

Concerns:

Additional housing in the 4400 block of Ball Camp Pike causing a bottleneck with traffic in an already congested area; heavy traffic around Copper Kettle Street, Ball Camp Pike, and Western Avenue; insufficient traffic light cycle patterns causing backups in this area; the addition of a carwash north of the Copper Kettle Street and Western Avenue intersection adding more traffic; multiple lane cross traffic convergence exiting Western Avenue directly onto Copper Kettle Street; heavier traffic going to and from Victor Ashe Park during soccer season and during Knox County middle and high school cross country meets; sidewalks to allow for safer travel and bus stops.

There is a proposed 40-unit housing development in and around the 4400 block of Ball Camp Pike. It is located near the convergence of Copper Kettle Street, Ball Camp Pike, the entrance and exit from Wendy's restaurant, as well as three different cross connecting lanes of traffic that join to exit from Western Avenue and proceed towards the area in question for the additional housing. Furthermore, there is now a carwash north of the Copper Kettle Street/Western Avenue intersection which will also add even more traffic. During non-peak school hours, the traffic flow is already crowded due to the slow timing of the traffic lights, which do not always allow progress onto Western Avenue from Copper Kettle Street. During school hours, the backup is even more overcrowded and congested. This creates an even longer delay while waiting for the light at Western Avenue and Copper Kettle to cycle through to allow for a smoother and productive traffic pattern. Adding 40 new home sites also does not take into consideration the overcrowding from the numerous vehicles using this road going to and from Victor Ashe Park during soccer season and during Knox County middle and high school cross country meets. In addition, sidewalks would allow for easier access for those without transportation or handicapped individuals to use the bus services.

Ordering an extensive traffic overview to predict any additional problems arising from increased housing on an already overcrowded and congested section of Ball Camp Pike could help show areas of improvement and expose current trouble spots.