

Concord Boulevard / Mississippi River Greenway Crossings & 80th Street Trail Gap Projects

Community Open House #3 Meeting Summary

July 31, 2024 | 4:30-6:30 pm | Inver Grove Heights Community Center

- Concerns shared about removal of the turn lanes - worried that rear-end crashes will happen and/or traffic will slow down.
- Concerns that people will not notice the raised crossings until they potentially slam into them.
- Residents near Coffman and Cooper were very disappointed that we are taking away their accessible crossing of Concord. They were expecting improvements to cross and didn't accept that the safest decision was to discourage crossing altogether due to the analysis. Several residents want a separated crossing between Coffman and Cooper. Without a crossing between these streets, the residents could have longer out of direction travel to cross.
- Concerns about tree and shrub removal and loss of screening along 80th Street (there was some confusion over what is private property versus what is County right of way).
- Questions regarding how the trail along 80th Street was established. Thoughts about cyclists riding in road or on the shoulder instead. Or remove the shoulder instead of keeping the roadway so wide.
- Some people had concerns about the implementation of the raised crossings for maintenance (snow removal and icing up during the winter) and drivability (i.e. is it hard to drive and accelerate onto Concord) purposes.
- There was discussion about the posted speeds along the corridor and a desire to lower speed limits to slow down traffic. We had discussions with the public regarding how speed limits are established and the additional police resources that would be needed to enforce lower speed limits.
- Discuss with Inver Grove Heights about the turn lane removal at Dickman.
- Desire for a roundabout at 80th and Cleadis because "no on stops there today".