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Mike:

Were all excited about the new Kroger opening at Loggins Comers on May 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be very nice to have a first class grocery in our community.

However, as the Jackson Herald has frequently reported, the lack of a traffic signal at the adjacent intersection on the Damon Gause by-pass, will result in significant congestion during peak periods and will pose a high risk for more bad accidents. Work is now underway by the GDOT and the City of Jefferson to add turn lanes and a traffic signal, but it will be some time before this project is completed.

In the mean time, we ll all have to learn how to live with this dangerous intersection and avoid accidents. I have a suggestion for anyone located on the Kroger side of the by-pass who needs to cross over the intersection. The intersection can be completely avoided by using the access streets behind the Kroger. Simply exit the Kroger parking lot to Faith Drive or Loggins Dr. located behind the shopping center. Then, go to US 129 on the east side of Beef O Bradys, turn right on the bypass and go to the next intersection at Old Swimming Pool Rd. and make a U-turn to head back towards I-85. I ve included a map sketch of this route on the Loggins Comers website at [www.LogginsComers.com](http://www.LogginsComers.com). This route would also make sense for folks who are in Jefferson on the north side of the bypass. (i.e. go to the new Kroger via Old Swimming Pool Rd., not Old Pendergrass Rd.) In addition to being safer, this route will also save time during those peak periods when traffic is backed up on Old Pendergrass Rd. at the intersection.

I believe it will become very apparent with the opening of the new Kroger and the growing number of new stores at Loggins Comers, that the existing congestion and dangerous conditions at the Damon Gause intersection will become much worse. I would like to encourage all officials with The City of Jefferson, GDOT and Jackson County to do whatever they can to expedite work now in progress to upgrade this intersection and get the traffic signal installed as soon as possible.

More information about the merchants at Loggins Comers, including Kroger, and the traffic signal project can be found at the Loggins Comers website: [www.LogginsComers.com](http://www.LogginsComers.com).

Thanks,

*Dave Rosselle*