

BOC to offer funds for bypass traffic signal

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SAFETY CONCERNS at a dangerous intersection on the Jefferson bypass has led the Jackson County Board of Commissioners to consider offering some money for a traffic signal.

The BOC is considering offering the City of Jefferson \$40,000 to go toward placing a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Pendergrass Road and the Major Damon Gause Bypass. The matter was discussed at a BOC meeting this week

and the board agreed to put it on the agenda for action when it meets at 6 p.m. Monday at the courthouse.

Commissioner Tom Crow recommended the BOC offer the city \$40,000. He said the county's engineer estimates that a new traffic signal would cost \$80,000. The city also reportedly would need more money for road improvements.

Commissioner Jody Thompson questioned where the \$40,000 would come

from. Crow said it would come from the county's unreserved funds.

Bell pointed out that it is a state route and the Georgia Department of Transportation would have to approve any changes.

"The bottom line is that the DOT hoops have to be jumped through," she said. "It is their road."

Jefferson has sent the DOT a required report and statistics about the need for the traffic signal.