

YOUR Ideas YOUR Initiatives 2020

~ Monitoring and Proposing Solutions for the main thoroughfare
through Virje ~



Picture 1 The Church
in Virje



Picture 2 Flag of town Virje



Picture 3 Virje town from above



Strukovna škola Đurđevac



Picture 4 Vocational School
Đurđevac

- Vocational School Đurđevac offers many educational programs like traffic and logistics, economics, mechatronics technician, IT technician, hairdresser, beautician, chef, waiter, woodworker etc.

- Our students are very active in many different domains such as school cooperative, human rights, volunteering in the public library, cleaning the school environment, experts' lectures, etc.



Picture 5 Our students with teachers



Picture 6 Volunteering in the public library

About the project

Location: Virje

Streets: Mitrovica, Novigradska, Ljudevit Gaj, Trnovec, Ban Jelacic Square

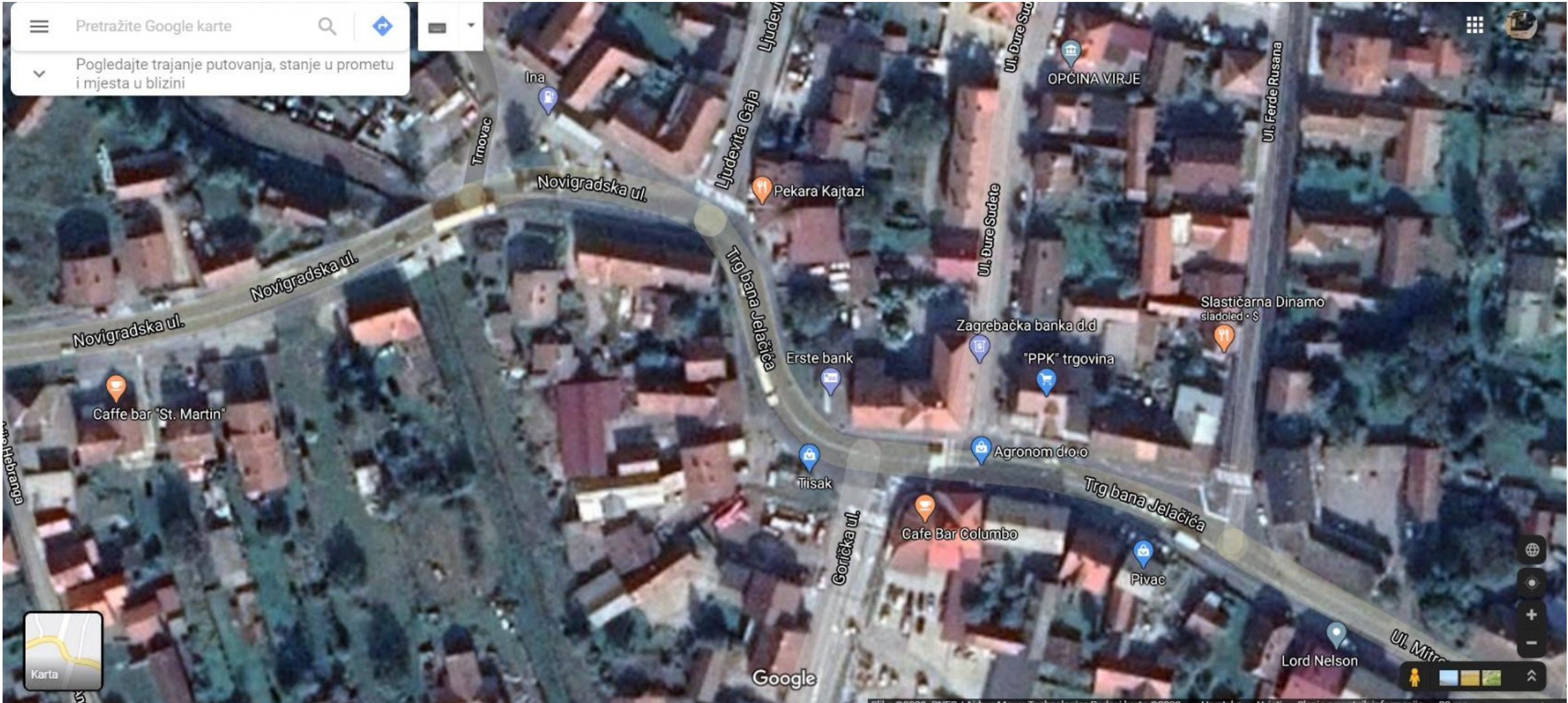
Project description :

In this project, grade 2.g, would indicate to the problem of poor construction of the main road through Virje towards Novigrad Podravski and Koprivnica.

The main thoroughfare extends from Mitrovica Street across Ban Jelačić Square to Novigradska Street. Two side streets Trnovec and Ljudevit Gaj are adjoined to Mitrovica main street, as well .

The biggest problem is poor visibility through sharp bends, traffic jams, bad weather conditions and traffic jams when leaving for work or school.

We would reconstruct the main thoroughfare to provide better and easier traffic flow, and to improve visibility in bends and streets in order to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians in traffic. We believe that the main thoroughfare would be improved with roundabouts and some changes in the road infrastructure itself as well as with new traffic signs.



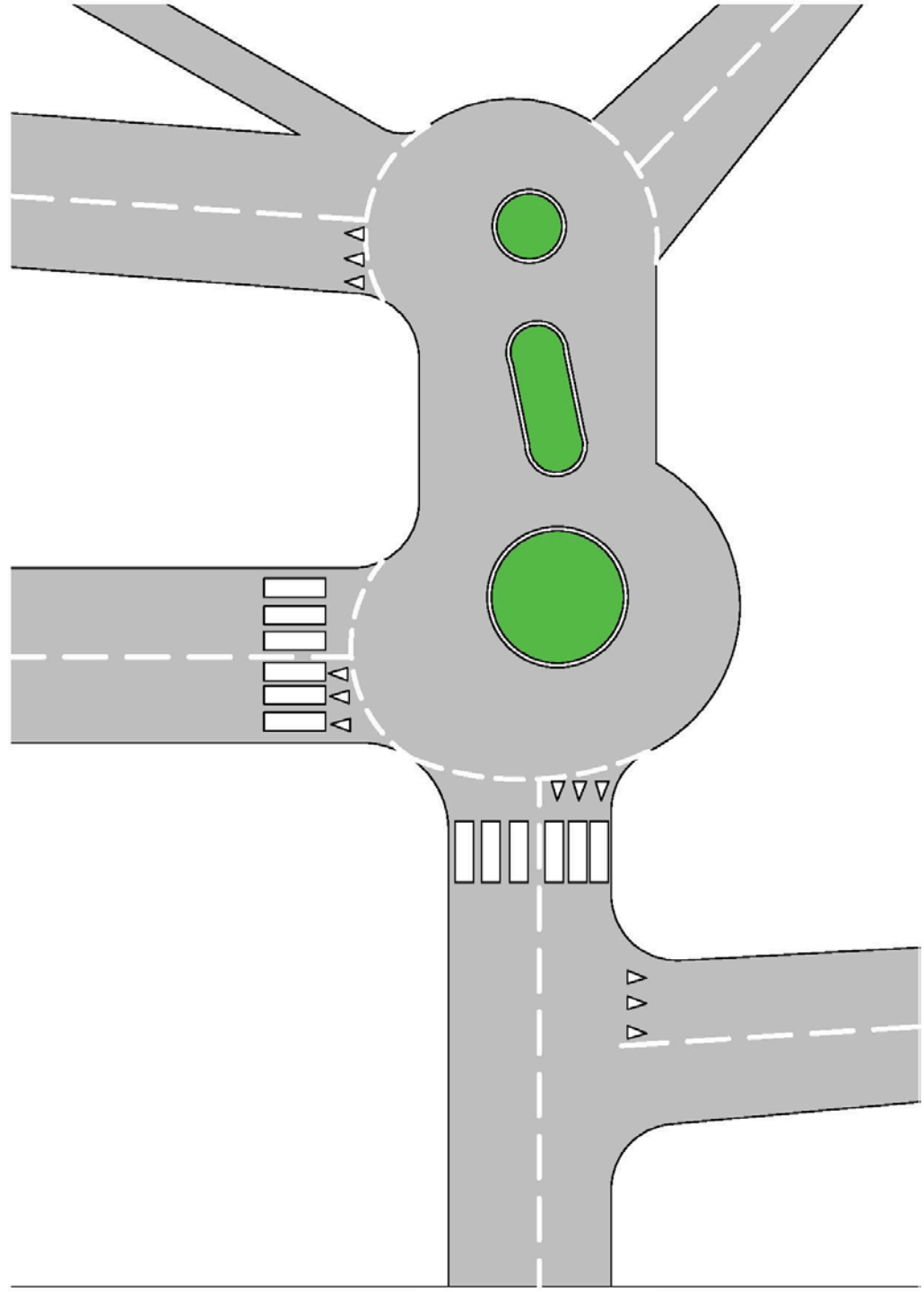
What is the problem?

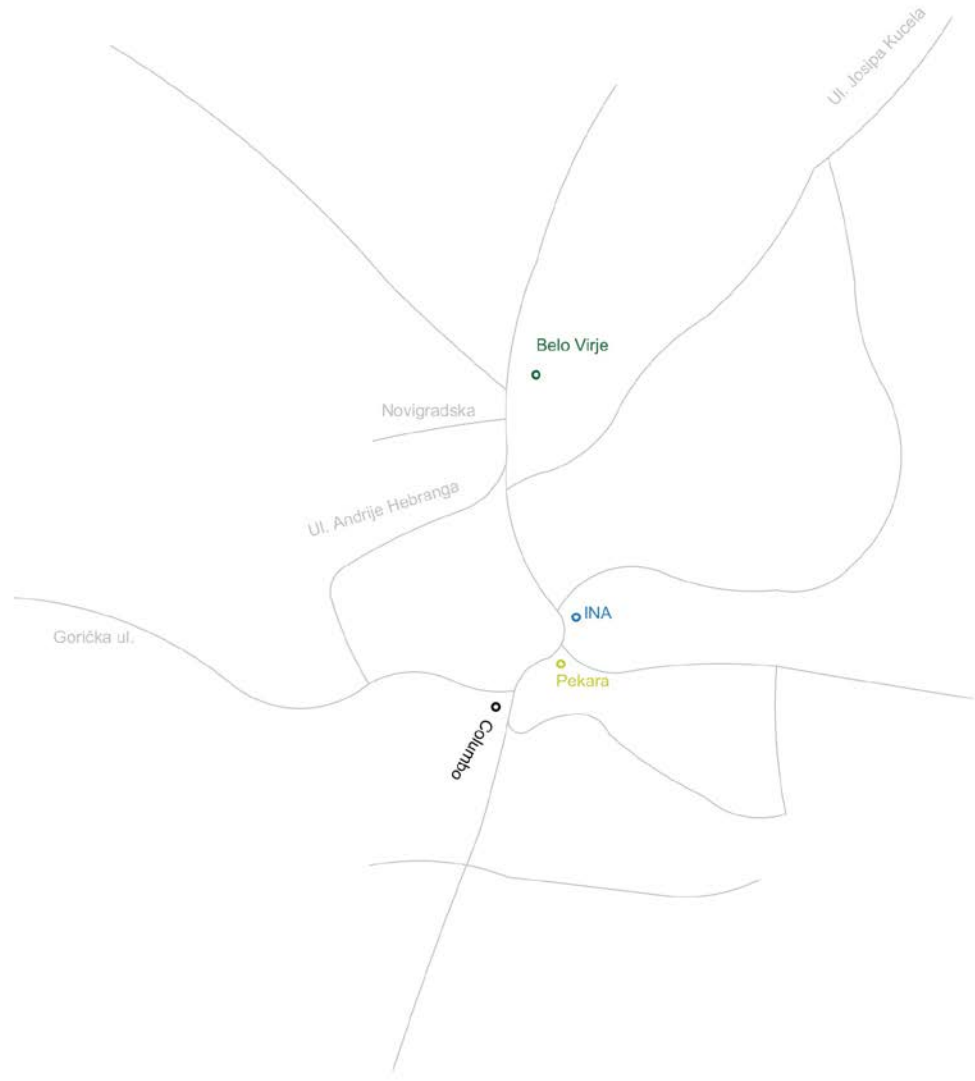
We interviewed drivers and found out some of the issues:

The problem is when two wheeler trucks with trailers meet, one of them must go into the opposite lane so that it does not jump on the curb, causing a deadlock and creating a traffic jam.

There is also a problem at the gas station when the fuel tank comes. It causes a standstill because there is no stop for the tank and it stands on the road. After that, the asphalt remains greasy, slippery and unsafe.

Pedestrians do not have their own footpath, so drivers have to slow down because of them.





The results of research of traffic accidents

Ban Jelacic Square intersection with access streets in
Virje

	Number of traffic accidents		
	With material damage	With injured people	With casualties
2015	2 (INSUFFICIENT DISTANCE BETWEEN VEHICLES)		
2016	1 (RIGHT OF WAY)		
2017	1 (RIGHT OF WAY)	1 (RIGHT OF WAY)	
2018			
2019		1 (OTHER –Vehicle-Pedestrian Collision)	
2020			

Table 1 Number of traffic accidents

	INJURED AND DEAD		
	Minor body Injuries	Severe body injuries	The Dead
2015			
2016			
2017	1		
2018			
2019		1	
2020			

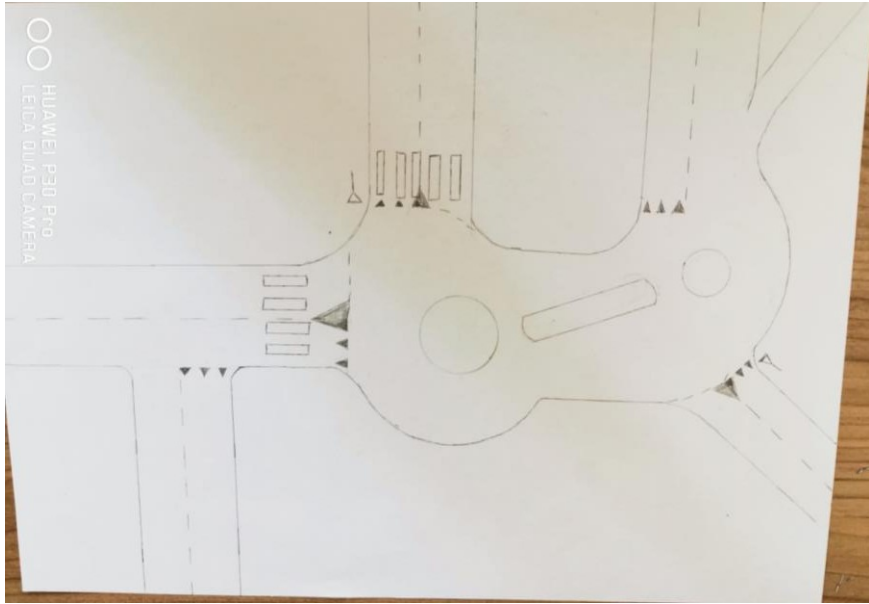
Table 2 Number of injured persons

What can we do?

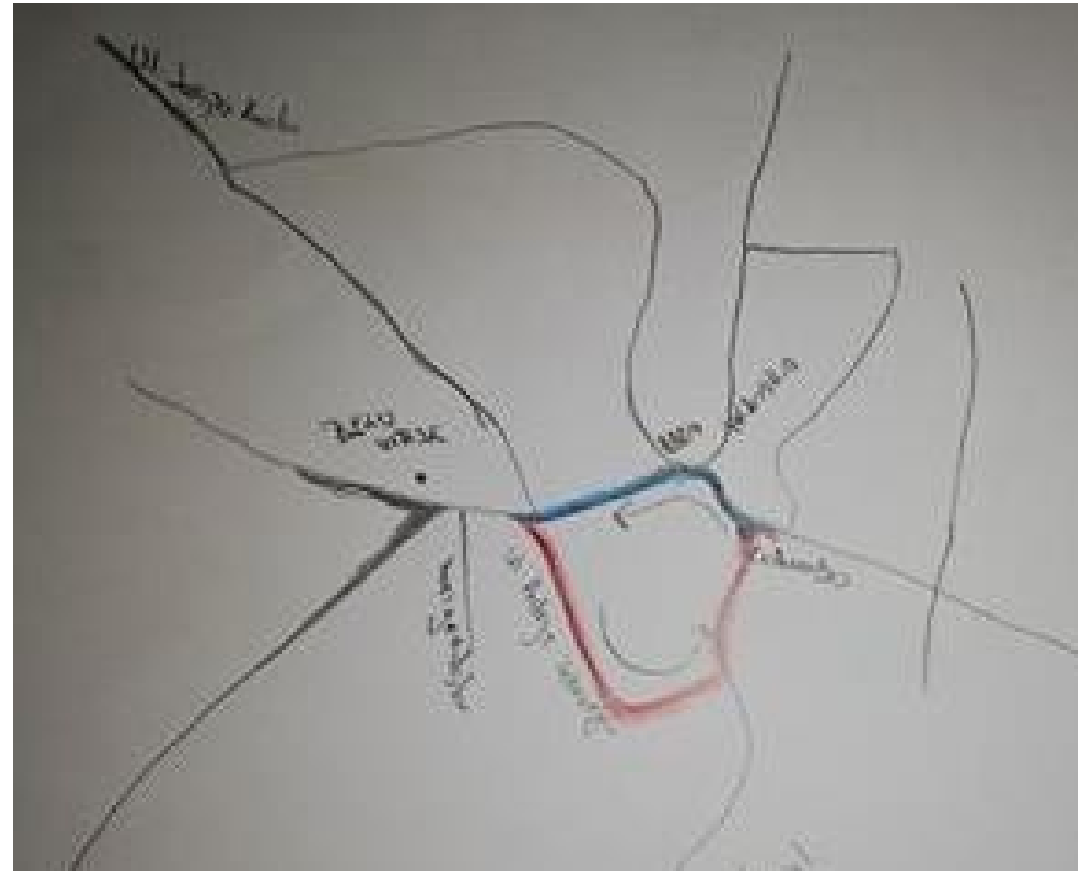
The poor construction of the main road through Virje, which extends from Mitrovica Street through Ban Jelačić Square to Novigradska Street, to which two side streets Trnovec and Ljudevit Gaj are adjoined, would be reconstructed in the following two ways:

They would demolish two houses on a blind bend, the bank which is opposite the bend, the old building and the INA gas station in order to get more space.

Two roundabouts would be built in this area in order to improve traffic flow, with bicycle and pedestrian paths and all the necessary traffic signalling.



Picture project with two roundabouts



Picture project with traffic diversion to Andrija Hebrang Street

How did public authorities react to our ideas?

We contacted the Mayor of Virje Municipality and were told that Croatian Roads Ltd. initiated the project of reconstruction of the state road D2 from Koprivnica to Kloštar Podravski and that geodetic surveys of the mentioned area were in progress.

We sent a letter to Croatian roads Ltd. In which we specifically mentioned the problem of the Virje Center, that is the intersection with Ljudevit Gaj Street. We suggested that Croatian roads Ltd. buy the two existing houses in order to address the issue of the intersection in the most adequate way.

We believe that the reconstruction will solve the problem of regulation of bicycle and pedestrian paths with all the necessary traffic signalling.

The Municipality of Virje and I, personally, will actively participate in the public discussion regarding this project in relation to the road section passing through Virje.

What can we expect in the future?

In the future, we expect the intersection to be reconstructed, for better and safer traffic flow.

It does not matter whose suggestion will be accepted, ours or a construction and traffic control specialist's. However, it is necessary to make the reconstruction for the mentioned intersection.

THE END!

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