

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Meeting Summary

Overview

The Hwy 371 Project team hosted the second Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting for the Highway 371 study. The purpose of the meeting was to update the committee on previous outreach activities, provide conceptual materials to help illustrate how we can address some of the priorities that were established at the first Stakeholder meeting and to seek input on these potential corridor alternatives.

The project team discussed potential corridor alternatives by facilitating a mapping activity that presented three cross-section alternatives using photo visualizations of the existing road. The committee also facilitated an activity where committee members provided feedback on two intersection alternatives at County Road 5. The project team collected verbal and written comments.

Location: Hackensack Community Center

Date: November 7, 2019

Time: 5:00 — 7:30 p.m.

Staffing: Brett Voth, HDR; John Griffith, HDR; Nancy Graham, MnDOT

Meeting Attendance: 16

Materials

Copies of the key materials given to the committee are included below:



Hwy 371 Study

Study recommendations will include:


 Improved safety for all users


 Speed reduction measures


 Improved or new bike and pedestrian facilities


 County Road 5 and Hwy 371 reconstruction


 Underground utility and drainage upgrades

i About the Project

MnDOT is reconstructing Hwy 371 between County Rd 40 and County Rd 5 in Hackensack in the next few years. This project will improve pavement conditions and increase safety for all users of Hwy 371. It also includes a possible redesign of the Hwy 371 and County Rd 5 intersection.

📍 Project Area Map



📅 Project Schedule

FALL/WINTER 2019	WINTER 2020	SPRING 2020	SUMMER 2020 – WINTER 2021	FALL 2020	2021-2023	SPRING 2023
Stakeholder input and alternatives development	Preferred alternative development	Community/stakeholder engagement and preferred alternative selection	Ongoing engagement	Begin final design	Project development and design	Tentative construction

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Visit the project website to sign up for the mailing list, receive updates, and learn about opportunities to get involved. Help shape the vision for the corridor!

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Corridor Design Activity

The project team facilitated an activity where stakeholders shared their feedback on alternatives for Hwy 371. The group provided written comments on each alternative.

Below are the results from the activity:



Alternative 1: Parallel parking on both sides; single lanes with center turn lane

- Dislike; promotes fast traffic
- Like; parallel parking design and center turn lane allows for plenty of room
- Like; parallel parking and center turn lane design
- Like; center turn lane
- Like; favorite option
- Like; the design looks open, consider adding trees to the boulevard
- Like; good parking option that businesses don't need to plow



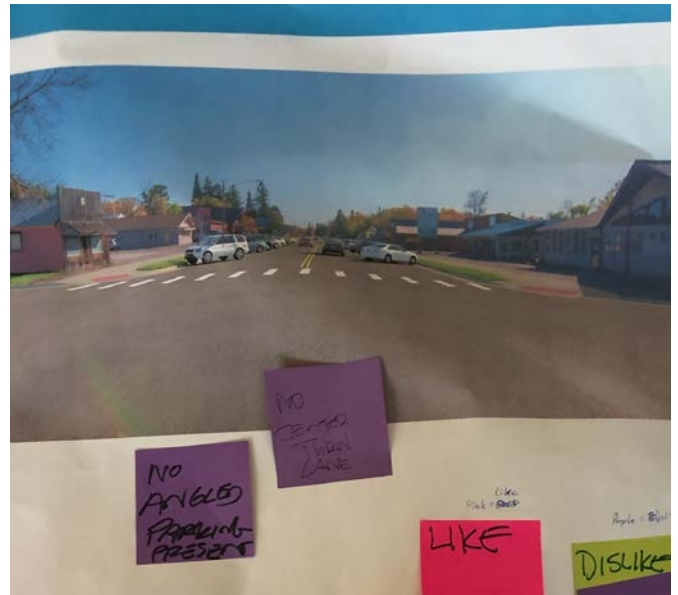
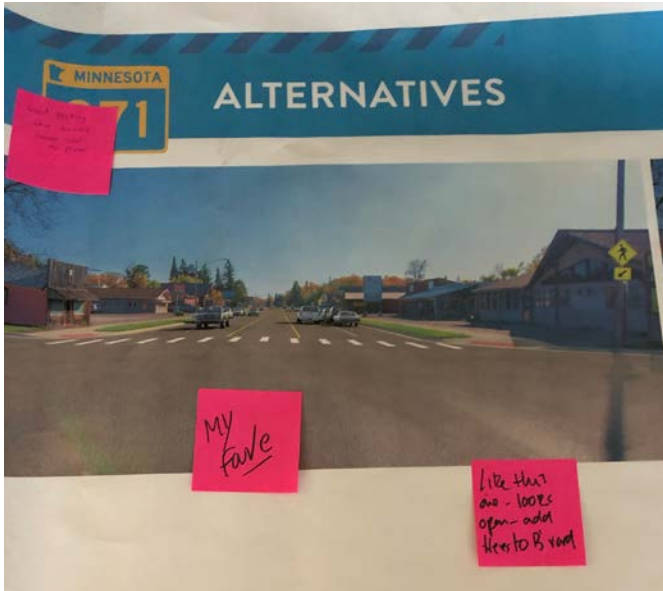
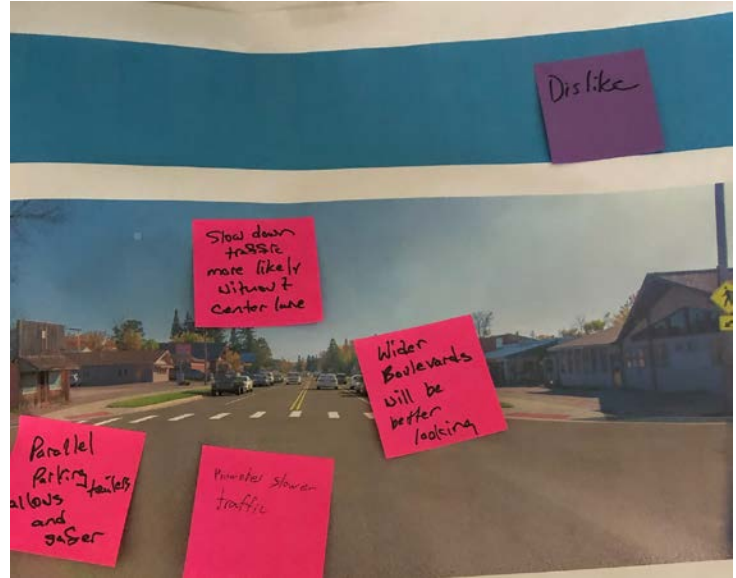
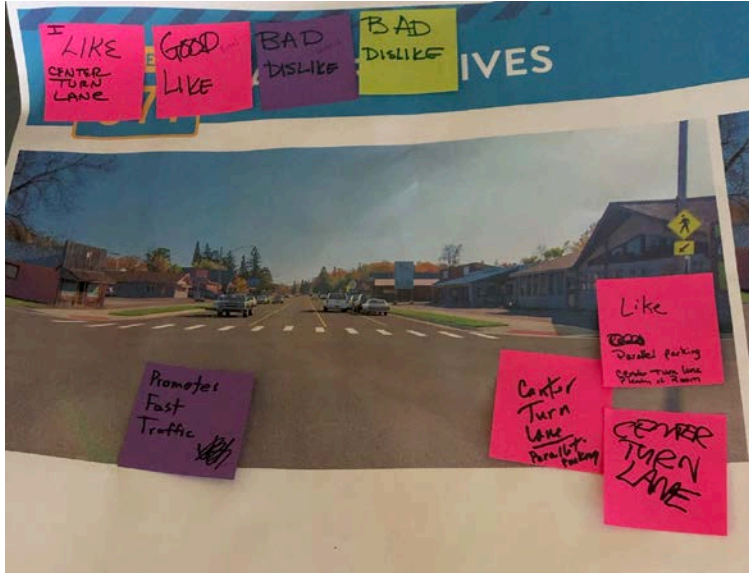
Alternative 2: Parallel parking on both sides; single lanes with wider sidewalks

- Dislike; don't like design
- Like; slow down traffic will be more likely without center turn lane
- Like; parallel parking allows trailers to park and this design is safer
- Like; promotes slower traffic
- Like; wider boulevards will be better looking



Alternative 3: Angled parking on both sides; single lanes

- Dislike; dangerous
- Dislike; danger
- Dislike; don't want traffic backup on 371
- Dislike; dangerous parking
- Dislike; will only consider reverse diagonal parking, not normal diagonal
- Dislike; no angled parking present
- Dislike; no center turn lane with this option
- Like; consider angled parking on one side
- Like; visually tighter, might slow traffic





County Road 5 Intersection Design Activity

The stakeholder group also participated in activity where they placed their comments/ concerns on a physical map of a potential corridor design. *Below are the results of this activity:*

County Rd 5 NW / Birch Lake Rd NW

- Like this design
- Like the roundabout design with a shift to the southeast

