

Cedar Avenue/Edgewater/Nokomis Parkway Town Hall Meeting

January 25, 2024

Comments Recorded at the Meeting

Topic: Neighborhood Impacts

- Did not consider 54th and Bloomington, impact to tot lot, speeding, stop sign non-compliance and increased traffic volumes.
- Traffic impacts to Hale School, general speeding is an issue.
- Routing to Parkway leads to speeding because Parkway is wide and has parking bays.
- There is too much focus on the Parkway; there is not a problem there now.
- Areas that need to be looked at: 54th/Bloomington, 54th/Edgewater, 55th/Edgewater; consider ped crossing light at 54th/Bloomington.
- East side residents should recognize west side residents' perspectives.
- Concern about 55th/Edgewater.

Topic: Access into Neighborhood and Nearby Businesses

- Fat Lorenzo's experienced business loss and increased calls for directions.
- Truck deliveries now using Parkway.
- Concern about access to neighborhood south of Parkway and West of Cedar.
- Concern about business and emergency access.

Topic: Positive Assessments of the Pilot

- New median is good.
- Strongly support changes, but it is also good to hear about unintended consequences.
- Improvements are a step in the right direction.
- Changes make it safer.
- This is a worthwhile change, even if it takes a longer time. I am more relaxed when I arrive home via the parkway.

Topic: Cedar Avenue Operations

- Recommend 30 MPH speed limit (answered at meeting that County Road speed limits are set by a speed study performed by MnDOT. New guidance on speed limit setting will have more emphasis on local land use and area context).
- Feel most at risk in a northbound car because traffic is backed up without the Edgewater access.
- Did not test an option that has the new northbound left turn lane at Nokomis Parkway and also kept Edgewater open.
- Need to explore keeping Edgewater open.
- I am seeing more U-Turns at Nokomis Parkway.

Topic: Miscellaneous Operations Comments

- Plows cannot manage; what will happen if the median becomes permanent concrete.
- Bloomington/62 Exit has poor visibility due to trees.
- Frustration about road closures with CenterPoint work. Need to keep Mapping Apps updated.
- Concern about school bus turn movements with narrowed roadway openings and medians.
- The new medians provide space for vendors and panhandling.

Topic: Bike Trail Safety and Operations

- Car and bike conflict issues at Edgewater.
- Concern over bike visibility and safety where trail crosses Edgewater

Topic: Pedestrian Circulation to the North

- Look at providing ped access under Cedar Avenue Bridge (answered at meeting: this may be included in Park Board project).
- Move ped bridge so peds and bikes can avoid intersection.

Topic: Future Project/Larger Scale Improvements

- Provide sufficient budget to make larger improvements.
- Recommend connecting 16th Avenue between Edgewater and West Lake Nokomis Parkway (3 commenters).
- Generally opposed to a road through the park but am willing to participate in a process.