

**West – Emerald – Osler Feasibility Study**  
**Alternative Improvement Options**  
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Option #1 Pros and Cons

Pros –

- Pedestrian signals are not followed by cars and not safe
- No left turn from Osler! ☺
- Need stop signs at West and Emerald for convenience of residents
- Need a stop sign at Emerald because it is the only safe entrance and exit to the neighborhood. Washington is far too dangerous.

Cons-

- Slows down traffic with 2 immediate stops in a short distance.
- Won't help morning high school traffic and work...
- This is horrific! Even Gartner and Emerald severely affected just before school
- Residents need to be able to turn right and left on West

Option #1 Aerial

- Doesn't solve current pedestrian safety problems at West and Emerald
- Retain stop on West
- Best The a.m. backup at Emerald and West would force traffic to other streets. – Emerald is not designed to carry the traffic it captures!
- Add a stop at Williamsburg on West. This would force shared duty (Williamsburg and Emerald) for traffic to the areas. The added distance from Osler to Williamsburg would be beneficial.
- Enforce left turn restrictions at Osler
- Keep stop signs. Coming out of Emerald it is blind when looking for traffic from north
- Emerald right in right out
- Better left untouched in this area
- All way stop needs to be kept here. Pedestrian friendly, don't move (unless added)
- If you must eliminate this stop sign, move it to Williamsburg and West All Way
- No traffic lights. Dump some dirt put up a dead end sign on Osler – problem solved
- No cars for high-schoolers! Major mess before school – dangerous driving.
- Convert West and Osler to right in on Osler and right out for Osler – make it big enough that can't turn left
- Close Osler, leave stop signs
- No left turn onto West from Osler. Route that traffic to Martin via Brom Drive.
- Will cause yet further (major) back-up on Emerald
- Technically Osler is more of a private street so shouldn't the hospital pay for a traffic control point if they're having a problem?

### Option #2 Pros and Cons

Pros –

- Traffic signal will improve access for residential properties on Emerald Drive (1 dot)
- Pedestrian signals improve pedestrian mobility and safety in the area. (8 dots)
- Best solution
- Best idea. People never stop at Emerald/West and it helps pedestrians.
- Osler right turn only. ☺
- Best option. We need a light at West and Emerald.
- Not true

Cons-

- Do not agree
- Not perfect, but best of available plans.
- Best solution (1 dot)

### Option #2 Aerial

- Best Solution
- No Good – This basically changes nothing, especially when you consider Edward's traffic will continue to grow. Emerald will continue to fight an increased problem with speed/safety.
- 3 way stop at Emerald and West works just fine.
- No left turn off Osler; right turn only
- No left turn from Osler ☺
- No left turn at Osler! Use Martin instead. No left turn from Osler 24/7 or during rush hour.
- Close Osler at Brom. Linden Oaks can access from West and hospital traffic can take Brom to Martin.
- Close Osler access
- No left turn off Osler
- Ditto!
- Osler right turn only
- Ditto!
- Osler in-only
- Osler right turn only no left!
- No left turn from Osler! Keep the rest the same.

### Option #3 Pros and Cons

Pros –

- Do not agree – traffic will be worse
- Disagree- greater chance of accidents
- With the amount of traffic on west street, these bottlenecks will clog up the works
- PLEASE NO! roundabouts
- I'm all for safety

Cons-

- Drivers unfamiliar with the area may not understand how to use the roundabouts (1 dot)
- Don't take any more open space
- New Jersey DOT spent \$\$\$ undoing their roundabouts. I have driven on these – difficult traffic flow
- NO ROUNDABOUTS!
- I have experienced roundabout living in Ohio. They basically caused confusion and created dangerous situations.

#### Option #3 Aerial

- Heavy traffic Emerald and Osler would never be able to merge in
- Generally speaking people do not understand roundabouts
- Are they beyond learning? They work great in Massachusetts and on Hilton Head.
- In one word – STUPID – can you imagine what this will cost when we realize this simply doesn't work!!
- ALT Option – (drawing of roundabout on West between Emerald and Osler).
- Osler – In only
- I LOVE this idea. It would slow down traffic
- We do not need to lose any more garden plots

#### Option #4 –Pros and Cons

##### Pros –

- Traffic will be slower and worse
- Cuts off access to residences on and off Emerald - ridiculous
- Horrible idea- This only encourages traffic down a residential street
- Doesn't solve the problem of the high volume of traffic that uses West St exclusively
- Bad idea – no way to turn left to get on Osler to turn right!
- What are you thinking! This is ridiculous.
- This is a good choice – it will reduce traffic on Emerald and the potential for accidents with sidewalks next to street.
- Bad- how are cars on Emerald going to turn left when hospital traffic is there?
- Horrible thing to do to the West Highland residents. Would cause more problems.
- No way – why inconvenience the whole subdivision and make it harder for them to get on West
- ☹

##### Cons-

- Potential to increase non-residential traffic in the adjacent neighborhood (1 dot)
- Ridiculous – Emerald traffic wouldn't be able to get onto Osler.
- Terrible idea- to back up Emerald in order for Edward's employees to access West. Better solutions can be thought of...
- NO! PLEASE!
- Wrong idea

- Wooded area adjacent to the Linden Oaks parking lot used for patient treatment would be removed (1 dot)
- Stormwater storage between West Street and Linden Oaks would be reduced. (1 dot)
- How is this going to work for high school in morning
- Storm water is already a problem running into the neighborhood. This would only add to that problem.

Option #4 Aerial

- NOT A GOOD OPTION!
- If this must be the choice.... Alt. Opt Cross traffic does not stop, Emerald would have the right of way, Osler would stop BEFORE Emerald
- Neighborhood traffic from Emerald wouldn't be able to get onto Osler