



OPW 52281 - 78th Street Improvements

Mercy Road to Pacific Street

Written comments received from the public at the Public Open House and during the 3 week public comment period are presented below. Multiple comments may have been received on the various topics, and they have been grouped into the following categories: Roadway Safety Pedestrian Safety, Poppleton SID, Construction and Property Impacts, and Overall Remarks.

Comment	Response
Roadway Safety:	
I prefer the 2-lane section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promotes slower traffic ● Reduced Noise as compared to 3-lane 	Based on the community's input and the design team's recommendations following the traffic study, it has been determined that a 2-lane section will be used from Shirley to Poppleton.
I prefer the 3-lane section	It was determined that the 2-lane section is the preferred option due to cost savings to the taxpayers, less impacts to the adjacent property owner, slower speeds (according to studies), would to provide adequate capacity for the existing and future traffic demands. Additionally, the neighborhood and residential context of the area fits well with a 2-lane section.
I'm also concerned about the grade and speed at our intersection (78th and Pine Circle).	During the design process, sight distance will be analyzed both for traffic travelling along 78 St. and for vehicles turning onto 78 St. from the other public streets along the corridor. The design will meet current standards for sight distance in both cases.
I'm concerned about the grade and speed at our intersection (78th and Pine Circle). Would prefer 3-lane section to avoid confusion.	The three-lane section will be constructed adjacent to the commercial area north of Mercy. The three-lane section will transition to a two-lane between Mercy and Shirley streets. The two-lane section will be constructed north of Shirley due to neighborhood/residential context. The traffic analysis determined that extending the three-lane up to Shirley Street to the west was not necessary due to anticipated volumes and turning movements at the intersection.

<p>Cutting elevation to improve visibility and a better surface will only increase speeds and potential for major problems.</p>	<p>The goals of the project are to increase safety, provide drainage improvements, and to provide a safe pedestrian route. The design is required to meet current standards.</p>
<p>We would like a greater visibility at these locations to increase safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hickory ● Woolworth Ave ● 78th Street Corridor 	<p>The design will meet current standards for the 78th Street Corridor and adjoining streets which will allow for greater visibility at the existing intersections.</p>
<p>Pedestrian Safety:</p>	
<p>We want a more narrow separation between the sidewalk and the street because the more wide open it feels (84th St) the faster people go</p>	<p>The goals of the project are to increase safety, update drainage, and to provide a safe pedestrian route. The design team is currently working on the alternative analysis to determining the complete cross section.</p>
<p>Multiple configurations for the pedestrian space were requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4.5' green space ● 6' green space ● Wider sidewalks, and narrower green space ● Only one sidewalk and storm drains 	<p>Thank you for your comment. The design team is currently working on the alternative analysis to determining the complete cross section.</p>
<p>Also, if we must have 6', will the city water and cut it? Will you fill with stone instead?</p>	<p>It is standard City of Omaha policy to not provide lawn maintenance, including irrigation, in the vegetated portions of the right-of-way. Reference: <i>City of Omaha Municipal Code Sec. 26-41 through Sec. 26-44.</i></p>
<p>There needs to be a guardrail to prevent cars from going down the embankment into the apartment parking lot below (78ths and Woolworth).</p>	<p>The design will include the required clear zone, which will not require a guardrail.</p>
<p>We would love a crosswalk on 78th at Woolworth with a light to make crossing easier.</p>	<p>The design team will analyze the need for designated crosswalks. There are established federal standards (warrants) that must be met to install a designated crosswalk on 78th Street. The analysis will determine whether these warrants are met.</p>
<p>Poppleton SID:</p>	
<p>On Poppleton Street where the concrete meets the unincorporated street on 78th Ave, there is SEVERE erosion. These is at least a 3" lip. Can we have a temporary fix of asphalt until 2020?</p>	<p>This comment has been forwarded onto City of Omaha staff. Please use the Omaha Mobile App for future maintenance issues you see in your neighborhood.</p>

	https://publicworks.cityofomaha.org/omaha-mobile-app
Currently, there is no street lighting on Poppleton Avenue between 78th Street and 78th Avenue. We would like a street light added to the Poppleton Avenue currently planned for improvements. We spoke with Jeff Riessleman about this.	Street lighting is not planned as part of this project. Street lighting is not incorporated into residential projects. Street lighting is taken care of by OPPD and our traffic department. There is a petition process that must be approved by at least 66 percent of the homeowners on the block. Please contact the traffic department if you would like to discuss this further.
Construction and Property Impacts:	
We are on a cul-de-sac (“No Outlet” St). How much will this affect our intersection at 78th Street and Pierce Circle?	Complete street reconstruction is currently planned to begin on the south side of Pierce Circle. The design team will be coordinating with individual property owners affected by the project as the design progresses.
We sit on a hill overlooking the intersection of 78th and Pine Circle. I am concerned about having a retaining wall in the front of my house	It has been determined that the roadway section in your area will be a 2-lane section. We are still evaluating the needs for the pedestrian space. The design team will be coordinating with individual property owners affected by the project as the design progresses.
Southeast corner of 78th and Woolworth streets, people in the corner house frequently have trucks, lawn care service, etc. parked in front of their home and sometimes overnight. In the winter, there is ice and snow on Woolworth around the corner when turning right onto Woolworth. It’s dangerous and people tend to go into the on-coming lane to avoid the vehicles, ice and snow.	The design will include curbs and storm sewer inlets on 78 St. which should improve overall drainage conditions. According to City Code, no parking is allowed within 30’ from the intersection. Reference: <i>City of Omaha Municipal Code Sec. 36-156 – Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.</i>
Overall Remarks:	
As the design process continues, I would appreciate the opportunity to provide input and to be updated on how it will impact my property.	The best way to stay informed and provide input is by using the website www.keepomahamoving.com . Project updates will be provided on the project specific page for 78 th Street as the design process moves along.
The Poppleton & 78th Ave project was executed very well and really appreciated the Construction manager and team! Well done!	We appreciate your kind comment and your input during the comment process. Please stay up to date by using the website www.keepomahamoving.com . Project updates will be provided on the project specific page for 78 th Street as the design process moves along.

Great team working on 78th and good communication! Thanks!

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