

COLLEGE DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION
OPEN HOUSE – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, November 25, 2008 and February 24, 2009
BRAINERD, MN
COMMENTS

Comment Cards / Letters	Updated February 27, 2009
General Comments	

1.	<p>I strongly favor a bike trail and am a big fan of roundabouts. The information regarding their efficiency/safety was pretty convincing (I had encountered it previously in an Atlantic Monthly article).</p> <p>I also am a big proponent of trees along the route and really hate the “traditional” orange colored street lamps. I find the white/bluish ones much more appealing.</p>
2.	<p>I’m in favor of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundabouts Boulevard trees b/t sidewalk and road Sidewalks Regional bike trail connection Combination of pedestrian and auto scaled lighting
3.	<p>Thank you for working on this very important project! My office overlooks College Drive. I witness “near misses” of our pedestrians on a regular basis. It is very <u>unnerving!</u></p> <p>This project can’t be completed soon enough in my opinion! Thanks again!</p>
4.	<p>I’m in favor of a roundabout.</p> <p>Sidewalks or trail must be a part of the design.</p>
5.	<p>One controlled pedestrian crossing is needed between apartments and CLC. Making students dodge cars even in a designated crossing w/o lights is scary.</p> <p>At a minimum trees in the median would help soften the effect of so much hard surface. More landscaping is better :)</p>
6.	<p>Have 3 crosswalks crossing College Drive one on 8th St. going to Athletic Complex, one at 6th St. going to apartments, one between 4th & 6th Street going to Apt. and having signage & flashing lights at each crossing.</p> <p>Adding to the frontage Rd going east into the east parking lot.</p> <p>Putting crosswalk for the Pines Apt. crossing Mississippi St. to the Day Care parking lot.</p>
7.	<p>The proposed construction is much needed. Option B would be my choice or a combination of roundabouts and stoplights.</p> <p>Very good visuals.</p>

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8.	Consider ¾ access at Kiwanis Park to allow left in turns. I generally prefer Option C. A safe crosswalk is needed midway between the two college entrances.
9.	I think the roundabout options are more effective at keeping traffic moving, and folks over 50 (like me) can adjust our habits like we have with computers, cell phones, shopping with UPC markings, on-line ticketing for plane reservations, etc... The roundabout at 4 th St S and College Drive below the High School should help immensely as class day begin and end.
10.	I like the roundabouts over signals. I think people will complain about closing access to the parking lot at SW 6 th & College Drive. The intersection at E. River Road/Kiwanis Park should also have a roundabout.
11.	I travel College Drive frequently and Plan C would be the most logical. One possible change to it would be a stop light at the east entrance to the college that is one that is used heavily and for safety a signal would be better.
12.	Option C appears the best choice. Maximize planting in medians and in roundabouts and edges. Coordinate crosswalks w/ college.
13.	Cars don't stop when I am about to cross the road on my way to school and home. It would be nice to see stop lights.
14.	We must have a walking bridge!
15.	Plan B looks great.
16.	Consider the cost of using roundabouts versus signal lights.
17.	Anything would be better then current situation. Like Option C best. Still concerned about peds crossing College Drive on grade without stop lights at apartment.

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18.	<p>I like: sidewalks, trails & roundabouts</p> <p>All options are much better than the current set up.</p> <p>All options are pedestrian friendly.</p>	
19.	<p>Roundabouts are a good idea. I would like to see a stoplight somewhere in front of the college. I am concerned that the traffic may not slow down enough with just roundabouts. Closing the main entrance to the college is a good idea.</p>	
20.	<p>Love Sketch C</p>	
21.	<p>Good Solutions.</p> <p>Roundabouts seem like a good idea.</p> <p>A better pedestrian/bike path is critical, glad it is included in this plan.</p> <p>Clear info on pedestrian crossing to the college is <u>still</u> needed.</p>	
22.	<p>I feel that Option C would be the best for the city and college at this time. I think the citizens will need a lot of education on how to navigate them.</p>	
23.	<p>Prefer Layout B</p> <p>I favor roundabouts.</p> <p>Keep traffic signals only on each end.</p> <p>Build back roads before starting construction on College Drive.</p> <p>Concerned with construction during school sessions.</p> <p>Crosswalks main concern for student crossing from apartments.</p> <p>Traffic signals cost more and take the small town image out of Brainerd. The signals on 371 Baxter are already bad enough.</p> <p>Resident/ Student</p>	
24.	<p>Support paths and trails.</p> <p>Concerned about loss of parking lot slab at 722 South 6th Street. Business at that location needs the off street parking if on street parking will be eliminated.</p>	
25.	<p>I live at the end of Hawkins Drive. Please make the access to College Drive from Hawkins in the middle of the cul-de-sac so the public doesn't walk or ride across my property.</p> <p>I like the roundabouts – slows traffic also.</p>	
26.	<p>Really like the Round-about!</p>	

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27.	1. Concerned with pedestrian safety when crossing College Drive – bridge walkway such as in Paul Bunyan Trail? 2. External bike path on to SW 4 th Street 3. Reasonable hours of operation! Consider residents who will tolerate noise for approx. 6 months. No construction after 5:30pm and not before 7:00.	
28.	My concerns are with the safety of students crossing College Drive. I would like to see a significant slowing of traffic between 4 th Street and 6 th Street on College Drive other than right-of-way principles. Other than that, the plan looks fantastic. Aesthetically pleasing.	
29.	The bike trails and sidewalks are great additions; I'm glad they'll be helping to connect regional trails. The trees and medians will make it a more beautiful road and create a safer feel for pedestrians. I like the chosen layout option.	
30.	Thanks for the great info. I'm a concerned college employee – How will I get to work??? My mind is at ease! Thanks!!	
31.	I think it would help during construction to alleviate traffic and afterwards to connect from Co Rd 48 to Mississippi Parkway through the DNR.	
32.	Like It!!	