



NIXON CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Comments and Project Updates

Project Goals

- Improve safety
- Increase non-motorized facilities
- Reduce user delays and improve access

More than 300 comments have been received through the online survey, 6/7/18 public meeting at Clague Middle School, 7/19/18 Chinese American Society of Ann Arbor meeting at the Barclay Park Club House, as well as email, mail and phone conversations. These comments were consolidated and categorized into the areas shown below. A brief description of how the comments were addressed in the updated preliminary design are detailed below.

ROUNDBABOUTS & TRAFFIC

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Too many roundabouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed Argonne Drive roundabout • Numerous corridors across U.S. with multiple roundabouts
Safety concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-lane roundabout design • Pedestrian and bike facilities provided • Design provides space for emergency vehicles
Too small	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to accommodate large trucks with mountable islands (semi-trucks can drive over curb if needed)
Current and future traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to accommodate traffic growth
Prevent impact on nearby roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor travel time is good • Diversion traffic to avoid the roundabouts should be minimal
Too much speeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed moderated with roundabouts
Accommodate bus stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be included in design

3-LANE, 2-LANE VS BOULEVARD

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Boulevard safer and more attractive	Design has mix of left-turn lanes, boulevards, and roundabouts to minimize impacts and support all modes of travel
Center lane moves traffic better	
Prefer mix of sections	
Don't widen road	

BIKING AND WALKING

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Must be bikeable and safe	Bike lanes with 4-foot buffer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improves biker safety and comfort 2. Easier to maintain (sweeping and plowing)
Must be walkable for all and safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City ordinance requires vehicles to stop for all pedestrians • Crosswalks to be evaluated using City guidelines • Slower vehicle speeds due to roundabouts increase the chance of pedestrians being spotted, and the chances for drivers to stop for pedestrians • Roundabout splitter islands also provide a pedestrian refuge, requiring the pedestrian to only cross one lane of traffic at a time

AURORA STREET

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Difficult to turn onto Nixon Road with traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Right-in/right-out at Aurora Street• Sandalwood roundabout used as U-turn• Greatly improves traffic flow and works in tandem with Sandalwood roundabout• Faster than waiting for left turn during peak hours• Added crosswalk

BLUETT DRIVE

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Support roundabout here if eases traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greatly improves traffic flow and works in tandem with Traver Boulevard roundabout• Refined layout to reduce impacts to natural features and property• Added crosswalk

CLAGUE STREET AND TRAVER BOULEVARD

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Support roundabout here if eases traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greatly improves traffic flow and works in tandem with Bluett Drive roundabout• Refined layout to reduce impacts to natural features and property
Concern about pedestrian safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City ordinance requires vehicles to stop for all pedestrians• Crosswalks to be evaluated using City guidelines• Widened crosswalk to accommodate additional pedestrians• Median provides pedestrian safety buffer

ARGONNE DRIVE

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Save the mature trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrow median and restricted left turns allow trees on east side to be saved
Roundabout not necessary here	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundabout evaluated and removed

BARCLAY WAY

COMMENT SUMMARY	PROJECT UPDATES
Construction timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundabout could be constructed as a separate future phase
Bus route impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundabout provides ability to turn buses and therefore bus routes could potentially be extended to Barclay Way