

Proposal to Move Routes 51 and 57 from Hammersley Road to Piping Rock Road (Between Brookwood Road and Whitney Way)

The left turn from eastbound Hammersley Road onto northbound Whitney Way is becoming increasingly hazardous for buses because of the limited sightline and the speed of the vehicles coming over the hill to the south of the intersection on Whitney Way. In addition, the reconfiguration of the intersection—with the addition of the center island and left turn bay onto northbound Whitney Way—has made the turn more difficult for buses.

There are no sidewalks or even terraces for bus stops and pedestrians along Hammersley Road, forcing people to walk in the traffic lanes to access the bus stops. In contrast, Piping Rock Rd has sidewalks and terraces. The left turn from eastbound Piping Rock Rd onto northbound Whitney Way affords a better sightline onto Whitney Way to the south, and the turn is not encumbered by a center island in the intersection.

Metro already operates supplemental school day routes on Piping Rock Rd. Also, during the construction project that reconfigured the Whitney Way/Hammersley Road intersection in 2009, Metro routes 51 and 57 detoured to this section of Piping Rock Rd. It was observed that the detour routing was actually preferable to the regular routing on Hammersley Road, for the reasons cited above.

