

POPLAR BRIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC STUDY

Study Advisory Committee Recommendation

At the last Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, April 14, 2008, the SAC reviewed all the comments received from the neighborhood regarding the five alternatives presented at the open house. Based on the comment card comments and their discussion, the following recommendation was made:

The SAC recommends implementation of the 84th/France and 90th/France improvements. If one has to be chosen over the other due to funding constraints, 84th/France is to be the priority. After that improvement is made, we recommend doing a series of trial and tests. The first trial would be the turn prohibition and narrowing of the entry points at key points into the neighborhood (resembling Alternative E). The second trial would be Nine Mile Creek/Poplar Creek diverter installation (part of Alternative C). And, the third trial (if the second one results in diversion through the neighborhood) would be to add the other two diverters in Alternative C. We recommend that there be some sort of neighborhood survey after the trial/testing phase and then a decision about the final improvement should be made.

The minority report is essentially that the testing of the turn prohibitions and the Nine Mile Creek/Poplar Bridge diverter be done immediately and not postponed until after the 84th/France improvements are made. The concerns that with the SAC primary recommendation is that intersections improvements to 84th/France will be delayed due to lack of funding or take too long even with funding. Under the SAC recommendation, there is no immediate traffic relief for the Stanley residents.

TTAC RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting on April 24, 2008, the TTAC adopted the following recommendation to the Bloomington City Council upon the study's completion:

- Motion 1 – Recommend improvements at the intersection of West 84th Street/France Avenue (5 to 0)
- Motion 2 – Recommend improvements at the intersection of West 90th Street/France Avenue (4 to 1)
- Motion 3 – Recommend trial of turn restrictions and entry treatments (4 to 1)
- Motion 4 – Recommend trial of one diverter on Nine Mile Creek Parkway between Poplar Bridge Road and Oxborough Road (4 to 1)
- Motion 5 – Recommend trial of two additional diverters at Poplar Bridge Road between Poplar Bridge Curve and Poplar Bridge Road and Kell Avenue (4 to 1)
- Motion 6 – Recommend a neighborhood survey after the trial phase (4 to 1)
- Motion 7 – Recommend the neighborhood survey be extended to the other residents in Bloomington (via Bloomington Briefing) (3 to 2)
- Motion 8 – Recommend approving the proposed timeline/order
 - Motion 1 – First
 - Motion 2 – Second
 - Motion 3 through 7 – Third

CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

At the City Council public hearing on June 2, 2008, the City Council adopted the following recommendation:

- The City Council approved the SAC and TTAC recommendation plan. The Council directed staff to do earlier trials and tests in the order presented with entry treatments, turn restrictions and diverters. They also directed staff to come back with timing and cost for the West 84th Street/France Avenue intersection improvements as it relates to the planned sewer main replacement in the West 84th Street corridor west of France Avenue.