

Town of Superior
Transportation & Safety Committee (T&SC)
Meeting Notes
December 5, 2016

Members of the Committee in attendance: Mark Lacin, Chris Hanson, Kevin Ryan

Others in Attendance: Alex Ariniello, Staff; over 50 residents and 10 developer representatives.

Agenda Items:

1. 88th Street Options: Staff presented Design Objectives for improving 88th Street along with three access options for 88th Street to serve the Zaharias property. Many residents commented on the volume of traffic on Weldona and expressed concern about added traffic. Several residents requested that a 4th option be considered – closing Weldona. There were several comments about the access locations and proposed access restrictions, including opposition to a right-turn-only restriction at Weldona and 88th, effects on emergency services, deliveries, etc. The roundabout proposed to be located between Weldona and Shamrock Drive was supported by some but concerns were raised about the difficulty of making U-turns with the amount of traffic on 88th Street. A suggestion was made to include a lane within the roundabout for U-turns.

A number of residents voiced concern about current and future traffic volumes on 88th Street, with some requesting that the street be widened to four lanes. Others were concerned that the projections did not account for the future development that might occur in Louisville. One resident asked about coordination with Louisville on the traffic back-ups at the 88th Street/Campus Drive due to Monarch High School.

2. South Coal Creek Drive: Staff presented the extension of South Coal Creek Drive through the Anderson property in the context of other planned street connections including: the extension of Promenade Drive from the Town Center to 88th Street; the connection of the Town Center to Discovery Parkway; the extension of Marshall Road into the Town Center; and the potential Campus Drive connection between the Town Center and the Avista Campus. Background on the original design of South Coal Creek Drive as a Major Collector was presented along with the Town's Comprehensive Plan Policy on connecting the Town Center with 88th Street and South Coal Creek Drive. The street plan for the Anderson Property was presented showing connections to South Coal Creek Drive and to 88th Street via an extension of Promenade Drive from the Town Center to 88th Street. Projected 2016 Daily traffic volumes were presented in comparison with existing traffic counts, which showed a moderate increase over time but are within accepted standards.

Several residents living along Stoneham Street expressed concerns about the noise from US 36 and how the traffic on the proposed Promenade Drive would add to the problem. Several residents questioned the projections on South Coal Creek Drive noting that there would be more cut-through traffic than forecast.

There were a number of other concerns expressed:

- Traffic on Rock Creek Parkway has increased and the noise near Coal Creek Drive is unbearable.
- If Weldona is closed, what happens at Rock Creek Parkway/Coal Creek Drive with the increased traffic? Pedestrians can't cross now.
- Why can't the Town keep big trucks off Rock Creek Parkway?
- There are signs saying "No Thru Traffic" on either end of Weldona. Why isn't this being enforced?
- How would trails be extended though the Anderson Property?

After listening to the public comment, the Committee discussed whether Weldona should be closed and whether South Coal Creek Drive should be connected to the Town Center. Any decisions regarding these items would need to be discussed and considered by the Board of Trustees.

Next Steps

A concept review for the Zaharias Property is scheduled before the Town Board on December 12, 2016. A development submittal for the Anderson Property is expected in mid-December and could be scheduled for Public Hearing before the Planning Commission in early 2017.

The next meeting of the Transportation & Safety Committee is scheduled for early March, 2017.