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The project at 25 Rockwood Road faces distinct challenges for traffic and safety. The access/egress at Rockwood Road is certainly the most challenging. There are safety concerns for entering or exiting 25 Rockwood in both directions. Exiting in a northerly or southerly direction from 25 Rockwood Road will be dangerous as a result of inadequate sight distance caused by the two homes at 27 and 29 Rockwood. The train crossing will cause traffic to be blocked when the gates are down for the arrival of an east bound or west bound train. I can see a time when turning into 25 Rockwood Road will be delayed as a result of the backup caused by the crossing gates being down. I also see an issue with traffic driving over the tracks and suddenly having to stop as a result of traffic desiring to turn left into 25 Rockwood Road and traffic that might back up possibly blocking the train crossing for a brief period of time. Because there is sight distance issues caused by the homes at 27 and 29 Rockwood Road a vehicle traveling in a southerly direction and turning right into the 25 Rockwood Road project may cause a traffic issue if there is any delay turning into the driveway. If there was a possibility of traffic entering this project from another location or street I would prefer to have that be the primary means to enter this area and leave the Rockwood Road access as an alternate access or emergency access if the sight distance issue cannot be addressed.

If Public Safety is expected to maintain patrols or access the area for emergencies then it is best that we have the ability to turn around easily by having enough area to do so or use cul-de-sacs at the end of roads. Clearly a loop road design would provide the easiest means to view or access the property if necessary without having to back up a vehicle whether it be a police or fire vehicle.

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