

SE 42nd Avenue Survey Summary

March 2020

About the Project Update

On February 27, 2020, the City of Milwaukie provided an update to neighbors near the SE 42nd Avenue SAFE project about proposed pedestrian improvements, staff responses to common questions and a change in the overall project schedule. As part of this update, neighbors were encouraged to provide feedback on a series of questions related to SE 42nd Avenue and the SAFE program.

The project update and survey were hosted on the project website. The survey was promoted in the March *Milwaukie Pilot* newsletter, City social media accounts, an email to the interested parties list, and with a postcard that was mailed to neighbors within a two-block radius of the project corridor.

Survey Results

A total of 13 people took the online survey that was open between February 26 and March 20, 2020.

The following are common themes from the survey results:



- Crosswalks have been relocated to intersections that are blind spots for drivers.
- Removing 3 crosswalks near Roswell will mean more people walking on the east side of 42nd Avenue, which is a problem because of obstructions (utility poles).
- Curb extensions can be hazardous to cyclists because they force cyclists to shift to the center of the lane.
- Three respondents want a three-way stop at 42nd and Harvey.
- Three respondents still would like speed humps to be installed and feel that speed humps are the most effective solution.
- Build a concrete island closer to Johnson Creek Boulevard to calm traffic.
- Three respondents commented that traffic islands make the turn onto Mason Lane more difficult, make streets in general more congested, or are inappropriate for a street the size of 42nd Avenue.

The project team is reviewing all these comments and will consider them as the design is finalized.



Summary of Responses by Question

Question 1: Do you have any feedback about the sidewalk extensions or concrete islands.

• Concern about removing 3 crosswalks near Roswell and how it will mean walking more on east side of street which is a problem because of utility poles.

Question 2: Do you have feedback about the sidewalk extensions or concrete islands?

- Turning radius onto Mason Lane already narrow. The island will make it worse.
- Don't like islands as make the streets more congested.
- Concern of curb extensions to bicyclists.
- Islands seem excessive for the size of the street; sidewalk extensions are more appropriate.
- Concrete island closer to Johnson Creek to calm traffic.

Question 3: If the city identifies additional funding in the future, what 42nd Avenue crossings do you think would most benefit from improvements?

- 2 respondents said there should be a 3-way stop at 42nd and Harvey.
- Concern about speeding and how to mitigate it on 42nd Avenue and Johnson Creek Boulevard.

Question 4: What destinations do you use SE 42nd Street to bike to?

- An address on Roswell Street.
- 2 respondents said Downtown Milwaukie.
- Tacoma/Johnson MAX station.
- Milwaukie High School.
- 2 respondents said Springwater Trail.
- 2 respondents said Ardenwald Elementary.
- 29th Avenue Greenway.

Question 5: Is there anything else you would like to share with the project team?

- 3 respondents would like speed humps.
- Conflicting comments desiring bike wayfinding signs and another comment that suggested that the signs are not needed.
- Curb extensions are more dangerous for bicyclists.
- 3 way stop at 42nd and Harvey.