

Miller Avenue Corridor
Design Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2009

8:00am Calvary Church, front porch

The agenda of today's meeting was to:

1. Come up with project goals, with which it will be possible to measure the effectiveness of possible design concepts.
2. Talk about the possible format/timing of the next public meeting

The tentative timeline will be:

1. Next DAC – two weeks before public meeting, to give input on conceptual designs
2. Design concepts posted on website
3. Next public meeting – July
 - o Present design concepts ~3 options, with treatment of intersection presented separately
 - o Include low/med/high cost estimates (and any limitations that exist)
 - o Split the group into smaller groups to gather comments

First, Nick led the group through the summary of the survey, which was collected at the public meeting, and also sent to residents. Some comments during that conversation:

- Houses with no garage usually have 2 cars in front in the evening, on the South side. The North side of the street parking is not used as much.
- Is it possible to have permeable paving in the parking lanes & bike lanes, as well as the sidewalks? (feasibility will be investigated. If ok from maintenance perspective, they can be part of solutions presented at public meeting.)
- Is a roundabout a possible solution for the Newport Miller intersection? Yes, it would address traffic calming, traffic flow, and pedestrian crossing.
- Accommodating bus pullouts without impacting through traffic, or transit schedules should be addressed.
- One possible design option:
 - o Parking on south
 - o 1 lane of traffic inbound
 - o Left turning /ped crossing lane
 - o 1 lane of traffic outbound
 - o (No parking on north)

Goals for the Project

- Safe pedestrian crossings
 - o School children
 - o At bus stops
- Safe bicycle passage
- Smooth/new pavement for both bikes & cars

- Storm water quality improvements
 - First Flush infiltration (the first ½” of a rainstorm)
 - Reduce downstream incidence of e-coli (along with total suspended solids, nitrogen, phosphorus)
- Reduce storm water runoff quantity – by reducing impervious surface
- Don’t make it more difficult for residents to exit their driveways
- ADA access to bus stops
 - Sidewalks
 - Ramps
- Improving traffic flow at the Newport/Miller intersection
- Improve traffic flow around left turning traffic on Miller

“Follow Up” Items

- Are all properties on Miller Avenue in the City? **YES**
- According to the school district boundaries, only middle school students would be crossing Miller to head up Newport to Forsythe.
- We will be tracking down some stop-by-stop ridership data from AATA
- We will be producing a map that incorporates parking needs, pedestrian crossing needs, bus stops, and rain garden interest all together. We will send that out when it is done.

Attendees:

Nick Hutchinson, Project Manager, City of AA
 Mandy Lemmer, Intern, City of AA
 Paul Gustitus, Miller Resident
 Susan Bryan, Landscape Architect, City of AA
 Les Sipowski, Transportation Engineer, City of AA
 Jeremy Sobczak, Miller Resident
 Dave LeRoy, Resident, Sunset/Brooks Neighborhood Association
 Jerry Hancock, Stormwater & Floodplain Management Coordinator, City of AA
 Carol Collins, Miller Resident
 Kevin Clark, Miller Resident
 Eli Cooper, Transportation Program Manager, City of AA

Absent:

Jeff Kahan, Planner, City of AA
 Lou Glorie, Brooks Street resident, Brooks Street Neighborhood Association
 Brad Mellor, Director of Transportation, Ann Arbor Public Schools
 Dave Dykman, Design Engineer, City of AA
 Harry Sheehan, Environmental Manager, Washtenaw County Drain Commission (now called the Water Resources Commission)