

**Madison-Miller Transportation Issues
Transportation Committee Briefing
April/1/03
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Where we last left off

When SDOT last briefed the Transportation Committee on 9/6/02, the Department informed the Committee that SDOT would prepare a preliminary report on the issues and concerns identified by the community, and report back to the community via two public meetings. Today SDOT is able to report that the Department has met those two objectives, and can also describe further progress in addressing community concerns.

Preliminary Report

With your packet is the SDOT preliminary report that described the Department's initial investigation of the concerns raised by the community. For each issue the report included a problem statement, description of SDOT's analysis of the issue and, where possible, alternatives to consider. The SDOT staff member who worked on the issue was listed along with their direct telephone number and e-mail address. The report was posted on the Miller Park Neighborhood Association web site. It was posted to allow for direct e-mail communication between citizens and staff. Since its' posting the report has received 272 visits and generated 28 e-mail and telephone contacts with staff.

Open House Meetings

SDOT and the Miller Park Neighborhood Association co-sponsored Open House meetings on 3/4/03 and 3/20/03 at the Miller Park Community Center and the McKinney Manor respectively. SDOT distributed 6700 Open House notices within the boundaries of the Madison-Miller Urban Village and immediately beyond prior to the 3/4 meeting and Miller Park Neighborhood Association distributed 1,000 additional flyers before the 3/20 meeting. Notices were also posted in the *Capitol Hill Times* and *Seattle Skanner*. Forty-two citizens attended the meeting at Miller Park Community Center and 23 individuals attended the second Open House at the McKinney Manor. King County Metro staff were present at both sessions to discuss their proposed #48 bus zone consolidation plan. Two Parking Enforcement Officers attended the second Open House.

The agenda for each open house consisted of a brief overview of the process to date and a description of the main issues SDOT had addressed within its' preliminary report. Those in attendance were then invited to speak to the SDOT staff person present who was expert in the issue of interest to the citizen (e.g. pedestrian safety, traffic calming). The major result of SDOT's extensive dialogue with the community is a series of action steps, which the Department is prepared to implement.

SDOT Action Steps

Short-term (see also page 4)

- 23rd Ave. /E John St: replace "lagging" eastbound left turn to "leading" left turn to reduce driver confusion and delay (Signal Operations, June 2003)
- 24th Ave./ E Prospect St: signal upgrade to include pedestrian push buttons and vehicle loops for the side streets to improve traffic flow along the arterial street (Signal Operations, April 2003)
- 15th Ave. /John/Thomas St: signal equipment upgrade to improve visibility for pedestrians and drivers; installation of tactile/audio pedestrian push buttons to assist sight and hearing impaired pedestrians (Signal Operations, by end of 2003)
- E Olive St. between 23rd Ave. and E Madison St: installation of 25 MPH speed limit signs to remind drivers that Olive is a non-arterial street (Traffic Calming, June 2003)
- E John St. east of Madison St: reach agreement with near-by residents on proposal to install about 50 feet of parking restrictions on south side of John St. to improve vehicle access across intersection
- 17th Ave./E Madison St: increase walk and clearance time to accommodate elderly pedestrians (Pedestrian Program, April 2003)
- E Aloha St. between 15th and 23rd Ave: reinstall centerline buttons to improve channelization (Arterial Traffic Operations, July 2003)
- 23rd Ave./ E John St: replace faded left-turn restriction signs (Arterial Traffic Operations, June 2003)
- Miller Playfield: create signage plan to direct playfield users to lower parking lot (Parking Management, July 2003)
- Install **Yield to Pedestrians** sign at 17th Ave./Madison St. (Arterial Traffic Operations, June 2003).
- Complete 23rd Ave. S Crosswalk Evaluation Study to determine preferred locations for marked crosswalks (Pedestrian Program, June 2003).
- Complete feasibility study of traffic circle at E Olive St./22nd Ave. (Traffic Calming, May 2003).

Possible Long-Term/Ongoing

- Construct traffic circles on 22nd Ave E at E Republican and E Thomas St. These locations would not compete well for funding through SDOT's annual traffic circle program or other safety-based programs; therefore, this project is dependent upon identifying alternative funding source and achieving required level of resident support. ***Citizen contact person required. If interested, please contact John Marek at 684-5069, or john.marek@seattle.gov***
- Additional traffic calming on 22nd Ave. E north of E John St. (as above, dependent upon alternative funding and resident support). ***Citizen contact person required. If interested, please contact John Marek at 684-5069, or john.marek@seattle.gov***
- Replace existing painted curb bulb on 21st Ave. E north of E John St. with permanent installation (as above, dependent upon funding). ***SDOT will repaint existing bulb. To explore funding possibilities for permanent construction, interested citizens should contact Ted Divina at Department of Neighborhoods at 684-4574, or ted.divina@seattle.gov***
- Add on-street parking to certain non-arterial streets (dependent upon achieving required level of community support). ***Interested citizens should contact Meghan Shepard at 684-4208, or meghan.shepard@seattle.gov***
- Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) workshop to assist residents to conduct successful petition campaign to expand existing RPZs (dependent upon resident interest and results of SDOT parking study). ***Interested citizens should contact Meghan Shepard at 684-4208, or meghan.shepard@seattle.gov***

- Utilize interdepartmental parking management team to address ongoing issue of parking enforcement within the Madison-Miller community. ***For parking enforcement, call Seattle Police Department, 625-5011.***
- SDOT and DON will facilitate discussion between community representatives and Meany Middle School administration to address spillover parking. ***Interested community members should contact Meghan Shepard at 684-4208, or meghan.shepard@seattle.gov***
- Evaluate MLK Jr. Way between E Union and E Olive St. to determine feasibility of curb bulbs. ***Bulbs appear feasible at all intersections. E Olive St. may be preferred location since there is an existing school crosswalk there. This project may be a good candidate for 2004 Neighborhood Street Fund. For more information please contact Tony Mazzella at 684-0811, or tony.mazzella@seattle.gov***

Continue Community Dialogue

The action steps described in this report will be added to the Miller Park Neighborhood Association web site and mailed to all those who attended the open houses. SDOT is also prepared to follow-up on the longer-term action steps that require additional community process and funding. Finally, SDOT continues to respond directly to any resident who contacts us about traffic issues within the Madison-Miller community.

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Timeline for Short-term Action Steps

April	May	June	July	Later
24 th /Prospect: install pedestrian push buttons & vehicle loops	Olive/22 nd : complete traffic circle feasibility study	23 rd /John: install “leading” L-turn	Aloha/15 th -23 rd : install centerline buttons	15 th /John: improve signal visibility; install tactile/audio push buttons
17 th /Madison: increase walk time		Olive/23 rd – Madison: install 25 MPH signs	Miller Playfield: finalize signage plan	John/east of Madison: new parking restrictions
		23 rd /John: improve turn restriction sign		
		17 th /Madison: install Yield to Pedestrian sign		
		complete 23 rd Ave crosswalk study		