and WB it will be 50 MPH from IH 35 to east of Sunbright Blvd ( at approximately CR 118) and then 55 MPH from CM 118 to Satterwhite Road.. The final approvals of these zones needed from City Council and the Texas Transportation Commission are in process now. Once these approvals are complete, my team will be issued a work order to add the additional signage and implement the new speed limits in both directions. I have attached a visual map below to help illustrate the planned changes. While our study did not find we could go as low as 45 MPH, we do agree that the reductions and speed zones shown below will help ease speeding concerns. One last note, Fm 2001 East of Satterwhite road will remain a 60 MPH facility.

As a final note, once the speed zones are put up, im happy to place temporary speed feedback trailers for a few weeks to help alert drivers of their speed and make them cognizant of slowing down! As always, let me know If you have any further questions I can help with.

<image005.png>

Thanks  
Willie

<image006.png>

William "Willie" Semora Jr., P.E.I Area Engineer  
South Travis Area Office  
9725 S I-35 Austin, Tx 78744  
Email: [william.semora@txdot.gov](mailto:william.semora@txdot.gov)  
Phone: 512-292-2401

---

**From:** Dan Butler <[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2024 7:10 PM  
**To:** William Semora Jr <[William.Semora@txdot.gov](mailto:William.Semora@txdot.gov)>

**Cc:** Courtney Runkle <[deneil21@yahoo.com](mailto:deneil21@yahoo.com)>; Michelle Cohen <[michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us](mailto:michelle.cohen@co.hays.tx.us)>; Micah Grau <[micah.grau@budatx.gov](mailto:micah.grau@budatx.gov)>; Angela Kennedy <[akennedy@budatx.gov](mailto:akennedy@budatx.gov)>; Caitlin McDaniel <[caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com](mailto:caitlin.mcdaniel@fsresidential.com)>

**Subject:** FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard Intersection

**Importance:** High

This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

William,

I am writing as a follow-up to discussions and correspondence among a number of concerned parties regarding the traffic at the intersection of FM2001 & Sunbright Boulevard created by the rerouting of FM2001.

My understanding is the original review of an initial traffic study supported the current traffic control (Sunbright Blvd stop sign), but that upon further review of the study it has been determined multi-directional traffic control lights should be installed. It's also my understanding although TXDot has determined the lights should be installed, funding needs to be secured before any further action can be taken. I propose in the interim while funding is being secured, there is a low cost partial solution to the danger created at the intersection. First I'd like to review history of the intersection.

Overpass Rd. traffic traveling through the intersection prior to the opening of the rerouted segment of 2001 was traveling at 45 M.P.H. up to a dead end with a left turn lane into Sunfield onto Sunbright Blvd. with no oncoming traffic. Traffic from Sunfield was exiting via Sunbright Blvd. and entering Overpass Rd. from a stop sign via right turn with no traffic from the left and into a 45 M.P.H. speed limit.

Since the opening of the rerouted segment of 2001, Overpass Rd. / FM2001 traffic traveling through the intersection travels at 60 M.P.H. straight in two lanes with a left turn lane into Sunfield onto Sunbright Blvd. against 60 M.P.H. oncoming traffic. Traffic from Sunfield exits via Sunbright Blvd. and enters Overpass Rd./ FM2001 from a stop sign via left turn across two lanes of 60 M.P.H. traffic coming from the left and into two lanes of 60 M.P.H. traffic coming from the right or via right turn into two lanes of 60 M.P.H. traffic coming from the left and into a 45 M.P.H. speed limit. Although the added directions of uncontrolled traffic created by the rerouting of FM2001 is a critical issue, the speed of the traffic is also a key contributing factor to the danger of the intersection.

The speed could be mitigated immediately with minimal expense through installation of several speed limit signs (TXDoT or Hays Co.) with follow-up enforcement by Hays County Sheriff Dept.

Please see the attached document with current state speed limit signage and proposed speed limit signage. All of this speed limit rationale is based on existing traffic at the FM2001 and Sunbright Blvd. intersection. The rationale is substantially stronger with inclusion of the impact on the intersection of FM2001 with Satterwhite Rd. as well as with Hillside Terrace along with the addition of traffic from current and pending construction in the area (Prose 360 units / Alpine P1 372 units / Hillside Creek 115 units / Luxe ?oo units ). Note the proposed speed limit change will also positively impact the intersection with Windy Hill

Rd. Thank you for your consideration of this economical and expeditious partial solution to the dangerous convergence of traffic at FM2001 and Sunbright Boulevard. We obviously also look forward to the funding and installation of traffic signal lights at the intersection.

<image001.jpg>

[Prose Buda in Buda](#)  
[greystar.com](#)

<image002.jpg>

[Sunfield Buda](#)  
[alpinestartdev.com](#)

<image003.jpg>

[Hillside Terrace Improvement Project](#)  
[hillside Terraceimprovements.com](#)

<image004.jpg>

[Apartments In Buda, TX](#)  
[luxebuda.com](#)

Sincerely,  
Dan

Dan Butler  
Chairman  
Sunfield Community Association Advisory Committee  
[hugh.butler@ymail.com](mailto:hugh.butler@ymail.com)

---

A Texas Department of Transportation message

