



**Tracy Avenue, Valley Lane, & Valley View Road
Intersection Improvements
Informational Meeting Input
March 23, 2015**

Total attendees: 61

1. Residents expressed concern over speeds of high school students and buses on Valley View Road and Tracy Avenue.
2. Residents expressed concern about poor stormwater drainage and ponding on south side of Valley Lane at Tracy Avenue intersection; director Millner explained that additional storm sewer structures could be added to alleviate current flooding.
3. Residents expressed concern about inadequate street lighting at existing intersection; director Millner explained that additional street lighting is proposed as part of this project, following MNDOT's requirements for roundabouts.
4. Residents expressed concern about lack of sidewalk on east side of Tracy between Valley Lane and Highway 62 (referred to current beaten boulevard path as a "goat path").
5. Residents expressed concern about frequent queueing on southbound Tracy Avenue to eastbound Valley Lane.
6. Residents expressed concern about back-ups caused by Highway 62 traffic, cut-through traffic (via Gleason Road and Valley View Road) to avoid Highway 62 congestion.
7. Residents suggested making current one-way stop a three-way stop; director Millner explained that while inexpensive, this alternative would exacerbate existing back-ups and queueing.
8. Residents suggested speed bumps on Tracy Avenue and/or Valley View Road.
9. Residents suggested installing a roundabout and/or rapid rectangular flashing beacons.
10. Residents asked who was paying for intersection improvements and the regional trail; director Millner elaborated on funding sources later in presentation (combination of MSA funds, City Utility funds, PACS funds, and Three Rivers Park District Trail funds).
11. Residents asked what the projected usage of the new bike trail would be, questioned overall purpose of the trail project; director Millner explained that the trail project was approved by City Council and construction will be going forward.
12. Residents expressed concern about potential increased presence of cyclists and pedestrians at intersection as a result of the new trail.
13. Residents asked how cyclists on the trail would cross the roundabout and how the bike lanes on Valley View Road and Tracy Avenue would operate in the roundabout; director Millner referred to the current concept map and explained that the designated trail crossing would be just to the south of the intersection. For cyclists on the road, they would travel in the bike lane up to the roundabout, then enter the roundabout as a motor vehicle would, exit, and return to the bike lane on the other side.
14. Residents expressed concern about safety of cyclists crossing and entering the roundabout; director Millner explained that current MNDOT designs do not allow for designated bike lanes within a roundabout due to

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confusion to motorists, motor vehicles would be required to yield to cyclists in the roundabout as they would another motor vehicle.

15. Residents asked if there are other roundabout crossings on this or any other trail system in the area.
16. Residents suggested an underpass for trail users rather than an at-grade crossing, suggested placing underpass at current proposed crossing south of intersection or adjacent to existing bridge and box culvert.
17. Residents suggested replacing bridge on Tracy Avenue and box culvert on Valley Lane as part of this project, increasing size to alleviate flooding to properties adjacent to Nine Mile Creek; director Millner explained that these items are being considered as a part of this project, and any stormwater improvements would have to be run through the City-wide stormwater model to insure no negative impacts downstream.
18. Residents expressed concern about confusion to motorists and cyclists at trail crossings, referred to Cedar Lake Trail crossing on Blake Road in Hopkins; director Millner explained that the geometry of the roadway is different in Edina, and that signage would be installed to direct users and minimize confusion.
19. Residents expressed concern about sight distance and visibility of cyclists and pedestrians approaching and traveling in the roundabout; director Millner explained that those will be taken into consideration during final design.
20. Residents expressed concern over traffic conflicts at intersection of Valley View Road and W 66th Street (immediately south of proposed intersection improvements).
21. Residents asked if a speed wagon could be installed on Tracy Avenue to Valley Lane to discourage speeding similar to on Tracy Avenue south of Vernon Avenue.
22. Residents asked about permits and City Council approval required for work within Nine Mile Creek; director Millner explained that a permit would be issued by the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and that City Council approval was not necessary for such permits.
23. Residents asked if roadways would be closed during construction of the roundabout; director Millner explained that the roadways will remain open, though it may be difficult at times to traverse through construction and suggested taking alternate routes when feasible.
24. Residents asked why there is a need for designated bike lanes and bike paths.
25. Residents suggested better signage to direct users of roundabout and trail.
26. Residents expressed concern about street condition on Tracy Avenue between W 66th Street and Grace Terrace (The Heights neighborhood just to the southwest).
27. Residents expressed concern about two-way stop intersection at W 66th Street and Hillside Court (The Heights neighborhood just to the southwest).
28. Residents suggested creating classes to teach residents how to travel through roundabouts.