

**Miller Avenue Corridor
Design Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

July 14, 2009

8:00am Calvary Church, conference room

The agenda of today's meeting was to:

1. Briefly go over the proposed design concepts. They will be posted on the web today or tomorrow.
2. Talk about the format of the next public meeting – Wed July 29, 7:00 p.m.

Present

Nick Hutchinson, Project Manager, City of AA (734) 794-6410 ext. 43633
Mandy Lemmer, Intern, City of AA
Carol Collins, Miller Resident (734) 995-5520
Kevin Clark, Miller Resident (734) 615-7520
Eli Cooper, Transportation Program Manager, City of AA (734) 794-6430 ext. 43710
Jeff Kahan, Planner, City of AA (734) 794-6000 ext. 42614
Paul Gustitus, Miller Resident (734) 668-4181 or (734) 846-9588
Jerry Hancock, Stormwater & Floodplain Mgmt. Coordinator (734) 794-6430 ext. 43709
Susan Bryan, Landscape Architect, City of AA (734) 794-6410 ext 43631
Brad Mellor, Director of Transportation, Ann Arbor Public Schools (734) 368-3363

Absent:

Les Sipowski, Transportation Engineer, City of AA
Jeremy Sobczak, Miller Resident
Dave LeRoy, Resident, Sunset/Brooks Neighborhood Association
Lou Glorie, Brooks Street resident, Brooks Street Neighborhood Association
Dave Dykman, Design Engineer, City of AA
Harry Sheehan, Environmental Manager, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner's Office (now called the Water Resources Commissioner)

General Comments

Traffic count data was taken in April, and should be arriving to Les Sipowski, traffic engineer, today. April was optimal, since school was still in, but before construction season began. (This timing will be confirmed)

Comments on Intersection Concept Plan

- What is the vehicle stacking capacity of the left turn lane?
- Brad Mellor reported good experiences & safety record for the roundabout at Miller and Maple.
- A comparable roundabout to visit is located at Nixon & Huron Parkway.

Comments on Street Concept Plan

- Parking at Miller Park – need one option that accomodates
- There are 2 sidewalk options; one going into the woods of Miller Park and one flush to the curb. Either option can be used in any of the concepts
- Pedestrian crossing at Miller Park
- Bus pullouts – like at Platt Road. Having the bus pull right up to the sidewalk is nice for wheelchair users.
- Option 2 did not solve pedestrian crossing problems because people have to wait for a gap in both directions.

- Bus stops should have pedestrian crossings behind the bus
- All of the concepts for the main line of Miller can work with any of the options at the Newport intersection.
- In concept 1 there is only room for parking on one side of the street – most likely the south side. This would force guests of houses on the side with no parking to cross the street to get to their destination.
- Is the left turn lane necessary the entire length of the road? (turning into driveways and minor side streets)
- There is parking on all concepts, but option #1 is the only option that will make backing out of driveways more challenging.
- The rain gardens and storm water improvements on option 1 would be minimal
- For crossings with refuge islands, there is approximately 12' of pavement that pedestrians would have to cross. The islands could be placed anywhere – even mid-block for Option 1.
- The thought to use permeable pavement for the parking areas has been eliminated due to matinance differences between permeable and regular asphalt.
- Option 2 will have the most storm water improvements
- The pedestrian islands will make crossing easier for wheelchairs

Public Meeting Layout

1. Present concepts (Nick)
2. Divide into small groups for concept review
 - use sticky notes to rank and provide comments on one drawing
 - can hand out numbered cards to form groups
 - Discussion points for each group to cover
3. Report from small group to entire group
 - Transfer sticky notes with rankings to one map so all can see the general consensus

Action Items for Public Meeting

- Provide an agenda with times for meeting items
- A list of common topics should be created for the groups to discuss
- Provide facilitator & notetaker for each group -- Nick will ask for DAC's availability