

# South Street (227) Pedestrian Safety Focus Group

Meeting #4 Highlights  
April 12, 2006

## Site Visit

The group met at the intersection of King and South Streets to review the existing conditions and try to visualize the proposed “road diet” concept. Observations included fluctuations in the traffic levels (noted by several as being observed throughout the day) and how much the trees/vegetation influence sight distance at the intersections.

## Discussion

The group re-convened at Hawthorne School for the meeting.

### A. Status of the Road Diet concept

- Meeting was held earlier in the week among staff and managers from the city and CT; concept was generally well received.
- Proposal represents a “big change” which usually requires a “big project” since it needs to be done right (proper, clean, unambiguous painted markings, raised islands, etc).
- Pavement rehabilitation project (which costs about \$1M) provides window of opportunity; the potential to include certain additions/changes to that project were considered doable.

### B. Review conceptual layout

- The concept was reviewed and these highlights raised:
  - ⇒ Meets all state standard design criteria for lane and shoulder widths, etc
  - ⇒ Would help alleviate rear-end type accidents since left-turn movements from through-lanes would be eliminated
  - ⇒ Right turning traffic can still slow onto shoulder/bike lane
  - ⇒ SR 227 is a designated truck route—need to confirm that there is no issue with accommodating “permit loads” (extra long/wide, etc)
  - ⇒ Bulb-outs not shown at Bee Bee (as at other intersections)—layout is still preliminary
  - ⇒ Bulb-outs and sidewalk at intersections would need to comply w/ ADA (yellow/tactile edge, or current standard)
  - ⇒ What about landscaping? CT pavement rehab project could not pay for landscaping, but could probably add “sleeves” for

irrigation in anticipation of a future city/community project to follow in the future

⇒ Concern about secondary impacts on High Street traffic, cut-through, speeds, etc. City to meet with High Street neighborhood and revisit some issues raised previously and explore solutions independent of the South Street effort.

### C. Recommendation

- ◆ Produce a written recommendation—the write-up would contain brief background, with reference to the comprehensive process of the Focus Group and include all the relevant documents as attachments (e.g., neighborhood petition, townhall meeting, etc)
- ◆ Focus Group (FG) members all sign the document
- ◆ Transmittal to city council needs further discussion—important to retain clear relationships and lines of authority regarding the proposal, etc. (City and CT staff will come up with an approach that demonstrates the collaboration.)
- ◆ Suggested changes were made to the one-page “Draft Proposal” to be incorporated into the final product.
- ◆ Community feedback—the group agreed to hold a public open house at Hawthorne School prior to going to the City Council. Target date for open house is May 11, with commitment to take proposal to City Council no later than June 6.
- ◆ Focus Group members will participate at Open House and share directly with community about the FG work and the proposal.

### **Actions**

<b>#</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>By When</b>
1	Prepare written report—FG recommendation with background	CT	For public info prior to open house
2	Meet with High Street neighborhood	City	Independent of South Street effort
3	Schedule Open House and City Council	City & CT	End of April

### **Next meeting**

Tentatively May 11 at the Hawthorne Elementary School.