

Forum Boulevard Improvements Project

Chapel Hill to Woodrail

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Comments:

PLEASE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO
LEAVING THE EXISTING BRIDGE ACROSS HINKSON
CREEK OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE
NEW BRIDGE. REMOVAL OF THE BRIDGE WOULD
CREATE A SIGNIFICANT INCONVENIENCE TO
THOSE OF US LIVING SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE
WHO OFTEN NEED ACCESS TO CHAPEL HILL RD.

More to say? Continue on back

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (This is not required, but is certainly appreciated; See note below)

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Comments:

I LIVE ON THE LOWER HALF OF KATY LANE, NEAR THE INTERSECTION WITH LIDDERICK. TRAFFIC FLIES BY NOW ON THAT STRETCH, WITH MANY CARS GOING TO CHAPEL HILL AND CONTINUING WEST. THIS IS THE SCHOOL BUS ROUTE. CAN SOMETHING BE DONE TO CALM TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA? I KNOW THAT WITH CONSTRUCTION MANY CARS WILL REROUTE TO KATY. WE'VE HAD SPEEDING CARS END UP IN TREES, CRASH INTO HOUSES, AND END UP UPSIDE DOWN ON THE SIDEWALK.

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ZIP: 65203

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- 1) Save as many trees as possible
- 2) Have speed bumps in lanes prior to entering traffic circles. In general during high volume, cars enter circles at a high speed rate. Forum and ^{Meadows} Green Circle is a good example.
- 3) Traffic speed will not follow the expected 35mph rule — more likely to be 45 to 50.
- 4) Raised median between opposing lanes should be higher than 6" — more like a tall barrier or cables like the interstate.
- 5) Major north-south traffic path — closure needs be as short as possible.

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Comments:

I was interested in the pedestrian safety of this project, and I have a few concerns. This road doesn't seem to be designed with pedestrian safety in mind. The road doesn't have any lane narrowing to slow cars to the speed limit, and the bike lanes aren't separated from the road. This is a hostile environment for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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Comments:

Steve Faber 3004 Woodbine bigsteve5@AOL.com
573 999 3663

- the extension of the walk will require removal of trees. Please keep the pathway within the existing right of way where it can be tied into the bridge access.
- There should be a sound barrier between the homes + roads

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Comments:

Very needed project, brilliant planning in the 2015 Ballot ☺, Need to enforce access management like we did on Nifong project, provide examples at PH where this configuration will work and not cause users to avoid the Wilsons Family. Do not put in sand walls for the few complainers, this is not warranted.

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STATE:

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ZIP:

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Comments: Project Corridors Chapel Hill & Forum you are proposing
Bringin the road 6-8 feet closer to my building at 1601 Chapel
Hill Rd Ste A. The Road sets 4-5 feet higher than the
base of my current building. The side of the building will
be extremely close to the road you have already widened
the road on us once already and I fear for the safety of
My business & patients.

Greg Stevens
Georgetown Dental
1601 Chapel Hill Rd Ste A

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Comments:

This plan proposes to create another Stadium drive right through the backyards of one of Columbia's not established neighborhoods. It will also create more traffic and speed down through already dangerous intersections at Wilsons (and the physical therapy where many elderly attend). This road needs to be SLOWED down not sped up. It is already extremely loud and will get louder and effect property values. IF this goes through, it should be two lanes, not four, and should have TALL sound barriers. My back deck already has louder DB readings than a family member of mine in downtown Chicago.

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**Comments
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Comments:

I am very pleased with the project design. I think it will help a lot with the traffic on this section of road.

I would prefer that the Hinkson Bridge be replaced such that it isn't completely closed for a long time, unless the cost is prohibitive to do it that way.

I would like some consideration of increasing the speed limit once the project is completed, perhaps 45 mph would be more appropriate, especially considering the restricted access.

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Comments:

John Briscoe

1803 Brandeis Ct.

Columbia, MO 65203

It would be asinine to broaden Forum Blvd.
+ NOT incorporate a right-hand turn lane
on North-bound Forum @ Wilson's Fitness.

Due to the ~~an~~ inevitable accidents that occur every
winter any time there is a mild glaze of ice
going northbound on Forum between the
Country Club & Johnson Creek — straightening
that stretch might be in the best
interest of public safety.

NEVER Expand w/o incorporating right-hand
turn lanes — otherwise you've wasted tax \$.

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Comments: ON BEHALF OF ~~END~~ FITNESS
WE ARE LOOKING FOR CHANGES
TO INITIAL PLAN PRESENTED
11.30.23.

CONCERN #1 NOT ADDRESSED
IS DECREASING SPEED DOWN
FORUM HILL @ SPEEDS IN
EXCESS OF 50 MPH.

CONCERN #2 NO (L) LEFT IN
WILL BE A NEGATIVE FOR OUR
2-3,000 CARS / DAY.

CONCERN #3 BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION LIMITING IF NOT
REMOVING ACCESS TO ~~END~~
WHILE BEING CONSTRUCTED
FROM STADIUM BLVD TO ~~END~~.
WE WILL NEED ACCESS

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THE BRIDGE (WATER SHED)
SILT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

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SUGGESTION. MOVE EITHER
PROPOSED ROUNDABOUT TO
OUR ENTRANCE (OFFSET)
AWAY FROM BRIDGE. THIS
WOULD SLOW TRAFFIC @
OUR ENTRANCE, ALLOW
(R) OUT (L) OUT (R) IN (R) OUT
VIA ROUNDABOUT. OUTER
LANE TRAFFIC CAN TRAVEL-
CONTINUOUS FLOW.

#1 MUST SLOW TRAFFIC

#2 ALLOW BUSINESS TO
SERVE.

#3 ADDRESS WATER
SHEEN CONGESTION
CREATED @ 90' OF HINKSON
CREEK.

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Comments:

As a property owner of the Georgetown
condos, the loss of 3 parking places will
~~the~~ create further strain on ~~an~~ parking
lot that is already at capacity. The
sidewalk expansion should not come
at the expense of our tenants ability
to park. The loss of parking could
cause our tenants to break their lease.

Erin Stevens

101 W. Cogwood Lane

Columbia, MO 65203

5738233672

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Comments:

- ① FOR RESIDENTS CLOSE TO THE ROAD, CONSIDER PROVIDING SOME NOISE ABATEMENT MEASURES. IT'S ALREADY PLENTY LOUD WITH 2 LANES.
- ② FIX THE SLOPE OF THE ROAD SOUTH OF WILSONS WHERE CARS SLIDE OFF EVERY WINTER.
- ③ OR CONSIDER JUST PUTTING IN THE TRAFFIC CIRCLES + MAKING WILSONS RIGHT TURNS ONLY + KEEPING THE ROAD BETWEEN THE CIRCLES 2 LANE (LOW COST OPTION)

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STATE: MO

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Comments:

Glad to see ~~the~~ non-car traffic infrastructure included; safe non-motorized spaces make motorized spaces safer.

Would love to see what kind of protection could be added to bike/pedways to create a barrier ~~area~~ for safety. This roadway connects central ~~area~~ Columbia to the trail on a North/South path that doesn't much exist in Columbia. This project should take that into consideration.

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I use the Katy Lane/ Forum intersection multiple times per day. Wait times for a left turn are usually several minutes, and impossible at rush hour. I strongly agree with the proposal to put a roundabout at the Katy Lane/ Forum intersection.

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Comments:

We have lived just off of Forum at Kay Lane for 20 years. The roundabout at Green Meadows was life changing. So happy to see the 2 of them being used in this project and the brilliant idea of right in only at Wilsons. Wow! It covers all the issues, ~~and~~ it will keep folks moving and slow them down at the same time. I only wish they would start the work sooner than 2026!

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Comments:

I'm in support of Roundabouts in general.

They keep traffic moving.

I very much support the Forum/Woodrail Ave Roundabout - it's it can be a long wait to go left or right at times and it's the only way in & out.

Support the Roundabouts & sidewalks ^{+ bike lane} - both very much needed for safety and less congestion.

Blair McD

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Comments: I am opposed to the "improvements" at the intersection of Forum and Chapel Hill, particularly the corner labeled George A Gilb trust. Loss of parking on site is not an option. Patients of both dental offices on site already have a difficult time with parking. One business left this site already due to parking issues. Tenants/business owners and the building owner would be harmed by these changes

Patrick B Ryan
1601 Chapel Hill Road
Suite A

Columbia, MO 65203

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Comments:

New bridge on Forum - it would be best to do a section at a time. Forum has a lot of traffic and shutting down completely would be hardship

Hopefully something could be done on the curve on Forum (going south off of Katy) - in the winter it is very dangerous when covered with ice + snow. Numerous accidents!

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Comments:

Looks good to me. We go south from Katy Lane and walk the trail regularly. We still have easy access in and problem turning left, but I understand that. Thanks for your consideration and work.

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Comments:

There are very few N-S bike routes in Columbia. Rock Quarry is dangerous for cars - I would never bike there. Providence is OK, but getting from campus is not - Old Providence is dangerous. Forum is an opportunity to link the North and South parts of town. We need not just bike lanes but protected bike lanes. It was so very disappointing that the Green Meadows roundabout was built without a bike lane. This is a chance to fix that and other biking infrastructure deficiencies in town. The ideal situation is with a bike way or a protected space. Left turns are a huge problem.

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Comments:

Linda Calvert - 1809 Katy Lane

Almost no one in the 25 yrs. we have lived at ~~the~~ this address has followed the 35 mph speed limit on any of Forum.

We have noticed most drivers going 55 mph.

It is extremely hard to pull from Katy Lane onto Forum due to all cars speeding.

... Please put up a lot of 35 mph speed signs on the road of Forum.

... Most drivers know about cars backing up on Forum at the light at Chapel Hill intersection — So drivers cut-thru on Katy Lane. It is now dangerous for us to pull out of our drive way or go to the mail box.

Everyone that lives on Katy hates what has happened. We need help so a sign saying "Only Residential Traffic" by the new Roundabout.

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Comments:

Gary D Moreau - Pres of Limerick Lake Homeowners
573-268-9067

RE: The Trail Access to Katy Ln & Forum.

1) ADA accessible is not a requirement, just need to have one.

2) ~~Does~~ Use the current pedestrian sidewalk/bridge across Hinkson - not a sidewalk on bridge

3) How many months to build new bridge?
I suppose Forum will be closed?

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Comments:

My main concerns include increase in noise (traffic) from Forum. Already the folks whose properties backup to Forum cannot enjoy their back yard due to extreme noise level.

I realize this is a bit left field, have you considered a tunnel? Cars in tunnel, pedestrians on top. Noise is addressed, pedestrian safety, animal safety. (wild life)

When we bought our home (2019) we bought because it was near woods, lots of nature, quiet. I feel that our little haven in the city is threatening to be taken away. I realize there is a lot of traffic certain

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times of the day however Providence
is not a mile east. Why can't traffic
be encouraged there?

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Comments

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The current access to the Katy trail at
Forum & Katie Ln is very steep. Would it be
possible to build a path that starts on the
west side of the dam and angle down to
the connector toward the bottom of the dam.
This would make the slope less steep and
easier to walk, ride a bike and make it
handicap accessible.

Overall, the Forum improvements look nice.

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Comments:

Bruce B & Kathleen Maier

attg brm@earthlink.net
KMaier@centurytel.net

3000 Woodbine Drive

573-268-7178

Columbia 65203

- * Woodrail roundabout is essential.
- * Extending the hiking trail into the residential area is non-essential and privacy invasive. Privacy fences should be provided.
- * Property owners should be allowed signage and protective fencing to minimize trespassing and invasive behavior.
- * Construction close to private property needs to be warranted for ground stability and foundation impunity to homeowners.
- * Noise pollution exceeds OSHA standards - we will require noise abatement with proper walls - Removal of as few trees as possible will help.

Photo copy made & submitted 11-30-23

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Comments:

My family and I ~~are~~ wish to express our concern with the project. As an owner of property that directly abuts to Forum, the expansion will greatly diminish enjoyment of our property. This will increase noise issues which is already a concern, ~~when~~ especially when it's winter & the leaves are off the trees. This will have an effect on our property value. ~~I'm never this really~~

We hope the city considers the effects this has ~~to~~ the residents of the area. Traffic has never been an issue here personally. To also the require bike & pedestrian lanes on both sides seems completely unnecessary. ~~Also~~ Currently no one really

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bikes/walks due to the slope of the hill as-is. There are also safety concerns with ~~that~~ pushing to increase foot traffic, but the biggest concern is the noise factor & all the vegetation/trees which will be removed for this project.

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Comments:

the road drainage would wash down into our parking lot if not managed properly. Lastly the UECA owns the land next to the bridge. If the land is needed to expand the bridge it seems like this could be a point of concession to move the road more west.

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I am part owner of
Victoria Park and have some concerns
about the potential impact.
With the changes if the flood
water raises it would impact our building.
In addition w/ the current plans
we would lose the grass buffer
between our road & parking lot.
We would prefer if the road gets
expanded west into Columbia City
property, instead of private property.
There is also concerns that

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Comments: Thank you to staff and the consultants for hosting tonight's meeting. I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss proposed improvements!

My two thoughts: 1) Would the city consider utilization of a shared turn lane, instead of adding two additional lanes of traffic? If more lanes are added, I'm afraid that it will attract additional traffic in the area.

2) Could some sort of physical barrier be installed between the road way and bike way? Adding bike lanes without a physical separation between the road does not make cyclists comfortable sharing pavement w/ high speed traffic. Creating a physical barrier may make cyclists more comfortable sharing the road w/ high speed traffic.

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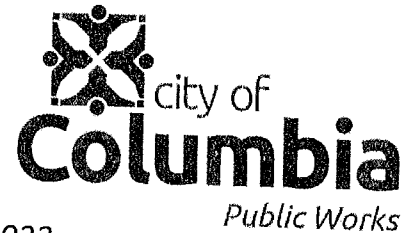
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Comments: Thank you for providing the opportunity to discuss this project. As a home and business owner in this area (Woodkirk Dr + Chapel Plaza Ct.), I have several concerns:

1. Noise – the decibel level already present on Forum at this time exceeds OSHA standards for a safe workplace. If the proposed project goes through, the noise levels will increase and will be located closer to our homes.

2. Security: Many homeowners in this area have concerns about bringing foot paths even closer to our homes – this presents a security concern that we do not have at the present time.

3. Lack of necessity and unnecessary use of funds: I am unable to see how

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expanding this road will benefit the community as. I realize the traffic study recommended the addition of two lanes — but why? On what basis? To what end? The flow of traffic could certainly be improved by making changes at the intersections (traffic light, roundabout) WITHOUT the need to widen the road. The volume certainly seems to be contained by the current roadway.

We are adamantly opposed to widening the road, but open to other improvements.

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Comments:

We are property owners at Victoria Park, 2800 Forum Blvd. We are supportive of the overall project but extremely concerned about losing green space between our project and Forum. We would like to have an informal discussion between the decision makers at the City and the property owners at Victoria Park. I would be glad to arrange that with the Victoria Park Owners Assn.

THANK YOU

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Comments:

I like the plan, so far. Like the placement of roundabouts, the narrowing of traffic lanes (both that will help slow down traffic speed, which currently is way too high! Keep up the good work!!

(with median landscaping)
Possibility: Boulevard on Forum north of bridge?

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Comments:

Please Protect as many Trees as Possible

- Please install a sound barrier wall on the west side of Forum to protect from Traffic Noise -

- Noise, Privacy, Security Fence along extended side walk / Pathway

More to say? Continue on back

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Chapel Hill to Woodrail

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Comments:

- 1) North bound traffic on Forum - Address making illegal left turn on Chapel Plaza Ct. Need barrier extended
- 2) Round-about at Forum / Katy Ln - Need a south bound right hand turn lane into Trail Head. Concern: Increased traffic at certain times as left turn eliminated.
- 3) Also need a right hand turn lane into Waloon going North on Forum. Same issue as #2
- 4) Need to leave one lane open each way during construction. Understand construction will take longer.
- 5) Round-about should not be any smaller than at Green Meadows + Forum Blvd

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Comments:

PLEASE ADD MIKE LANES FROM WOODRAIL @ TOP OF HILL
ON FORUM ~~TO GO~~ GOING SOUTH TO GREEN
MEADOWS (YES, I KNOW THIS IS OUTSIDE SCOPE OF PROJECT)

PLEASE LOWER FLASHING LIGHTS ALERTING MOTORISTS
TO PEDESTRIANS TRYING TO SAFELY CROSS
FORUM BLVD @ INTERSECTION OF FORUM &
GREEN MEADOWS

ARE YOU TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPEED (HIGH)
OF SOME VEHICLES GOING NORTH & SOUTH

ON FORUM FROM BOTTOM OF HILL BY WILSON'S
TO TOP OF HILL @ ~~FORUM~~ WOODRAIL WHERE I HAVE SEEN
SEVERAL

INCIDENCES OF CARS CROSSING CENTER LINE.
WILL ADDING AN ADDITIONAL LANE IN EACH
DIRECTION INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FOLKS

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CROSSING THE CENTER LINE — AS ADDING
ADDITIONAL LANES OF TRAFFIC WILL INCREASE
THE # OF VEHICLES THAT COULD BE IMPACTED.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING
MY COMMENTS

Janet

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Comments:

The facilities are inadequate for bicycle, pedestrian and mobility-user traffic.

① No separated bike lanes up or down the ~~hill~~ hill.

② No access to East side of Forum from the proposed Pedway

③ No separated ~~but~~ or (protected) bike lane through the roundabouts

∴ ④ Protected bike lanes are essential to encourage ~~alternate~~ non-motorized ~~the~~ mobility of all kinds. ~~At~~

And they work – see Gilman St in KC, Razorback Greenway in Fayetteville.

More to say? Continue on back.

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November 30, 2023

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Comments:

- Please preserve our large trees as much as possible; besides aesthetics and privacy, they act as a noise barrier.
- Noise barriers are needed for those properties abutting so closely to Forum.
- Privacy barriers are needed to deter walkers/hikers from traveling on Forum sidewalks to going on private property.
- When looking at drainage and stormwater issues, please bury the airborne sewer pipes that still exist.
- Maintain close communication with the property owners that ~~have~~ have Forum as a boundary. The City hasn't always done that, so this meeting was helpful.
- We would be interested in knowing more details for the plans regarding changes along the private drive extending from Woodbrook cul-de-sac.

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Comments:

Please take a good look at the potential for flooding between Wilson's & the MKT Trail. When the creek floods, the bridge, road & properties in this area end up under water. I

I would also like to see some kind of friction treatment on the hill between Wilson's & Woodrail. This area has a lot of accidents in the winter & during rainy periods.

Overall, this looks like a massive improvement over existing conditions. I look forward to seeing your final designs.

More to say? Continue on back...

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Comments:

1. Good concept, slows traffic, minimal disruption to traffic flow
- 2. But!!! Move added lanes to the southwest from Katy Lane to the new bridge. It will be less costly. Possibly move bridge south too.
3. Raise bridge + provide drainage esp. if you raise road bed!
4. Evaluate Hinkson Creek flow pattern. Possibly re-channel to control erosion
5. Raising road bed will make transition from parking lots in Victoria Park difficult. Another reason to move the road southwest!

More to say? Continue on back.

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION (This is not required, but is certainly appreciated; See note below)

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STATE: MO

ZIP: 65203

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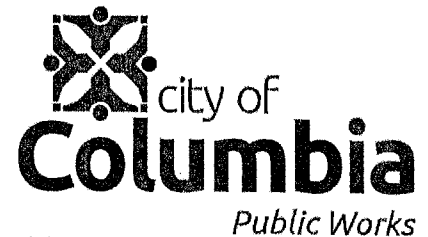
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Call me to discuss.

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Comments:

1) My concern is the erosion of my hill side to my house. My house is on a hill side and taking and digging into it could cause failure of my foundation.

2) My other concern is the speed on the Forum. How will you slow the cars down. Right now they are going 60-70 mph up and down the Forum.

More to say? Continue on back...

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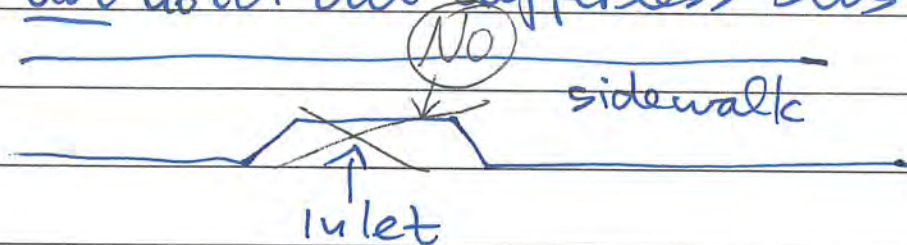
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Comments:

Provide green buffer between SW & roadway wherever possible.

- Do not note out bufferless SWs for inlets



← Roadway →

- Where RAB goes from 2 to 1 lane, make sure to paint forward arrow on right (through) lane.
- Provide on/off ramps for bikes ahead & behind RAB to SW
- Do not put right angles / tall curbs at SWs

More to say? Continue on back.

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see attached

Questions pertaining to the Proposed Round-A-Bout (RAB) at the corner of Katy Lane and Forum Blvd.

What is the estimated speed range (high to low) at which cars will exit the RAB coming off Forum Blvd going onto Katy Lane?

Where do you get the numbers that you use for the estimated speed range above?

How many feet between the RAB entrance onto Katy Lane and the start of the driveway at 1701 Katy Lane?

How far away will on-coming traffic traveling at the high and low end of the predicted speed ranges need to be identified by a driver to turn safely left onto Katy Lane from the driveway located at 1701 Katy Lane?

Does this change depending on the direction the car coming around the RAB is traveling?

When the garbage truck/mail man is stopped picking up trash carts or delivering mail will traffic be stopped and/or will traffic have room to pass without creating a dangerous traffic back-up on the RAB?

Given the falling grade from Forum Blvd precipitating the need to look in an upward direction... when snow is piled to the edge of the road 3 to 4 feet high or higher... will the line of sight be blocked from the 1701 Katy Lane driveway entrance looking back to see if traffic is coming off the RAB?

Will vehicles pulling trailers, Emergency Vehicles, Delivery Vehicles, Eighteen Wheeler Tractor Trailers, Construction Vehicles be able to turn on and off Katy Lane in and out of the Driveway?

To address safety concerns... we may need to reconfigure the existing 1701 Katy Lane driveway.

Possible reconfigurations might include a split driveway exit/entrance:

- 1.) Moving existing driveway exit as far west as possible in order to provide a safe entrance onto Katy Lane turning left.
- 2.) Adding a right in driveway exit-lane (Right In) off the RAB for vehicles to enter the driveway safely without coming to a complete stop and creating a traffic hazard.

The invasion and planned destruction of the trees lining West side of Forum Blvd.

From my conversations at the open house the other night I was told that from the current center of Forum which will consist of 2 yellow lines approximately a foot apart followed by Two 11 foot lanes and then One 8 foot bicycle lane and One curb and 6 foot sidewalk followed by an 18 inch level grade, followed by a 1 to 3 grade or a 3 to 5 foot retaining wall... for a grand total measurement of approximately 39 to 40 feet from the center of Forum Blvd or approximately 12 feet west off the outer edge of the existing sidewalk/ expanded shoulder on the west side of Forum Blvd.

If defined correctly above it raises concerns that the arborist has that a substantial number of Shagbark Hickory Trees as well as other trees will need to be removed... this does not seem to be the case if the center of the road is moved 8 feet to the east... and it appears that 8 feet of cleared space exists on the East side of Forum Blvd where tree removal would be unnecessary.

A retaining wall should not only be built to save additional tree removal it should also be designed as to deflect traffic noise east away from the residential homes to the west of Forum Blvd.

In the design you may want to consider granting a right in right out access to the buildable lot just North of 1701 Katy Lane. This would also save a lot of tree destruction when a future home is built there, that would otherwise require access to that lot from Katy Lane.

Miscellaneous

I do not know what requirements that the city places on Cable and internet providers to provide services to households however I know that even though cable and high speed internet wire exist in the ground and were put there when I built my house 19 years ago they are not connected on the other end and provide no service to my house or the other buildable lot... I thought I would mention this in the event that during construction this might be remedied... I also do not see lighting on any of the drawings provided online.

Allison Anderson, P.E.
Engineering Supervisor
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Steven Faber
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Re: Forum Boulevard Improvement Project

Ms. Anderson,

Thank you for your letter of November 8 and the opportunity to comment. Among the homeowners affected, the project could have more significant impact on my property than most of the others.

Without having been supplied with details of the project, I am left to speculate that the plan for the pedestrian paths will be similar to that which was proposed a few years ago. That project proposed that the path would run along the rear of my home and within a few feet of my back decks, even though there is more than a hundred feet of wooded land between my home and Forum. It was explained to me that the elevation of the land along my home was more compatible with making a connection to the bridge over the creek and remain compliant with ADA requirements. After a site visit by the Director of Public Works, he saw that the impact to my property was egregious and eliminated that part of the path from the project. Additionally, he determined that the part of the path by my home would not likely be used.

It was apparent to the Director and obvious to myself that the project was designed without a site visit and relied on topographical maps.

It is not my intention to oppose the entirety of the project. I hope that the project can be designed to accommodate the interests of the without devastating the enjoyment and value of my home.

Please consider these points:

A round-a-bout at the intersection of Woodrail and Forum will greatly improve the ease of turning onto Forum from Woodrail. This could also be accomplished by placing a stop sign for the northbound traffic on Forum at significantly less cost.

It is not clear that future traffic on Forum will require four lanes as the part of the city served by Forum is already fully developed and Forum, as it is now, handles that traffic.

A walking path that is within a few feet of my home invites access to my home. Indeed, it was the rear of my home that has been accessed by burglaries.

Traffic noise is already a problem. A noise barrier should be included in the project. Placing the walking path between a noise barrier and Forum would help address concerns of privacy, security as well as noise.

It has been mentioned that walking paths on both sides of Forum is being considered. This seems to be excessive and unnecessary.

Placing any walking path along Forum, rather than through the wooded area would preserve the mature hardwood trees that are further up the hill. - The path could stay within the existing Right of Way and still tie into the bridge access.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

The proposed path would destroy decades of hardwood trees.

Steven Faber
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Forum Improvement project

Woodrail HOA #4

Comments from October 17, 2023, Annual meeting

- Consensus support for roundabout at Woodrail and Forum
 - to facilitate egress and ingress for Woodrail and Lake Woodrail neighborhoods
 - Slow traffic on Forum
- Oppose widening Forum
 - Not necessary
 - Increase traffic and noise
 - Contribute to higher speeds
 - Adversely impact ability to have quiet and peaceful enjoyment of one's residence on both side of Forum
 - Noise
 - **Must install sound barrier walls whether Forum is widened or not**
 - Tree removal concerns – aesthetics and noise suppression of trees, especially when leafed
 - Sidewalks and bike paths on both sides are unnecessary.
 - No bike path on Forum from Woodrail to ~~Nifong~~ *Green Meadows*
 - Very limited use of existing path on east side of Forum from Wilson's to top of hill
- Concerned about impact on neighborhood security and access to homes through trees
- Impact on common property
- Traffic improvement at Wilson's
 - Stop light?
 - Widen to provide a safer left turn lane for SB traffic
 - Widen to provide a right turn lane for NB traffic

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City of Columbia, Missouri

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Subject: Forum Boulevard Improvement Project

Mayor Buffaloe, City Council Members, and City Staff,

I attended the Interested Parties Meeting for the Forum Boulevard Improvement Project at Forum Boulevard Christian Church and 11/30/2023. I'm submitting comments on the project on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission.

The Commission endorses the following elements of the project:

- Addition of sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of Forum Boulevard along the entire corridor of the project from Stadium Boulevard to Green Meadows Road
- An 8-foot pedway on the west side of the road and 6-foot pedway on the east side of the road
- New roundabout at the intersection of Forum Boulevard and Woodrail Avenue
- New roundabout at the intersection of Forum Boulevard and Katy Lane
- Ramps at roundabouts, where there are no dedicated bike lanes, so cyclists have the option of riding onto or off the sidewalk to negotiate roundabouts
- Striped crosswalks at roundabouts with pedestrian refuge islands in the middle of streets
- Extension of the existing pedestrian path south of the Forum Nature Area to allow safe merging to the new pedway

The Commission submits the following proposed changes for consideration:

- Consider widening the pedway on the east side of the road from 6 to 8 feet from Woodrail Drive north to the entrance to MAC / Wilson's Fitness Center and other businesses. Cyclists can achieve high speeds descending this hill. A wider pedway allows cyclists more leeway controlling their bicycles as they descend the hill.
- Signage or pavement markings approaching and exiting roundabouts giving direction to bicyclists that they have the option of riding on sidewalks to negotiate roundabouts

In discussions with Mr. Stone during the meeting, we discussed the City's schedule for sweeping bike lanes to keep them free of debris which is hazardous to cyclists using the bike lanes and can cause flat tires. He informed me that the ideal schedule is for bike lanes to be swept at 10-week intervals; however, the City is not necessarily adhering to this schedule. In order for people to adopt bike lanes, a regular maintenance schedule needs to be adhered to.

He also informed me the City has a fleet of four sweepers for bike lanes which are 9 years old and should ideally be replaced every 4 years. The estimated cost of new sweepers would be \$375,000 for a diesel sweeper; \$850,000 for an electric sweeper; and \$600,000 for a sweeper that could be used for a protected bike lane (where there is a barrier between the bicycle and car lanes).

Respectfully,

Carol Elliott

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Vice Chair, Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

Forum Boulevard Improvements – Emailed comments

December 1, 2023

It was a pleasure to meet you and discuss how to be address noise issues with the widening of Forum Blvd. Thank you for your time and consideration.

As I think more about the design and what I saw tonight, I am concerned that the right in, right out design at Wilson's/MAC on the south side of the bridge may not be the best design for safety and traffic flow. As currently designed, south bound traffic from the north that desires to turn into Wilson's will be required to travel up the hill to the Woodrail roundabout, go around the roundabout and head back down the hill in order to access Wilson's with a right-hand turn. This will, unnecessarily in my view, divert additional traffic to the Woodrail roundabout which will affect the ability to safely enter the roundabout from either the Woodrail or Lake Woodrail neighborhoods, and at times, cause unnecessary delay. In the winter it could have a significant adverse impact on traffic safety, especially in snow and ice conditions on the hill from Wilson's to the Woodrail roundabout as cars go up the hill and then down the hill. It also seems like a long way to have to go before turning around in order to get to one's destination.

In the interest of safety and reducing traffic congestion at the Woodrail roundabout, please consider adding a left turn lane from south bound Forum into Wilson's.

Also, we have no problem with ACoE representatives going on common property. We would like to be notified when they will be inspecting the drainage flow.

Thank you.

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December 1, 2023

My name is Caleb Murray and I have recently started working as a tenant in the building at 1601 Chapel Hill Road. Hearing about this construction project was very concerning to me. Ever since I started working here parking has been an issue for us. Currently myself and my staff are having to park across the street to have enough room for patients to park in our lot. The plans for this project are expected to eliminate at least 3 more of our spaces and probably 5 to 6. This would be detrimental to our practice and our business. I request that you all please find a way to do this without expanding the street on the west side. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns for me.

Thank you,
Caleb Murray

February 16, 2024

I may be too late to offer a suggestion. Nevertheless, I want you to know I am hoping for a bike path separate from vehicular travel along Forum Boulevard.

Regards,
Carel Sellenraad

P.S. The same wish applies to Chapel Hill Road and Grindstone.

CoMo BeHeard Comments

dba2023

1 like

Chapel Hill/Forum

While I'd love to see a high capacity traffic circle, if not and can only be a controlled intersection then some consideration needs to be made to eliminating left hand turns across traffic before and after each of the approaches (even if it is just at peak times - I've seen more than one close call because things get congested on Westbound Chapel Hill and Chapel Plz)

Jp19

Please install/design protects bike lanes along forum!

P

8 likes

We need protected bike lanes. That area connects a lot of livable space to the MKT. To cut down on mtr vhcls, make pedestrian traffic safe.

wright.matt.a

10 likes

Protected bike lanes needed to create a safe bicycle network for access to the trail

First of all, I generally like the design. The use of roundabouts here is smart and should keep traffic flowing where appropriate while also slowing it down at crossings, keeping everyone safer. Also those combined with ramp cuts onto the sidewalk make traversal by bike much safer for those who may not be comfortable riding with vehicular traffic.

But please PLEASE change the bike lanes to either fully protected ones or shift bike traffic on to a wider sidepath. I know the city has always been reluctant to create protected bike lanes, but many other cities have figured it out and there are guides available from FHWA and NACTO. Especially with the speed of traffic along this stretch and the expansion to four lanes, protected bike lanes that provide full separation from much faster moving traffic are the ONLY truly safe option. The city has an opportunity to create a bike network here, that can safely connect more citizens to the trail access, as well as businesses in the area, but it will only be used that way if it's safe for the average citizen.

Also sidewalks should be 8 feet instead of what appears to be 5 feet where right-of-way allows (which seems to be the majority of the corridor). This would match the existing sidewalk at Chapel Plaza Ct and the full sidewalk network north of the project corridor on Forum. If the city won't do protected bike lanes, then the sidewalks should be widened to a 10 foot sidepath (shared-use path).

rikkiascani

10 likes

Protected bike lanes or shared use paths are essential for transportation safety for people biking, walking AND driving!

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As someone who regularly bikes and runs on Forum Blvd to either the trail or local businesses - traveling on Forum outside of a car is truly terrifying. If you're going to expand a roadway, please please please do folks outside of cars justice and treat us equally to those driving cars.

LittleFish

What is the Detour?

During the construction phases, will at least one lane North and South bound be available throughout? Forum is the most direct route for me to drop off/pick up my children from school.

jks

8 likes

Please install protected bike lanes / walking paths on both sides of Forum.

Forum Blvd is due for expansion due to the amount of use it sees. In addition to these proposed improvements, this would be a great time to implement PROTECTED bike and pedestrian lanes on both sides of the road. The protected bike path is the safer way to go, let's start installing them on our infrastructure to future proof these projects and make them as safe as possible for everyone.

junebug

4 likes

Protected bike lanes & sidewalks/shared-use path

This project should include a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides, or protected bike lanes with sidewalks on both sides. This project needs to include a shared-use path or protected bike lanes and sidewalks to safely connect neighbors to the Forum MKT trailhead. Adding more car lanes does NOTHING to mitigate traffic, and makes the neighborhood more unsafe for pedestrians & people biking.

Steve Humphreys

1 like

As a resident north of Chapel Hill, I recommend a no left turn on the eastbound lane of Chapel Hill at Mills Dr to minimize the cut thru.

A

8 likes

Protected sidewalks/bike lanes are a necessity

The addition of protected sidewalks and bike lanes on the steep hills of affording Blvd would be a necessary improvement in order to provide safe travel in inclement weather along Forum Blvd. With limited or no public transit along this corridor, foot traffic is more common mean sod transportation. Protected bike paths/sidewalks would ensure that people can proceed along the hills without fear of being hit by a poorly controlled car. Additionally, this use of protected sidewalks and bike paths will allow more people south of the MKT trail to fully utilize it from their doorstep instead of traveling via car to the parking lot. This extra ability will improve down town traffic and Forum lot parking in the summer months as residents are able to travel to downtown without the use of a car.

cgk

7 likes

I echo the calls for protected bike lanes or a shared protected path. Why a divider between bikes and pedestrians when cars are the danger?

Protect bikes and pedestrians from cars, not pedestrians from bikes

Lcsimonson

7 likes

Protected bike lanes or separated shared-use paths should be considered to allow for safe access to the MKT trail.

With the widening there will be increased traffic volume and speeds. Using only paint isn't enough to keep families who would like to walk or ride bikes to the MKT trail safe.

lhooper

1 like

Will there be sufficient protection for the mussel population living in Hinkson Creek during bridge construction? Sediment is a concern.

Bridge over Hinkson Creek

cchavez

4 likes

Safety for bikes/pedestrians

Protected bike lanes and/or shared protected bike and walking lanes would be ideal. Columbia should be pushing for better walking and biking spaces. At the same time those spaces need to be safe for vehicles as well.

mrkabt

Chapel Plaza Ct. Right-In-Right-Out Median

As a part of this project, it would be great if the median on Forum at the Chapel Plaza Ct. right-in-right-out was extended to prevent drivers driving north on Forum from turning left onto Chapel Plaza Ct. Currently, some drivers will stop in one of the northbound driving lanes so they can turn left, which is not how the intersection was designed and can create a hazard for traffic not expecting stopped vehicles, especially when there is a large amount of traffic driving south, causing extended stops.

nsmith

3 likes

Protected bike lanes to help keep pedestrians safe.

Please include a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides or protected bike lanes with sidewalks on both sides. This area is heavily used by bikes and pedestrians going to and from the MKT trail.

gabijacobs14

4 likes

I 1000% echo the ideas on this page supporting and asking for pedestrian and bike safety in this project!

Adding more lanes to this corridor will not only increase vehicle speeds but also decrease the safety of other road users (pedestrians, bikers) in the area. This corridor needs either a shared-use path or protected bike lanes with sidewalks on BOTH sides of the road to ensure that people using those modes of transportation can get where they need to go safely. It would be fantastic to add this safe infrastructure to the area so that community members living in neighborhoods around the area could access the MKT trailhead safely without needing to drive.

roses

7 likes

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Sidewalks and bike lanes!

AndrewS

2 likes

Please install protected bike lanes / walking paths on both sides of Forum.

We need to consider all road users in this project and future proof for increasing numbers of cyclist, walkers and consider what increased bus service could look like along Forum boulevard.

LittleFish

1 like

Traffic at the MAC

I can see a 'right in right out' and a raised median to help prevent southbound drivers from turning left into the MAC. This area has been a point of congestion for a long while. Glad to see these boundaries in place for drivers, but what about pedestrians and bikers coming off the trail headed to the MAC? Will there be a way across for them?

ComoVVUser

1 like

MAC/Wilson entrance/exit

A roundabout at the Wilsons entrance seems more beneficial than at Woodrail.

Right-in/right-out at the MAC/Wilsons entrance seems like it would potentially increase congestion between Woodrail and Katy. Southbound drivers would need to travel past Wilsons to Woodrail, uphill to navigate the roundabout, and then backtrack downhill to Wilsons. Similarly, Wilsons patron who need to travel southbound when leaving would need to travel uphill to Katy, and then backtrack across the Hinkson Creek. That increases the amount of driving necessary, puts more cars in that LOS for a longer period of time, and forces greater congestion at the actual roundabouts.

Drivers going southbound on Forum would be delayed waiting at the roundabout at Katy for the drivers circling back to go southbound from Wilsons. That in turn pushes traffic further back up Forum, and the traffic light plus two-lane merge results in a lot of traffic in that specific LOS. A similar effect would occur for northbound Forum drivers at Woodrail in order to accommodate the drivers circling back to enter Wilsons, compounded by two lanes of southbound traffic coming up the hill, and drivers switching lanes to circle back. Northbound traffic may also be affected by slowing traffic at the bottom of the hill for those turning right to enter Wilsons.

With the reality of family sports events at the MAC, this seems like it could create a great amount of congestion due to multiple vehicles traveling north and southbound and needing to get in and out of that specific property, especially during evenings.

The proposed plan necessitates almost an additional .5 miles of travel for drivers in either direction. In addition, the sightlines of the winding road and heavy foliage on Forum mean that it could be difficult to see or anticipate traffic slowing ahead. That could increase the risk of auto accidents, especially during inclement weather. All of these factors together seem to increase the risk of congestion and collisions in the Forum corridor between Chapel Hill and Woodrail.

Steve Humphreys

Hatton, Mills , Limerick has been struggled with cut thru traffic for 2 decades. This project will dump more traffic into the neighborhood.

mountainbikesam

2 likes

Include protected bike lanes in this project. Pay for it once. Higher speed, higher traffic roads like this make it necessary.

Our city needs more infrastructure that includes non-motorized modes of travel. Include it in the project and pay for it once, instead of building this as it is, and ripping it all up later to make protected lanes.

jacksonhotaling

4 likes

Road Widening = Road Will Be Less Safe; Protected Bike/Ped Infrastructure = Safety Options to Mitigate Increased Risks Caused by Project

One more lane in each direction will further entrench our car-oriented dependent development patterns. It will facilitate more conflicts with more cars on the corridor, leading to more potential crash opportunities. And time and time again, studies show that additional lanes can increase traffic. If this is what the city wants, more considerations need to be made for the bicycle riders and pedestrians that will be negatively impacted on this corridor by this decision.

With (1) a trail connection between residential areas to our city's most popular trail, (2) a steep grade that slows bike/ped travel but speeds up car travel, (3) blind curves, (4) narrow travel areas, and (5) shade from the trees making the area fairly dark and tricky to see, all the points are there to demonstrate the dangerous nature of this roadway, and why we need to take further steps towards safety for this project.

Many other smaller American cities in conservative states have figured out how to include protected bicycle infrastructure for their vulnerable road users. It's time for Columbia to do the same--building upon the proven protected bicycle project on Walnut St. on the Hinkson Creek bridge. This is a perfect project to start to implement a vision for safer streets on a more impactful scale.

A

4 likes

No additional car lane on Forum Blvd

In the hilly areas of Forum Blvd, an additional car lane will cause more reckless driving over those very steep grade hills with little regard for weather or traffic conditions. This will lead to higher vehicle crash incidences. Wider roads lead to faster driving, as this John's Hopkins report details:

<https://narrowlanes.americanhealth.jhu.edu/>. If there are existing traffic conditions that are causing congestion at Forum, perhaps we should look into alternative transit options such as viable public transit from this area to downtown. Or a protected bike path to allow for M&T trail access/downtown access. An additional car lane will likely add to problems rather than resolve them.

Reply

Jacksonhotaling

Excellent comment. There needs to be alternative ways for the city to measure traffic impacts.

WILLS

5 likes

Pedestrian/Bike Options

Forum is generally not a safe passage for those using transportation besides a car, particularly south of the trail access. Please make it safer for all with protected lanes and traffic calming measures.

Steve Humphreys

Something needs to be done to mitigate the increase we will see as drivers avoid the construction area.

I have asked for a roundabout at Mills, Hatton, intersection for years to no avail.

Njgilbert31

3 likes

Protected, separated bike lanes are a must. Paint is not infrastructure and does not keep cyclists safe from motor vehicles

When people feel safe to use their bikes (protected, separated bike lanes; not a stripe of paint) more people will choose to ride their bikes. This will reduce car traffic and improve safety and efficiency for all users.

Frederick

1 like

Good plan. I like the way the two roundabouts eliminate the need for dangerous left turns at Wilson's and the Katy Trail parking lot.

Joe Silsby

8 likes

I would like to see the proposed bike lanes upgraded to protected bike lanes.

Protected bike lanes have a physical barrier between them and the motor vehicle lanes, thus providing far more protection than a painted stripe on the pavement. This is especially true with regard to Forum Blvd where the driving speed is greater than 30 mph and there is a major curve in the road.

ssb_1208

6 likes

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As a family who lives off forum and regularly bikes, walks, and drives this stretch - traveling on Forum outside of a car is truly terrifying - not that great in the car either! If you're going to expand a roadway, please do so with the safety of all people in mind - especially those using modes of transportation other than the car.