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Ankeny – NE Delaware Avenue Widening

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	17
No	8
Unsure	0

Comments:

- This will create induced demand.
- This just induces sprawl
- more lanes = more traffic = bad idea
- Expansion is considered expensive and a last-resort alternative. Ankeny's response to this is insufficient. Continuing to widen roads will worsen congestion while spending our limited resources on liabilities that will not provide ROI.
- unconscionable to be widening roads during a climate crisis
- This is a road widening project. Ankeny needs to do more to manage traffic than simply add lanes.
- As soon as you widen a street in Ankeny, it becomes choked with traffic. This project will encourage more sprawl, which we really don't need in the Des Moines area.
- Is needed now, will be more critical by 2023
- I drive through this area daily, either along Delaware or the interstate. The positive impacts from this proposed project should affect many, including commuters to/from Ankeny, public safety personnel responding to incidents on or just off the interstate, and drivers diverted into Ankeny due to incidents on the interstate. I also like that it includes water quality control features and pedestrian mobility as well as landscaping.

Drawing from my driving experiences, I find that these statements from the application resonate particularly effectively for me:

"During busy commuter travel times, NE Delaware Avenue provides direct, efficient connectivity to the interstate system, and also acts as a short-distance reliever for interstate traffic. It also functions as a critical link in incident management plans, as it can carry interstate traffic with a very short detour distance during emergency incidents on the interstate within Ankeny."

- This will support more development in the area, which will economically provide more city revenue.

Carlisle – Scotch Ridge Road

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	1
No	7
Unsure	0

Comments:

- 12-foot lanes are unnecessary.
- Again, this will just encourage further sprawl and car-dependent development. Again, this isn't a last resort; this is preemptively widening a street in anticipation of more sprawling development.

Clive – U.S. 6 & NW 128th Street Intersection Improvements

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	3
No	8
Unsure	0

Comments:

- This will induce further sprawl
- more lanes = more traffic = bad idea
- Stop spending money to add capacity. Additional capacity induces traffic. Let's fix the roads we have and add new transportation options (transit, etc.) instead of spending money to shorten commutes by 1-2 minutes.
- Clive needs to work harder on transportation alternatives instead of resorting to adding lanes.
- Absolutely not. Traffic on Hickman already moves fast enough; these changes will encourage even more speeding and make an area that's already dangerous and inhospitable for cyclists and pedestrians even more dangerous and inhospitable.
- Sprawl

DART – Replacement Buses

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	19
No	2
Unsure	2

Comments:

- Any transit improvements are good for the community.
- BRT needs to happen soon
- I don't believe this application states how many buses are included in this funding request. It mentions 28 beyond useful life, but that probably doesn't correlate to their request. I would like to see more investment in electric or at the very least hybrid buses.
- I think some funding should be provided if possible, as public transit is crucial to regional transportation/mobility, and bus replacement in order to maintain a safe, effective fleet is important. I can't tell from the application just how far beyond the 13-year optimum life span are these buses in question... apologies if the information is there but I missed it. It seems important to consider how old buses are, how many are beyond optimum age or close to aging out, and by how much, and how this application fits into the overall ongoing funding plans for maintaining the fleet at optimum or close to optimum age. Just tough to tell much from this application. In addition, in one section (impacts of proposed project on other communities), the application refers to DART Forward: DART's long-range plan, DART Forward, outlined phased improvements to transit services starting in 2012 with the opening of DART Central Station. Our current project builds on the momentum of the DART Forward improvements by advocating for consistent annual fleet replacements, which are needed for the 28 heavy-duty buses already beyond useful life. Citing this long-range plan in terms of calling for improvements seems odd, since this application is not seeking to fund an improvement per se but replacements. ? And the DART Forward plan is DART staff's long-range plan, but it was never approved by the commission. Odd section of the application.
- I totally support this one! I would support it even more if there were a way to increase DART's rolling stock, instead of just replace it, so DART could provide more service. And, of course, electric buses are ideal. Frankly, though, I think all the applications we forward on should improve walking, biking, and transit.
- Please support public transportation!

Des Moines – Grand Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	14
No	4
Unsure	4

Comments:

- 11' lane widths really encourage to speed down Grand. The sign by Central Campus doesn't solve the problem, it just causes people to slam on their brakes. I, myself, find it hard to go 30 mph when driving down Grand; I wish there was a way to actually do the 4-to-3 conversion, and reduce the lane widths in the process. I'm not sure if it would make sense to reduce the lane widths without doing the conversion, since that would only yield 4'.
- Grand needs a road diet with bike lanes. Not many people use right lanes anyways
- I really hope this project can somehow provide a barrier (like bollards or something) in the area where that car crashed over the ledge that was a poor design to begin with.
- I support this project only insofar as the 4 to 3 lane conversion with bike facilities is implemented.
- I will support this project only if a 4 to 3 road diet is implemented with bike facilities. "Based upon existing volumes, the City may consider a 4-to-3 conversion with bike facilities." The city should ALREADY KNOW traffic volumes.
- I would support a project where the 4 lanes are narrowed down to 3 with additional facilities for other street users.
- Is a road diet feasible with the expected traffic volumes? Why is access management not part of this project?
- Needed
- The State needs to pay Des Moines some PILOT payments. That could help pave the street in front of the Governor's mansion.
- This is a greatly needed project. The outside lanes of Grand are in such terrible condition that I don't drive in them whenever there is traffic because you don't have time or space to swerve to avoid the huge potholes.
- This pavement project is needed
- This road is in sad shape

Des Moines – Intelligent Transportation Systems Upgrade

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	14
No	0
Unsure	1

Comments:

- Do this please. Seems like it should have been done years ago
- If leading pedestrian interval systems are included then I would support this project.
- Kudos to the City of Des Moines for using technology to add capacity instead of just widening streets!
- Smart
- This project is needed badly and addresses many issues
- This project should greatly increase the efficiency of traffic throughout the metro. I can't wait to see it in action.

Des Moines – Walnut Street Bridge Replacement

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	2
No	0
Unsure	0

Comments:

- Narrow vehicle lane width to obtain a 25 mph speed limit to 10 ft at most. Add dedicated bike lanes protected by parking and increase width of sidewalks.

Des Moines – Southeast Connector

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	21
No	8
Unsure	0

Comments:

- Absolutely critical to the long term economic viability of downtown, our regions most important economic development asset.
- Completion of the SE Connector to the bypass provides a direct connection from SE Central Iowa into downtown Des Moines. This has the double beneficial effect of getting more workers from that area into the downtown area, and also providing smaller towns in the SE region with income that will benefit their towns. Currently there is a significant amount of traffic on MLK to 30th (observe at 5 pm M-F), which is forced to divert through local roads like Scott Avenue. This extension should have scored much higher on the Transportation Infrastructure section than 5 points.
- DSM needs to put more effort into improving its transit system before it builds new roads.
- Even though this is expansion this is an important link
- I know this project has already been started, but I really don't think we need another highway through the east side.
- Important regional link
- Need to focus on fixing existing issues and enhancing alternative modes before adding new lanes.
- This is a metro priority to improve convenient access to the downtown.
- unconscionable to be building huge new roads during a climate crisis
- Until existing infrastructure is repaired/rebuilt, DSM should not widen nor extend its road network. This project will do little other than make it easier to get back and forth from Pleasant Hill.
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- Vital to finalizing the connection from downtown to east side
- Yes! Please!

Johnston – NW 100th Street Reconstruction

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	4
No	8
Unsure	0

Comments:

- For the increased amount of traffic from the I35/80 entrance/exit added to the already crowded roadway, this project should be funded. NW 86th street is a main thoroughfare in Johnston, however, a majority of the road is still ill-equipped to handle current traffic levels and many parts of the road don't even have curbs, turning lanes or proper traffic lights.
- I'm glad that this one at least includes bike infrastructure, but no one will use that bike infrastructure if they can't safely get across a four-lane road filled with cars coming off the interstate. Also, it doesn't make sense to widen a road because you anticipate detour traffic; again, it doesn't seem like a last resort.
- Johnston has not been responsible with its land use and managing motor vehicle traffic. Put more effort into providing transportation options!
- more lanes = more traffic = bad idea
- More lanes does not solve congestion for more than a few years. It creates more traffic while adding millions more in infrastructure liability and costs.
- Sprawl
- This just induces sprawl

Norwalk – IA 28 & Beardsley Street Improvements

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	457
No	5
Unsure	1

Comments:

- A much-needed improvement as the city continues to grow!
- Again, this just encourages sprawl and car-dependent land use. If Norwalk is really concerned about FUTURE congestion, they should develop land uses that discourage congestion. This does not seem like a last resort, which the application requires it to be. Rather, it seems like they're trying to widen Beardsley in anticipation of more sprawl and congestion.
- Another underserved intersection in Norwalk. The area is expanding exponentially, and the intersection needs major improvements. So does the road - Beardsley.
- Anything to improve the number of accidents at this intersection!
- Beardsley & Hwy 28 is a very busy intersection for commuters and school buses.
- Busy road needs improvement!!!
- Combination of elementary school traffic, commuter traffic, and businesses necessitates improvement to this intersection.
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- Dangerous intersection
- Dangerous intersection especially when coming from East
- Dangerous intersection that hasn't kept up with growth.
- Desperately need improvements here!
- Desperately needed, heavy traffic intersection from all directions
- Desperately needed.
- Desperately needs updated
- East/west road needs widened. Intersection not big enough to support the heavy traffic
- Expanding the intersection will help with traffic, including large trucks meant for commercial delivery and construction going on around town. The blind spot on the east side of Hwy 28 due to the drastic change in elevation creates a large hazard for both those turning and going straight.
- Heavily trafficked area with little change as traffic has increased over the years
- Heavy traffic area
- high traffic. Needs improvement
- Highly traveled and dangerous intersections
- Highly traveled and in need of improvement
- Hundreds of school children go through this daily and improvements are needed.
- I live near North Ave & hwy 28 & it's very busy now! When new school is functioning on G14 it will be obnoxious. It's busy without school traffic but that does make it worse!!
- I live right by this intersection. I know it would improve traffic flow so much to fix it up. Norwalk is grow6and its amazing:) but that means repairs and improvements must be made.

- Infrastructure improvements are critical to maintaining the growth of Norwalk and the surrounding area.
- Intersection has much more traffic and growth from what it used to be.
- It is a congested intersection with lots of traffic so any improvements to help would be appreciated!
- It is MUCH needed for safety reasons. Thank you!
- It would be a great improvement to this area!
- It's gotten better but still needs work
- It's gotten better but still needs work
- Main intersection in town, close to business, a school, a church and some of our newer housing developments
- Many accidents super busy. Needs to be improved
- Most definitely needs help with all the new housing!!!
- Much needed for safety.
- Much needed improvement as the city continues to grow!
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- Need for improved safety.
- Need for safety
- needed improvement, years overdue.
- Needed!!
- Needs improvement!
- Needs improvement!
- Needs safety improvements! This is a very busy intersection.
- Needs updated
- Norwalk has grown faster than these intersections can keep up with as is
- Norwalk is growing... infrastructure needs to grow along with it.
- Our city's growth has been fantastic the last couple years and it's time we expand our intersections for safety and traffic flow purposes. Please consider Norwalk in need of this funding. Thank you!
- Sherim5170@yahoo.com
- Sorely needed.
- The city is working hard on so many improvements in the city! This is definitely needed
- The dot correctly says Beardsley, but this title says North Ave. This is much needed at Norwalk IA 28 & Beardsley!!!
- The increased commercial development to the east and following residential construction will make this interchange extremely congested and unsafe without expansion. Many vehicles carrying children use this intersection.
- There are always traffic issues in this intersection, and it needs to be improved.
- These two areas could use some significant improvements to improve the safety of the area citizens.
- This area is unsafe and hard to travel during very busy times of day. Commercial vehicles also have issues turning in this area.
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- This city is growing at a fast rate. Any updates/improvements would be phenomenal! I would also like to suggest a sidewalk on the east side of hwy 28. It would be greatly beneficial too.
- This has been a safety and bottleneck issue for years and is only getting worse each year of growth in the city
- This improvement is needed in order for Norwalk to continue to grow

- This intersection also needs to be upgraded for better turn lanes and traffic flow
- This intersection definitely needs to be improved considering the amount of traffic!
- This intersection has become dangerous as the rapid growth of Norwalk has progressed. Improvements to handle increased traffic are needed badly.
- This intersection impacts me every day as I go from Norwalk to anywhere except south.
- This intersection is a catastrophe just waiting to happen, especially with a school just west bound and growth to the east.
- This intersection is a very heavily trafficked one that could use updating.
- This intersection is close proximity to school and tends to be very dangerous for motorists and pedestrians both!
- This intersection is currently dangerous, especially during school start and end times. With the growth of new development and school locations, this intersection would benefit significantly by being reconstructed. Delivery trucks have difficulty turning from S. bound North Ave to W bound Beardsley. Not to mention the entrances to McDonalds and Kum & Go are difficult to get out of during peak traffic times.
- This intersection is difficult to navigate both in low and high traffic times. The addition of the new school will only make things more dangerous.
- This intersection is very congested and makes access to local businesses very difficult.
- This intersection needs improvement!
- This intersection needs to be reworked as it is not suited for the traffic it sees daily.
- This is a busy intersection that needs to be redesigned as the city continues to grow and this could potentially become problematic.
- This is a high traffic area in Norwalk that could benefit from additional work.
- This is a very busy intersection that is dangerous to navigate. The intersection needs widening.
- This is an unsafe intersection that need to be corrected.
- This is needed to improve traffic flow ,and safety near the school.
- This project will improve our community as we continue to grow
- This will really help as our traffic is getting very slow in the am. Plus it will help for added safety.
- Traffic is increasing in this area with the city's growth and improving the intersection would improve safety while driving.
- Very busy intersection especially with new businesses opening
- Very busy intersections and hard get out of
- Very much needs improvement
- Very necessary project!!
- Very needed
- Very needed
- Very unsafe intersection with businesses booming around it. Will only get worse.
- We desperately need this at this intersection!!!
- We need it
- Widening roads will only encourage more people to drive.
- With continued growth, this is much needed and to prevent accidents
- With development this road needs improve
- With increased population and business in Norwalk, this intersection will become busier and busier, Need to improve for safety.
- With the amount of accidents at this intersection I am glad we haven't had a fatality. However without improvements it is just a matter of time if this intersection is not improved before something awful happens
- Yes
- Yes!
- Yes, this a very busy intersection in a growing community. This would really help traffic and safety in Norwalk.

Norwalk – IA 28 & North Avenue Improvements

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	373
No	5
Unsure	2

Comments:

- Too many times there is enough east west traffic that nobody can turn north or south
- A turning lane and light needs placed here as well as new sensors to accurately monitor traffic flow. Sometimes we sit and there's no traffic going the cross direction.
- Absolutely!!
- Application states "Current demand strategies include private resident carpooling and rideshare/vanpooling." The city should not be taking credit for demand management strategies which they have not put any money or effort into. Adding lanes only encourages more people to drive.
- Busy intersection and only going to get busier with the new school opening. Also keep in mind there's elementary schools within blocks of both sides of this intersection.
- Combination of traffic to new elementary school, commuter traffic, and businesses necessitates improvement to this intersection.
- Current design dates to when Norwalk was less than 5,000 pop. Cannot handle the amount of traffic now, and new developments nearby are under construction.
- Difficult intersection because of angles. With increased traffic because of new school, this project is critical.
- Getting too congested, with the new school opening it will only get worse
- Heavy traffic area
- I live near this and there's no actual information as to how it would be changed.
- I live very close to this intersection and drive kids to school through here daily. There's also a new school going in near this intersection and traffic will be even heavier here next fall. Better traffic flow through this area will be critical in making commuting and getting kids to school in an expanding school district essential.
- I use this intersection daily and it gets backed up blocking business entrances which then cause more back up. No left turn lights and no turn lanes makes it difficult to turn which causes more of a backup. With the elementary school being built nearby, the traffic backups will only increase.
- IA 28 and North Ave have turned in to a slow traffic spot at the south end of Norwalk. This project will greatly help the flow of traffic in a time when it is needed with a new elementary school on North Ave and continued development west of this intersection.
- Improving this intersection is a must. With the new industrial commerce at the south end of town and new semi-truck traffic, combined with the new elementary school and bus traffic from the west, this intersection must get safer! Please fund a better North & Sunset intersection for the safety of Norwalk.
- Intersection is definitely not serving the community or anyone who travels in the area. Very unsafe and a school being built nearby will end up causing more traffic issues and accidents
- Intersection needs major improvement for both safety and traffic flow.
- It is absolutely needed!!!
- It would be a great improvement to this area!
- Much needed for growth and safety

- Much needed for safety
- Much needed for safety.
- Much needed!!!
- Need for safety
- Need for safety
- Need improved safety
- Needs improvement
- Needs improvement for the new school
- needs updated and expanded
- Needs updating
- Needs work to clear traffic
- North Avenue goes right through the middle of town, and this location is just three blocks from Norwalk's downtown. It's near the library, where children walk and ride their bikes, and a school. Widening this road would create dangers for cyclists and pedestrians and make it much more difficult to develop this area.
- Norwalk is growing and additional work at this intersection would be beneficial.
- Norwalk is regularly driven through to get to Des Moines on 28 from towns south, east and west of Norwalk. This construction could really improve the route for thousands of people!
- Please support our efforts to improve the roads around Norwalk!
- Safety
- Safety needed
- So very needed
- So very needed
- Such a busy intersection and with the new school problems are ahead
- Terribly dangerous and busy intersection that is long overdue for improvements. I drive this intersection several times a day.
- The intersection is already congested and will only become more so with additional housing being built off of G14 and the new school opening. The main back up now is due to no dedicated left turn lane.
- The school being built to the west and the significant increase in residential construction will make this a highly congested interchange without expansion.
- This a very busy intersection near schools, so safety improvements are always needed.
- This intersection definitely needs to be improved based on the amount of traffic! It's not safe!
- This intersection definitely needs work!
- This intersection does not accommodate the traffic on North Avenue. There needs to be another lane added. Hwy 28 to the south narrows too soon. It should be 4-lane all the way to at least Wright Rd.
- This intersection gets a large amount of traffic during peak times. This makes traffic back up and really slow. Along with traffic, the angle of the intersection creates issues for the turn lanes both during good and bad weather.
- This intersection is often very busy especially during morning and evenings. I have often thought while sitting at the light waiting that there needs to be turn lanes at the very least.
- This intersection is rural in design but has urban levels of traffic volume. It is also the main intersection near Oviatt Elementary School. It is a major bottle neck before and after school lets out. It also does not have modern pedestrian facilities for an intersection near neighborhoods, the school, and large churches.
- This intersection needs attention and at the very LEAST a left turn lane for east-west traffic. In the interim for the southbound traffic on Hwy 28, the right-hand lane should be right turn only, the drop off lane is too short to allow traffic to merge properly at 35 to 45 mph when inhibited by traffic turning west. Please erect a "Do Not Block Crosswalk" sign as traffic staged to turn

north stops IN the crosswalk and often times cannot move when the light turns, forcing pedestrians to cross outside the crosswalk. Suggest reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on North Ave west of Hwy 28 past the church: there are 8 streets/drives (staggered) within approximately 500 yards with very heavy traffic volume making it difficult and sometimes just unsafe to access North Ave even calculating the vehicles at 50 ft per second and many of those vehicles exceed the posted speed. Adding the elementary school will increase the traffic volume and presence of children, makes sense to decrease the speed.

- This intersection needs dedicated turn lanes.
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- This intersection needs improvement!
- This intersection needs improvement!
- This intersection needs upgraded badly.
- This intersection will become more dangerous with the community's rapid growth and the new school's traffic if improvements are not made.
- This is a critical intersection which need s expansion, as it's a conduit for traffic to 4 local schools.
- This is a highly congested intersection and not entirely safe for pedestrians. This intersection needs to be widen with turning lanes going both ways. Norwalk has tremendous growth and this intersection will continue to see more traffic and potential problems if it is not redesigned.
- This is a highly congested intersection and not entirely safe for pedestrians. This intersection needs to be widen with turning lanes going both ways. Norwalk has tremendous growth and this intersection will continue to see more traffic and potential problems if it is not redesigned.
- This is a MUCH NEEDED project to support our growing community. I'm afraid with the new school going in on North Ave this intersection will become VERY busy very soon.
- This is a poorly designed intersection that is constantly congested. A new elementary school is being built on the west side and there is another elementary school on the east side. Morning and afternoon traffic due to the schools create an unsafe situation. The intersection east west streets need widening and turn lanes need to be established.
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- This is a skewed intersection. Needs widening and dedicated turn lanes
- This is a very busy intersection without appropriate turning lanes. Improvements here are necessary.
- This is a vital intersection for Norwalk and gets backed up constantly. With growth to SW it's crucial for traffic pressure.
- This is needed for safety!!! It needs done as soon as possible. This grant would be so helpful.
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- This is needed very badly!! Town outgrowing it's roads
- This needs to be done for our growing community!
- This project will help our community as we continue to grow.
- Too much traffic
- Traffic is increasing daily, and this interaction needs to be improved for safety.
- Traffic is increasing in this area with the city's growth and improving the intersection would improve safety while driving.
- Traffic is increasing in this area with the city's growth and improving the intersection would improve safety while driving.
- Turning left is hard in this intersection and the angle of the road makes this intersection dangerous
- Unsafe intersection needs improvement
- Very busy intersection in Norwalk
- We are such a fast growing community and this is a very busy school intersection

- We need it
- We need this as we grow. Safety will breed more growth.
- We pay too much in taxes in Norwalk already. The money could help, and the intersection could use it
- Will greatly improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians
- With continued growth, this is a very busy intersection. Turning lane and lights are needed.
- With the new elementary school build almost complete, the traffic at this intersection is only going to get worse.
- With the new elementary school opening next Fall, this is a very important intersection.
- With the new school being built, Michael Foods, Windsor Windows and several new large residential developments in this area, the intersection of 28 and North Ave. is going to be in serious need of improvements for safer travel and traffic control.
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes!

Polk County – Bridge No. 2444

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	5
No	1
Unsure	2

Comments:

- "Possibly eligible for National Register of Historic Places." I doubt that this recognition will be sought. It is old and only in fair condition. I believe it is in the flood plain and impacts of replacement will require mitigation. This mitigation should be done in this area of the Beaver Creek watershed, on stream restoration and riparian buffers (trees) mitigation efforts. Impacts here will affect an already impaired stream, Beaver Creek. Flooding is also a big issue with Beaver Creek. Johnston has storm water management plans in need of implementation.
- I don't know if this bridge is cool, and, if so, if there's any way to preserve it.

Polk County – Bridge No. 6680

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	25
No	3
Unsure	3

Comments:

- Altoona receives a great deal of money from Prairie Meadows. The regional funds should go to cities that have more fiscal restraints.
- It's not pretty, but it is old.
- This is a water issue. The bridge needs redone to support the flow of water under the bridge during big rain events.

Polk County – NE 22nd Street Widening

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	2
No	7
Unsure	0

Comments:

- This only supports traffic to/from the jail and provides little benefit for the majority of the taxpayers
- unconscionable to be widening roads during a climate crisis
- Is induced demand a concern here? This area is already choked with diesel fumes; if you widen Delaware, why would the industrial property owners in the area not just increase the number of trucks coming in and out of their businesses?
- This is a road widening project and the application is misleading people by saying "This project is not an expansion project- but should reduce congestion and improve traffic safety."

Wes Des Moines – 8th Street Improvements

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	4
No	7
Unsure	0

Comments:

- I don't support road widening solutions.
- It's expensive and harms pedestrian and cyclist safety.
- Seems like this should be road diet instead of expansion
- should be 4 to 3 conversion instead
- This is a road widening project with no specific plans for bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- This is greatly needed to aid in flow. This will minimize congestion and increase safety
- Trail connectivity would really make a difference, not just for cyclists. The desire paths burned into the grass on both sides of the street show how much foot traffic runs the gauntlet under 235; let's help these people.
- Would make things better and safer

West Des Moines – University Avenue Study

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	4
No	1
Unsure	0

Comments:

- Anything we can do to take back public land from automobiles and make our communities safer, more vibrant, and communal must be done
- This sounds awesome! We're going to have to retrofit car-dependent suburbs like West Des Moines if we've ever going to survive the climate crisis!
- This would have minimal impact for the metro, especially when compared to the other projects proposed.

Windsor Heights – University Avenue Improvements

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	17
No	1
Unsure	1

Comments:

- great project
- I support the complete streets approach and going from 4 lane to 3 lane. I support the shared use path, benches, and landscaping and street trees proposal. I would like to see something to help manage stormwater and rain events beyond traditional storm sewer. I hope that implementation is coordinated with the section of University planned for similar improvements to the east.
Is it possible for this project to include electric vehicle charging stations at the Hy-Vee on that street? I would guess Hy-Vee would be amenable, given their stations at other stores, if it was an allowable use of funding.
- Raising the speed limit of this section is essential.
- Reducing lanes from 4 to three with a dedicated middle turning lane has been proven to steady the flow of traffic in both directions, as well as slowing the overall speed making it safer.
- Stroads are bad. The traffic count reflects the crisis. Let's make it happen.
- The project will create a safer environment for all users and support economic growth in the area.
- The Wall Street Journal recently published an opinion piece "Vision Zero, a 'Road Diet' Fad, Is Proving to Be Deadly: Emergency vehicles get stuck on streets that have been narrowed to promote walking and bicycling." The city cannot afford this project. They are not taking into account that DART buses stop on University. They also fail to recognize that University is the obvious detour when there's an accident on I-235. Finally, there is no acknowledgment that University stretches from Waukee to Pleasant Hill. Keep University moving. This will be another reason for metro residents to avoid Windsor Heights.
- This is going to make it a lot safer and help more traffic flow at the same time.
- This is great! We should be supporting projects that improve walkability, not further overbuilding our roads.
- This road is already 25 mph however the current design invites drivers to speed. Altering the design will help follow the speed limit as well as make it easier for other street users.
- Windsor Heights is a speed trap and everyone should avoid this town.

Ankeny – Oralabor Gateway Trail

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	2
No	0
Unsure	0

Comments:

None

Bondurant – U.S. 65 Underpass

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	403
No	9
Unsure	5

Comments:

- A great way to help students!
- As Bondurant continues to grow it has become obvious that there needs to be a safe way for people, especially kids, to safely cross the highway. And as someone who uses the bike trails I am excited about closing the gap in the trail system.
- Bondurant is quickly growing community. Projects like this will ensure safety for residents like me that cross this intersection multiple times day. As my children grow older and begin to drive, the intersections on this road are my main concern.
- Bondurant needs a way for children and adults cross Highway 65 safely as it runs through town
- Bondurant needs this for the safety of our children, bicyclist and pedestrians
- Busy area, getting busier by the week. Bondurant and Altoona are growing rapidly.
- Completely support this to connect both parts of Bondurant without having to cross busy 65.
- For the kids!
- For the safety of the children that run across highway 330/65
- Great project for connecting our community and providing recreational opportunities!
- Great project! It is desperately needed.
- I live on the east side of 65 and my kids always want to ride their bikes to the city park to meet their friends but are unable to cause I'm not letting them cross the highway even at the light. It's not safe and this underpass would allow me piece of mind and they get to see their friends more in the summer
- If it were an overpass, maybe. An underpass is too dangerous on highway 65. It creates a secluded area for predators and even school children to get into trouble.
- It will add to the community and safety.
- It will help keep our kids safe! No kid should have to cross the 4 lane highway.
- It will help people, particularly school kids, cross a busy highway.

- It's very unsafe for kids to cross the diagonal at this time. This would help the kids to be able to cross it safely.
- Kids need a safe way to cross the highway
- Kids safety should be our priority
- Much needed for connectivity in our sweet, little town.
- Much safer way for those on the east side of the highway to connect to the rest of Bondurant
- Need a safe way to travel on bike or foot between neighborhoods on east side of Hubbell to the rest of Bondurant. Currently very dangerous to cross.
- Needed for safety of children and pedestrians
- Our school has to subsidize busing for residents who live East of Hwy 65. This is causing them to be severely over their busing budget.
- Our town is split by highway 65 and we need to provide a safe option for pedestrian residents to access both sides of town. There currently is no safe option for pedestrian crossing in our town on 65.
- Please fund the underpass project. I would like to ride my bike to see friends on the other side of the highway, but I don't feel safe crossing HWY 65!
- Please start asap, hopefully in 2019
- Please! My kids cross there and it gets busier all the time! They want to see their friends in the other side of the road. Also slow the traffic down Out up 2 more sets of lights. At Lincoln and at 2nd Street.
- Safety for the residents on the East side of 65
- Seems like the best solution to this safety issue.
- The area to the east of 65/330 needs a safe way to cross this 4 lane highway. Especially the school kids who like to walk or bike to school. The underpass would provide this safe way for all.
- The city needs to be connected
- The missing link for the Bondurant Community.
- There is no save way for our children to cross the 4 lane highway.
- This a a HUGE need for Bondurant. For the safety of the kids walking to school and those that need a safe way to cross HWY 65
- This has been necessary for a long time. I live on the south side of the highway and there is no good place to cross. I would love to take my children on bike rides but the only access to the trails is on the other side of the highway and it's downright dangerous to cross at any of the intersections. The speed limit is too fast to cross without putting my family at risk. An underpass like this has been on the agenda since we moved here in 2013. It would provide incredible value to the city. Thanks for your consideration.
- This is a critical project to provide safe access for kids to get to school. Trying to cross HWY 65 is like playing frogger and extremely dangerous! Please provide funding for this project.
- This is a great project and I hope ya able to be completed!
- This is a huge public safety project. It scares me to see kids try to walk across this 4 lane highway.
- This is a much needed project for the citizens of Bondurant. Due to the city being split by Hwy 65, the connectivity this project provides will allow greater, safer movement of the pedestrians within the city. This will enable school children to walk to school, attend after school events without needing to cross Hwy 65. This will also enable better connectivity for the recreational trails that benefit eastern Polk County. I strongly support the project and hope you choose to assist with its funding.
- This is a very busy intersection
- This is an absolute necessity for the safety of our community!
- This is needed for safety of our residents, especially our kiddos!!

- This is needed so that residents, especially students, have a safe way to walk to school from the other side of the highway!
- This is not a good idea.
Adding this may create a safe option for crossing the highway, but this neighborhood is still too far for kids to walk to school safely. Also, an underpass is out of sight and will invite illegal activity. Will there be cameras? A pedestrian walkway would be a much better option.
- This problem next will greatly increase pedestrian and bicyclist access to Bondurant. My family and I are looking forward to having another section of the recreational trail completed!
- This project will support safe routes to schools at the local level and on a regional level support economic development with connection to a larger regional trail system. The community is committed to support this project with local funding dedicated to ensuring completion of the project.
- This underpass is vitally important for the safety of our residents and most importantly the children that will use this as a route to school.
- This would be a great improvement.
- This would be very beneficial for the community b
- This would provide a safe option to cross the highway for students walking or biking to school. Currently, there is no safe option.
- We just moved to 3 miles north of Bondurant in November. We are amazed at the traffic on Hwy 65. In the three months since living there, I have already witnessed one very high-speed accident with someone trying to cross Hwy 65 and also have seen some near misses. Anything that can be done to make that stretch of road safer should be a high priority.
- We NEED a safe way to connect our community.
- We need an underpass to cross the street safely!
- We need safer routes to school from all parts of town - this would be huge! And a huge missing link in the Central Iowa Trails System. Another huge factor for the entire metro!
- We need this underpass so bad!
- Where will this be? If by Mud Creek, flooding will probably be an issue. Why not an overpass? It can be built wherever the chosen site is.
- Will help kids
- Would love to see this happen!
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes kids needs this to walk to school, and/or go to the city park
- Yes, would be a safe option to connect Bondurant together especially the kids
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Des Moines – Carlisle Trail Connection

Do You Support the Project?

Yes	13
No	2
Unsure	0

Comments:

- Contributes to essential regional connection
- The trail connection between Des Moines and Carlisle will strengthen the regional trail network and improve quality of life in this growing part of Des Moines.
- This trail connection will help both recreational bike riders and commuters.
- Totally! This is great, and cheap!
- With the Great Western trail becoming little more than a side path to a 4-lane highway, it would be nice to have better access to a more secluded and quieter trail. In addition, this will bring new customers and revenue to Carlisle area businesses.