

Public Comments on Thurston Road Project

1. NE Corner Enterprise St/Thurston – More lighting at crosswalks. For example, at Enterprise St, move light across the street closer to the crosswalk.
2. NW Corner Margaret St/Thurston – Try to get one or two more parking spaces in block front of YMCA. Large number of seniors compete for parking spaces near YMCA.
3. NE Corner Anthony St/Thurston – Needs recessed parking on Anthony's north curb due to traffic snarls.
4. North of Anthony St/South of Milton St/Thurston – New brick sounds great! I recommend a bike rack outside of Hunt's Hardware to invite cyclists to this popular neighborhood shop.
5. Intersection of Ravenwood/Thurston – Pedestrian-controlled stop lights, particularly at Ravenwood for school kids crossing.
6. SW Corner of Rosalind St/Thurston – Prefer vertical drainage structures.
7. SW of Rosalind St./Thurston – Is it possible to remove tree, as it blocks our sign?
8. North of Raeburn Ave. – Snowplowing concern with the brick sidewalk.
9. SE of Anthony St/Thurston – Lighting white, not yellow
10. SW of Midvale Terrace – Use bumpouts to prevent cars from parking too close to the intersection (improve safety for turning cars and pedestrians). Please keep 55 Thurston open green space, not parking.
11. NE Corner of Brooks/Thurston – Is it possible to add another Community Board?
12. SE Corner Brooks/Thurston - Keep crosswalks tight to the intersection to improve pedestrian safety.
13. Bumpout improves pedestrian safety, and prevents cars from parking too close to the intersection (increases visibility for turning cars).
14. SE Raeburn Ave/Thurston – Concern with bumpout @447 Thurston. There is much pickup and drop off at this address (few occupants have cars).
15. SE Corner of Dunbar/Thurston – Need concrete (or brick) pads at each bus stop for waiting passengers. Add shelters where possible.
16. Add more benches at bus stops. This is where the benches are most needed.
17. Place benches near bus stops.
18. Some bus stops do not have a concrete/brick pad for waiting passengers.
19. Suggest tree-lawns all concrete aggregate; no grass in commercial areas (it doesn't get cut).
20. Urban garden at 555 Thurston – planned and maintained by students – perhaps the ones who sell produce at SW market during the growing season.
21. Thank you for all the trees!
22. Love the bumpouts to make visibility better!
23. GENERAL COMMENT: A mailbox (several either in neighborhood) and definitely outside the Post Office. You can only mail letters at Post Office when it opens.
24. Backless benches – Not as attractive, but one will only sit for a couple of minutes compared to being comfortable in backed benches and sitting for an hour!
25. Keep sidewalks as tight to the intersection to improve pedestrian safety (increase visibility, especially to turning cars).
26. Love the use of the streetcars in the graphics. It is a critical part of our neighborhood history that is often ignored.
27. Bumpout is a great idea, like decorative brick and lights also.
28. Please put gateways at Chili and Thurston. Could put larger gateways at Brooks and at Chili, the use of smaller gateways at Ravenwood and Arnett.
29. Use striping at bus stops (that are not at bump outs) to clearly indicate that parking is not allowed.

Potential Site Furnishings

ITEM	LIKES	DISLIKES	COMMENTS
Light Fixtures	5	0	
Bike Racks	7	0	Are you considering inviting 19 th Ward artists to create designs and actually make the bike racks, etc.? ArtWalk on University Ave. is an exciting street and a treat to drive down in good part because of the artists' works.
Backed Benches	6	0	--
Backless Benches	5	0	Backless benches preferred because they allow people to face either direction. Backless benches are less aesthetic, but more practical. Perhaps backed benches in non-loitered areas would be good.
Modified Standard Community Board	0	0	--
Custom-designed Community Bulletin Board	7	0	Dominant Trolley symbol on title plate – with smaller title? Light up the kiosk. This would work well in smaller graphics. A good compromise would be to have a graphic with the trolley and one building.

VOTE FOR YOUR PREFERENCE – Potential Neighborhood Identity

OPTION	LIKES	DISLIKES	COMMENTS
Option 1	12	1	This would be good for LARGE graphics, but not for smaller graphics.
Option 2	2	3	This ties young people with Thurston's past and arouses curiosity. A bold border around Thurston Village would give impact to the title. At Hunt's Hardware, it is the image of the trolley photo that grabs the most attention with our photo gallery. Because of that, I think we need a "Central Image" for the Thurston Village"...something that is easily seen and recognized, while tying today's residents to a symbol of our past...a unique symbol that isn't being used elsewhere.
Option 3	--	--	I like the clarity of this – but the trolley symbol is a mystery to me uninitiated (and doesn't look like a trolley to me). Perhaps a graphic of hands clasping would create a positive image.

Potential Gateways

OPTION	LIKES	DISLIKES	COMMENTS
Option 1	1	0	None
Option 2	2	0	Incorporate lighting, uplight, or wash.

Comments from Public Comment Sheets

Desperate need for recessed parking on Anthony Street next to grocery store. Traffic snarls are frequent and a safety issue. – **David Hunt, 390 Thurston Rd.**

I love the idea of new brick sidewalks. I would love to see more trees – perhaps some coniferous species to keep the street attractive during the winter. I would recommend as much bicycle parking as possible to invite cyclists into the 19th Ward to coast over to their local businesses rather than drive to Walmart. This would also help prepare for the increasing student population, who often don't drive for practical reasons. A bike lane would be great too, but only if it can fit while holding onto the street parking. I would also love to see tax incentives for businesses, so we can reduce the commercial vacancy eye sores and increase neighborhood jobs. – **Ethan Borshansky, 383-385 Thurston Rd representing Aronia Realty, LLC**

Comments Received by Email

I own two homes on Thurston Road and would like to provide input for this project.

I do not feel improving the "aesthetics" of the area is as vital as providing Safety in this high crime area. I would like to see increased lighting and traffic signals with cameras. This is not an area to provide "street furniture" as it will welcome more gangs and loitering in this crime infested area. Please do not put any more trees in this area as it is expensive to maintain. It would be best to landscape with low maintenance plants that provide beauty but do not disrupt the sidewalks. Thank you

Have a Very Blessed Day

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