



Date: July 12, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor O'Neill and Members of the City Council

From: Frank Colonna, Council Member, Third District *FC*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM: Traffic and Safety Evaluation of Loynes Drive**

Background

Historically, Loynes Drive in the Third District has presented significant traffic and safety concerns for not only the residents of our city but also anyone attempting to navigate this roadway.

It is well known that certain sections of Loynes Drive have been paved over so many times that there could be as much as six feet of asphalt in some areas. The changing and shifting elevations of the roadway create additional concerns.

The recent fatality at Loynes Drive once again brings to the forefront the necessity to thoroughly evaluate the merits of this road as a public thoroughfare.

Some of the options that have been suggested include closing one or two lanes of traffic on each side of the road, determining whether to partially close the road to through traffic, possible barricades, and other appropriate measures related to road safety.

Recommended Council Action

I request the city manager to evaluate these recommendations and all other possible options within 45 days.