

These are the issues that we want to address:

- **Traffic Light:**
 - At the present time the absence of a traffic control device in front of the school on Tussing has created many traffic issues during school hours. Because it is so difficult for people to access the school entrance from Tussing, the buses and parents are both utilizing the entrance to the Park Place West sub division to enter the school property through the back entrance. In doing so, this it has created a major traffic concern in the PPW sub division, preventing many residents from being able to get out of the driveways or to turn out of the subdivision. As soon as 8:30 a.m. hits, PPW residents can't go anywhere.
 - Once children are dropped off, parents and buses will sit in line the school parking lot while attempting to turn on to Tussing to leave school property. Due to rush hour, it is not uncommon for these individuals to sit there for over 15 minutes.
 - Because of this congestion, drivers on Tussing will deliberately stop to allow parents and school buses to turn out of the school, but at the same time they back up traffic on Tussing. When traffic backs up and people waiting in that traffic get angry, they often times will drive off the road, in the grass to drive around traffic. But when merging back on the road they almost hit the individuals that are being let out of the school parking lot.
 - A stoplight that is operational during school hours and a blinking yellow during non-school hours would suit the area. This in addition to the reconstruction of Tussing would allow all school traffic to flow in and out of the school parking lot through the front entrance, without backing up traffic on Tussing, and in the Park Place West subdivision.
- **School Zone Sign:**
 - at the present time there are no signs indicating to traffic that there is a school present on Tussing.
 - There are no crosswalks but there are still school children that end up walking along side or across Tussing.
 - Despite residents knowing there is a school there, speeding (35-50mph) is a constant issue in front of the school. More extensive penalties don't exist to those who speed through this area because the school zone is not marked.
- **Reduced Speed through the school zone:**
 - Every school is clearly marked to be a 20mph zone during school hours to ensure child safety. Any children who need to cross Tussing should not be dodging vehicles traveling 35-50mph.
 - To help prevent speed and traffic issues, this needs to be implemented.
- **Crosswalks/Sidewalks:**
 - Crosswalks should be placed at the light at Hines and Tussing or directly in front of the school (when the light is placed there).
 - Because there are children traveling alongside Tussing, sidewalks should be in place so that children do not have to walk on the immediate birm (which obviously puts them in danger).
- **Reconstruction of Tussing:**
 - The residents in this area are constantly complaining about our road conditions. Even the mayor of Pickerington is concerned about them.
 - Potholes are constantly being patched only to open up a few weeks later. Some are to the extent of leaving a continuous gap in the road and in some sections cause people to veer into the oncoming lane or to travel onto the grass to get past them safely and without severe vehicle damage. It is not uncommon to see disabled vehicles littering Tussing.
 - Also because these areas have been patched so much it has created an extremely bumpy and unpleasant road to travel on.

- In addition, the way Tussing is currently constructed is does not allow for a smooth flow of traffic due to development over the past years.
- Many residents trying to turn into or out of their subdivisions will back up traffic because there is nowhere for them to go.
- If Tussing were to be reconstructed to become a constant three lane road: one lane for flow of traffic headed east, one for traffic headed west, and a constant center turning lane; if anyone needs to turn into a subdivision, they are not backing up traffic.
- Also this will allow for a smoother flow in front of Tussing Elementary and will alleviate many of the traffic problems that Park Place West are now experiencing.