

**Other**

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Tom Radak

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Arlington Heights, Ill 60005

**Comment:** Pace would like to make sure that our current stops are kept where they are and that during or after construction they will be maintained as they are today. Pace suggests sidewalk links be installed on the north side of Willow Road from Sunset ridge to Waukegan and again between Bristol Street to Old Willow Road. Pedestrian crossing and signalization would also be beneficial. East Bound Route 423: Currently there is no stop at eastbound Willow Road at Waukegan. Suggestion is to have a shelter/pad and pedestrian crosswalk installed in this location for those passengers who use our service to and from Kraft Foods. The stop at Willow Road/Sunset Ridge eastbound should be relocated to farside stop. The stop at Willow/Wagner eastbound currently has a shelter but no sign. Routes are indicated on shelter but a sign should be installed. We would like to see this pad/shelter maintained. A sign and shelter could be installed farside at Willow/Happ. Currently a sign exists. West Bound Route 423: Install a sign at Willow/Happ farside westbound. Install a sign at Willow/Sunset Ridge farside westbound. Install sign/shelter at Willow/Three Lakes Drive entrance to Kraft. Thank you.

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**Name:** jeff later

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** wilmette, il 60091

**Comment:** Long overdue. The traffic congestion and overflow onto peripheral streets needs to be corrected. I support the widening.

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Wilmette, IL

**Comment:** this needs to be done asap. it needs to be 4 lanes like the rest of the access to the the edens and going west to waukegan rd. willow road is designated by the state as a SRA and it is time that IDOT does what is right for the region and stop letting Northfield dictate their parochial interest.

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**Name:** Alona W. Anspach

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I would like to comment that Willow Road should be widened throughout Northfield. For the amount of traffic the road is insufficient for commuters to pass smoothly.

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**Name:** Frances Archer

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I support the project to widen Willow, which is the only direct connection between 294 and the Edens expressway in this area and should be two lanes in each direction. The impact on reducing traffic burden on the surrounding communities should be considered as a critical factor.

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**Name:** Nick Bubnovich

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** The Willow Road project needs to be viewed in wider contexts, including community or area development, overall traffic density and safety for the broader area, and plain common sense. Each of the major area roads that are exits from the expressway are four lane going west from the exist (Dempster, Lake Cook, Dundee). (Old Orchard is an exception because it dead ends at the forest preserve, but it essentially feeds to Golf Rd, which is four lanes.) Willow should be no different. While few, if any, neighborhoods want increased traffic through their part of town, no neighborhood should be able to maintain its current, lesser traffic flow at the expense of other neighborhoods. I support the widening of Willow Road.

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**Name:** Gerald Chanan

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** The Willow Road thru Northfield, has needed widening for some time. Especially now with the increase of traffic in both directions continually increasing, especially at rush hour. You can easily sit through tree lights before getting through. Also, Sunset Ridge Road should also be addressed with turning lanes & Turning lights. During school hours make a 15mile per hour mandatory speed limit.

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**Name:** Stephen Cummings

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I heartily support the expansion of Willow Road in Northbrook. It will upgrade that part of the road to a level consistent with others nearby and alleviate the congestion currently routine on Willow as well and alternative routes nearby.

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**Name:** Irene Dineen

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** We support the widening of Willow Road to ease congestion. Lake is a 4 lane road and safe for the families that live along Lake Avenue so I am not sure why there is concern that the wider Willow road would be less safe.

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**Name:** Dick Dragiewicz

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** This section of Willow Road needs to be widened to match the rest of Willow Road. Two lanes just don't work. Widening the road to four or five or six lanes won't endanger any children because they never walk to or from school. Their parents always drive them. Just widen the road stop making everyone else suffer.

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**Name:** Paul Foley

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** It would be great if Willow had a bike lane or at least a 3' paved shoulder so that it was actually rideable to make it a real E-W connector to the Northbranch trail. Thank you, Paul

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**Name:** Julie Ford

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I travel up and back on Willow Road from Happ to Landwehr at least 2 - 4 times daily. Sometime more on days kids have late activities. The traffic is a nightmare, there are poor or no turning lanes so safety for children is a problem, parts of the road is dark and needs to be better lit and the pot holes and maintenance over the years has been poor. Something needs to be done to widen the road, improve drainage and lighting, improve safety and through put. This is a major thoroughfare from 94 to 294 that includes lots of trucks and the infrastructure is not in place to handle it. I STRONGLY urge you to vote to widen and improve Willow Road. I'm sorry I'm unable to attend the meeting as I will be out of town on business but am in favor of this project.

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**Name:** Charles Goetz

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** I do not see how constructing interchanges with Rt.294 will cure the rush hour traffic on Lane & Dundee Rds. Two-lanes thru Northfield will only continue the traffic woes on Lake Ave. and Dundee Rd. and quite possibly make it worse. Finally while I sympathize with Northfield's feelings on Willow Rd. changes, I feel they must now agree with the proposal to remove the bottleneck. In this way all the communities in the study area will be sharing the burden of east/west traffic movement.

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**Name:** Rita Golub

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** The 3 land road would be a great help to traffic and be a safe way to go!

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**Name:** Linda Greene

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I have 3 young children that use the schools and parks along Willow Road. It is a tragedy that you would consider anything but a 3 lane solution. Get it done, save the money. The State needs it.

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**Name:** Ted Greene

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I find it very misleading to refer to the existing 3 lane plan as an "idea". This is engineered and ready to build road and should be represented as such.

**Submit:** Submit

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**Name:** katie hackbarth

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Please go for the three land Willow Road thru Northfield, Il from Edens highway to Sunset Ridge road. Please DO NOT GO TO THE FOUR OR FIVE LAND PLAN. Thank you. KAPH

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**Name:** k hackbarth

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Please do not widen Willow road to 5 lanes. I have lived in the area for 69 years. I love Northfield and have grandchildred growing up and going to the schools there. Please do not divide Northfield and endanger all the childred by putting in a high speed five land highway. Thank you for thoughtfulness. KAP Hackbarth

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**Name:** katie hackbarth

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Please go for the three lanes for Willow Road in Northfield and do so as soon as possible. Thank you, kph

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**Name:** T J Hanley

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** We need to widen Willow Rd. in order to alleviate congestion in the area. Let's get on with it.

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**Name:** Brian Hansen

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** In the past 25 years, Northfield has added multiple car dealers, Kraft's world HQ, and other commercial buildings just off Willow Road, along with the increased traffic that these businesses bring. However the 1.2 mile stretch of Willow Road between downtown Northfield and Sunset Ridge has not been modified over this same 25 years. · This 1.2 mile, two-lane road was never designed to carry the increased traffic it now has to due to these new traffic needs, yet Northfield gets to enjoy significant tax revenue from these new businesses and the traffic/people it brings. · With the increased traffic congestion on Willow Road comes increased cut-through traffic into Glenview neighborhoods, down Wagner Road, Winnetka Avenue, Sunset Ridge, Waukegan Road, and Lake Street, so that people can get to the Edens or other larger streets and away from this bottleneck in Northfield. · This increased cut-through traffic causes unnecessary congestion on Glenview and all the issues that come with it, namely pollution from increased engine idling along Wagner, Sunset Ridge, Winnetka, and Waukegan Roads, increased safety issues for our families, and increased wear-n-tear on our streets. Times have changed and we have been addressing our infrastructure needs by widening Lake Street here in Glenview several years ago and by recently improving Waukegan Road through Northbrook. It's time for Northfield to do the same.

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**Name:** Peter Hemmerling

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** For 30 years I have been using Willow Road through Northfield and rarely have I ever seen children or adults crossing the roadway. In fact the only time I see children crossing this roadway is at the intersection of Sunset Ridge and Willow, and this is when the school gets out and the Police Officer is the crossing guard.

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**Name:** Holland

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

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**Comment:** It will ease traffic without threatening Northfield's way-of-life and it is significantly safer for our children, who must cross the road to get to school and other activities.

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**Name:** Merle Hutner

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Willow Road needs to be widened. All the reasons Northfield gives is baloney. Glenview Road has two schools (at Waukegan and at Greenwood) and it is still four lanes with no problems. Willow needs to be four lanes through Northfield to cut down on congestion and for safety reasons. Northfield will still be able to control speeders more efficiently and it seems safer to be rid of the congestion than to have bumper to bumper traffic all day long. Widen the road please as soon as possible.

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**Name:** Deanna Jacobson

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** The time is long overdue to widen Willow through Northfield. Traffic has only gotten worse in the years I have lived in the area (since childhood - I am now 44). Glenview has now completed all the construction, not to mention widened the road many years ago. When most of the way between 94 and 294 was cornfield, airfield and convent, a single lane through Northfield was sufficient, but all those cornfields now hold 1000s of homes and dozens of businesses. Northfield is no longer a quiet village, but rather a significant suburb. As much as it would be nice to preserve what was, we need to face the reality of progress, and all the unintended consequences that accompany what is now. Please widen Willow ASAP.

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**Name:** Joanna Kendall

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Willow Rd. should definitely be widened to relieve traffic congestion and keep all children safe. It is much better for all communities to have an even flow of traffic.

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**Name:** Bean Kingsbury

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Been a northshore resident my entire life. This project is loooong overdue, please widen Willow road!!!!

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**Comment:** Northfield claims that they had full agreement for a three lane road passed several years ago. But IDOT's website indicates that approval was by no means overwhelming. Further, the study included only Winnetka and Northfield, with a total population of less than 18,000 people. Ignored were over 100,000 people living in immediately adjacent suburbs of Glenview, Northbrook, and Wilmette.

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**Address:**

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**Comment:** Northfield claims that its two schools on Willow puts children at risk. From the edges of Northfield to the further of the two schools is a distance exceeding one mile. It is highly doubtful that residents make their children walk that distance to school every day. Yet, after all these years, Northfield does not spend one dollar on school buses that would leave their children off at the school door. While they do employ crossing guards, one has to question how serious about safety when the town refuses to spend the funds for the safety of school buses.

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**Comment:** Northfield claims that the development of the Glen is responsible for the increased traffic on Willow and why should Northfield suffer from Glenview's density decisions. What Northfield ignores is that the same area used to be the Naval Air Station with thousands of military personnel that lived or commuted in this same area. Further, Willow is a regional roadway and why shouldn't it develop nearby land, just as Northbrook has done with its new shopping center and Northfield with Kraft HQ at Waukegan and Willow.

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**Comment:** The 3 lane option Northfield touts as having been approved involved only Northfield and Winnetka, and the recommendations of that study were by no means unanimous. But the selection of only the two suburbs directly adjoining the Edens misses the whole concept of Willow Rd being a Regional thoroughway. Being regional, any study must include regional suburbs directly impacted along Willow road and adjacent East West thoroughways that alternately carry the traffic diverted from Willow.

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**Comment:** Encyclopedia of Chicago recaps the impact of expressways on Chicago metro. "Milwaukee-bound traffic was relieved with the opening of the Edens Expressway (now I-94) in 1951." Also "These high-speed links reshaped the region as dramatically as had the railroads a century earlier. The Edens Expressway stimulated rapid development of the Skokie valley." It further notes that the Edens was actually built through swamp land (including Northfield) and fill was dredged from what is now Skokie lagoon. Completion was followed by a tremendous growth in Northfield to over 4,000 residents in the decade of the 1950's. Bottom line, if it weren't for the Edens Expressway and Willow Rd interchange, there wouldn't be Northfield as we know it. Yet, Northfield continues to restrict access the interchange like it was their private drive.

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**Name:** Mary E.Lambert

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** This process makes me so mad for the cost and time involved - for the third time. Can't you see that the \$1.7 million can be much better spent on items like teachers? Just widen it to three lanes and be done with it. You know that's where it going to end.

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**Name:** Karen Mangurten

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I think it would be a great idea to widen Willow Rd. I use that road every day to go back and forth to work and many times it is very congested and the traffic is backed up and delayed. At times I have had cars try and go around on the shoulder, which is very dangerous.

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**Name:** Beth Pommer

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Widening Willow Road to 5 lanes would destroy the flavor of our community and endanger our children. 3 schools are on the North side of Willow Road. Children attending these schools range from 18 months to 14 years of age. Due to the size of our community, many children walk or bike to school. Willow Park is also on the North side of Willow while Clarkson Park is on the South side of Willow. Putting a 5 lane road through our town is a safety problem. I cannot imagine the damage that might be inflicted if a tractor trailer raced down the new widened Willow Road. Do we really need to compromise a community and children's safety so that people can get to Glenview or Northbrook to shop? Has the almighty dollar won out? Please tell me that it hasn't.

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**Name:** Florence Present

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:** Willow Road Project in Northfield

**Comment:** Currently the bottleneck on Willow, through Northfield, forces additional traffic onto roads in our community such as: Waukegan Road, Sunset Ridge and Wagner Road. By widening Willow Road in Northfield, we will lessen the cut through traffic in Glenview neighborhoods and keep all children safe including those in Northfield. It will also improve traffic congestion on Waukegan Road and Lake Avenue by reducing the traffic which diverts/avoids the bottleneck. Northfield (with IDOT's approval) has supported the four lanes on Willow where it is helpful to Northfield (their downtown commercial district and adjacent to Kraft where Northfield is collecting a large amount of property and sales taxes), but Northfield has not supported four lanes on the rest of the Northfield section of Willow Road where traffic data clearly justifies the need. Currently, Northfield does not pay to bus their kids and they argue that widening Willow is unsafe. We think that IDOT should build an underpass to allow children to bypass the street entirely (which Northfield is against) or that Northfield parents should pay for bussing like families in other communities do.

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**Name:** Dr David Roth

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** As Upper School Principal at Christian Heritage Academy 315 Waukegan Rd I assure you that the 3rd Lane Option on Willow Rd would be a good thing for our parents transporting their children to and from CHA. -Dr David Roth

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**Name:** Fran Ruffalo

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** The major concern that appears to be stalling the project is the safety of the children. I am completely in favor of protecting the children, but feel that their safety would not be compromised by widening Willow. School crossing guards could be put in place if they are not already be there. And, any other safety precautions could be required ie. school zone speed limits. Other suburbs must have had similar issues and one could look to their solutions. The traffic flow is impeded greatly by the fact that this stretch of road is only two lanes, especially at rush hour times. Things will only get worse and more congested. The road must be widened.

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**Name:** Tom Sampson

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** Thank you for giving the community an opportunity to provide feedback on this topic. Obviously the local residents have a legitimate concern about child safety...this should be a critical concern; however, the bottle neck of traffic in this short portion of Willow Road is not tolerable. There are many sensible options including islands and passovers that exist in other part of the glenview, northbrook, northfield areas that represent viable options. Time to address this has past.I would hope least hope that it would be put to a vote as local taxpayers should not be denied input for quality of life issues. Thank you.

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**Name:** Beth Sawyer

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** We would like to see the work begin on Willow the sooner the better to create jobs. We would like to see the 3-lane plan that was approved in 2005. It is safer for our children going to the schools right off Willow. This plan is considerably less expensive than the 5-lane plan. IDOT never follows through with any minutes to keep us informed.

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**Name:** Faye Schneider

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I am totally in favor of the widening of the Willow Road project as it has been long overdue considering the amount of increased traffic along this route. I think you should consider a walk over bridge at the intersection of Sunset and Willow for the school children that need to cross at the corner during the school year. It would be safe and easy access for them to cross. Keep in mind with widening road the residents that live along that route. Landscaping it for the benefit of the residents in the loss of the privacy they may currently have.

# Willow Road Public Meeting #1 Comment Form

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### General Comment/Input:

Willow  
FOR TOO MANY YEARS THE ABILITY OF WESTBOUND TRAFFIC TO MAKE A LEFT TURN INTO BRISTOL HAS MADE FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION. WILLOW ABRUPTLY BECOMES ONE LANE FROM TWO. THE EDGE OF THE ROAD HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN TERRIBLE SHAPE.

I WOULD THINK THIS HAS BEEN THE SITE OF MANY ACCIDENT.

SOLUTION: DO NOT ALLOW WESTBOUND

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA): WILLOW ROAD TRAFFIC TO MAKE LEFTTURNS ONTO BRISTOL & CHURCHILL STREETS AT CLARKSON PARK

Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Name: David Silver

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

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**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** John Spencer

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Many Northfield residents that live north of Willow Rd. use the Old Orchard Edens exit rather than the Willow exit placing a burden on Glenview traffic. One cannot have its cake and eat it too.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Michael Stohle

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** I strongly oppose the 4 lane option for Willow road because of the safety issues for those crossing willow road. More efficient traffic flow on Willow road means higher speeds. As a surgeon, I can tell you from experience that higher speeds do more damage when a car hits a person. Keep it 3 lanes. Keep it safer.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Julie Tye

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I am STRONGLY in favor of widening Willow Road. It is time.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Steven Vance

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Make Willow Road a "complete street" that makes it safe and accessible for all road users, including school buses, transit buses, bicyclists, pedestrians, and children.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Debra Volpe

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** A three lane road between Sunset Ridge road and Frontage road in Northfield, IL on Willow road is the most logical, safe, economic solution. My problem isn't how long it takes to get down Willow road since it is wide open most of the day and night. For about 30-60 minutes during rush hour, the only slight delay is for cars turning left. If there were left turn lanes, Willow would not see any delays. 4 lanes is excessive for a tiny town and incredibly expensive. Seems like a lot of kids would be at risk of getting hit by cars if the road gets to wide. Have lived in Northfield, Glenview and Northbrook. Always hoped a turn lane would be added regardless of where I lived. Hope Shermer Road in Northbrook will be addressed. Right turn lanes are needed at the intersection of Shermer and Willow more than any other changes on Willow. This is the worst bottleneck of all intersections and has been for many years.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Doug Warshauer

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Widening Willow Rd. beyond three lanes would be tremendous mistake. With the entire state in dire need of money, it would be extremely irresponsible to waste millions of dollars on a unpopular and controversial road expansion. In addition to the fiscal impact, it is important to consider the issues like safety and the character of the community that the road is part of. These factors also argue for either no expansion or a three-lane road.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Barbara Wick

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Regretfully, I was unable to make the March 4 meeting at the Renaissance Hotel, in Northbrook. And when I read the Tribune article, I confess to some amusement. This effort has been going on for 40 years or more, not just 10. That said, I would like to add my voice to those urging IDOT either to 1) shelve the subject for financial reasons (there should not be money spent on more study; enough is enough; no wonder the State is in trouble financially) or 2) proceed with the three lane option agreed to by all several years ago. Enough is enough. Thank you for listening.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Mary Yeoman

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I feel IDOT should move forward with the 3-lane plan that seems to fit the needs of Northfield and the surrounding villages. It is a waste of time and money to look at this project again. A lot of time and money has already been spend on this project with no results to date. If the past studies didn't bring any conclusion or process WHAT do you expect to gain from looking at this again? The section of Willow Road that is in question is entirely in Northfield. I feel that Northfield should have the most to say on what happens in their village. The 3 lane road would work and have traffic flow through nicely. Lets get this done and quit talking about it. This process has taken far to long already. Lets get moving with a plan that has already been studied.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Jackie

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Willow Road though Northfield should be 4 lanes. By widening Willow Road in Northfield, we will lessen the cut through traffic in Glenview neighborhoods and keep all children safe. Please act now! Now is the time!

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**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** kristina

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** I fully support the widening of Willow road. The congestion is unbearable and absolutely preventable. Since the widening of Lake has not truly helped it is clear that Willow should also be widened.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:** Lisa

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** This is a superb idea that's long overdue! People waste a lot of time sitting in traffic on Willow Road (residents, work commuters, people taking their children to/from school, church attendees, visitors that spend their money in our community!, etc.), because it hasn't grown with the demand. Plus, all of that traffic idling its engines isn't good for our local environment. This is not deemed a historical location that needs to retain the same roadway as back in the 1940's. There are signal lights and crossing guards to help the children cross the road. If parents are concerned about their children, then they need to be responsible for their children and walk their children to and from school or do walking/crossing training with your children. Most people are at church on Sundays and then there isn't much worker traffic, so this shouldn't be a problem for church attendees. Also, there have been many emergency vehicles that use Willow Road, if it's locked in traffic, then someone's life in the ambulance or waiting on the police is compromised. I hope it's not one of the people that don't want this much needed change. Thank you again for all of your due diligence and work on this project of an important community enhancement.

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** With all due respect I found last evening's Open House to be a big dissapointment - very little to show for six months of work - the tax payers and residents would be better served by building the IDOT approved 3 Lane Road now and not waiting until 2014 to improve the safety and mobility of the road

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** What a waste of time and taxpayers money !!! Don't you have anything better to do !!!

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** I see nothing in the CSS process that addresses demand reduction - it is clear that poor land use planning has resulted in congestion throughout the region - why is this road targeted - the IDOT funded 3 Lane solution is a win / win situation for the impacted communities as well as motorists

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** I was outraged to learn that IDOT is continuing to waste scare TAXPAYER resources studying Willow Road - I thought this issue was resolved and an expanded three lane road was going to be built - sounds like state politics at the TAXPAYERS expense - BUILD THE THREE LANE ROAD AND MOVE ON !!!!

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** Doesn't it tell you something when Jeff Schoenberg holds a press conference in Northfield announcing his five lane road and fails to notify any Northfield residents - I heard that no one at the North Shore Senior Center knew his real intentions and were abhorred by his actions - this man cannot be trusted - he is a disgrace to the State of Illinois

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** It has become apparent that this project is a gross waste of time and taxpayers money when the state is stretched for cash and cutting back on education and essential social services - even PE Pete Harmet stated that the road will not be BUILT FOR SIX YEARS when an adequate safer road could be started tomorrow - and at what cost in six years ? TAXPAYERS WAKE UP AND STOP THIS PROJECT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** Can't think of a worse way to waste taxpayers money - when municipalities are cutting essential life safety services why on earth is IDOT catering to special interest groups aka - big ticket real estate developers - by advancing yet another study of Willow Road - \$ 25 million / six years - apparently it has money to burn - Schoenberg are you listening !!!!!

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

**Address:**

**Comment:** This process appears to be a gross misuse of time and taxpayer's money - it appears that State Senator Jeff Schoenberg has worked behind the scenes with well heeled real estate developers and others to corrupt the process - he is a disgrace to the State of Illinois - BUILD THE THREE LANE ROAD NOW AND STOP WASTING TAXPAYERS MONEY !!!!!~

**SUBMITTED INFORMATION**

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Comment About Project

**Address:**

**Comment:** An unfortunate use of tax payers money in a time where the state is stretched and unable to fund even basic human needs - I believe this is collusion between Jeff Schoenberg and his well heeled real estate developers with interest in the distressed Glen development in Glenview - using Northfield as a scapegoat for poor suburban land use planning

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

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**Comment:** I wonder why residents in Glenview and Northbrook are engaged in the process - No one in Northfield was asked their input into the development of the Glen and its impact on their community - why should one community bear the economic cost when all of the economic gain accrues to the real estate developers - it is a double standard and it is morally reprehensible - interests are totally conflicted

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

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**Comment:** Aren't the real estate developments in Glenview and Northbrook " regional " - i don't recall public hearings inviting Northfield residents to participate to determine the potential impact on their community - greed and real estate development are at the heart of this ugly morass - and one state senator squarely at the center of it -

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

**Subject:** Website

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**Comment:** Let's face it - this project is all about money - collusion and corruption - the interests of big and troubled commercial real estate interests - paid off politicians ( Schoenberg ) and a state agency of dubious principal ( IDOT ) - when the full story of this scam is revealed it will further embarrass a state - once proud - but now a disgrace to the people who live in it

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

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**Comment:** I am tired of hearing about all of this road widening, etc. Go ahead, and make this a four lane road. This should have been done along time ago. The Village of Northfield will have to change with the times. There are other communities besides Northfield that want a four lane highway. I am tired of Northfield trying to get everything that they want fir their community. Please just start the project so we can go on with other important matters.

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**Name:**

**EMAIL:**

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**Comment:** Quit wasting all our money and time. Widen the road, make it safe. Idot will shove it down Northfields throat eventually. Move the project forward. Put our money to better use. It will be a losing battle in the end.

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**ANONYMOUS**

One must keep in mind in politics there are only two kinds of people, those who agree with you and a lot of stupid ignorant fools.

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General Comment/Input:

WILLOW ROAD IS FINE. I WOULD SUPPORT  
A 3-LANE PLAN, HOWEVER, WE DON'T REALLY THINK  
ITS WARRANTED. 4-LANE IS OVERKILL. TRAFFIC  
FLOWS WELL E/W WITH LIGHT TIME D TO ALLOW  
MAY FLOW OF CARS THAT DIRECTION.

LET'S STOP SPENDING OUR TAX \$ ON THIS ISSUE.  
IL HAS ENOUGH ISSUES TO WORRY ABOUT → NOT  
THIS NON-ISSUE.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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### General Comment/Input:

PLEASE- WIDEN WILLOW- Yes!  
① I live near Lake + Waukegan and the traffic heading east on Willow turns south into Waukegan to avoid the narrowing. This creates more traffic on Waukegan + more on Lake as those drivers continue east when they turn left off of Lake.

② The Northfield comment about school children has no merit. Two of Glenview schools are at busy intersections: Lake + Waukegan and Lake + Greenfield. There are fences on the property, the playgrounds are away from the busy street, →

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**Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:**

and there are crossing guards. The children are safe. Parents are used to use school buses to avoid extra car traffic.

③ Drivers also avoid Willow by using Winnetka Ave, a 2-lane residential road with numerous stop signs. These extra cars would happily be on Willow but use Winnetka to avoid Willow's narrowing bet. Wauhegan + Elms.

Please widen Willow!

Place  
Stamp  
Here

John Baczek, P.E., Section Chief  
Project and Environmental Studies  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Programming  
201 West Center Court  
Schaumburg, Illinois 60196-1096



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#### General Comment/Input:

The 2 mile stretch being considered is entirely in Northfield, and "primarily" in Northfield. This is not a regional issue.

There was a completed agreed upon blueprint several years ago that included turn lanes, cul de sacs, etc. Why spend @ \$1 million or more when a workable

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blueprint is ready to go? Also, Illinois is already a bankrupt state. Where is this money coming from?

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General Comment/Input:

Willow Road must be widened so to accommodate the current traffic needs. How does the short sightedness of a small community overrule the needs of many communities?

The extra traffic on Allen Road, the logjams and the waste of energy & time are far beyond the emotional BS from the town of Northfield.

This project is a no BRAINER. I DOT Grow Some Stones and DO IT!

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The issue of widening Willow Rd was resolved with a 3 lane configuration many years ago, and to revisit this issue and move ahead with a 25 million plus project to widen Willow Road to 4 lanes is a gross miscarriage of justice to the residents of Northfield when they already agreed to the 3 lane solution at a cost of 6 million. ISOT & Rep Schauberg have ~~been~~ ignored the residents most affected - Northfield.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

I believe this process is a fraud to make the community feel like there part of the process, when the decision has apparently been made. I'm sure if you follow the money you will find the Northfield Residents get screwed to benefit the campaign contributors developers and otherwise friends of Rep Schauberg.

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### General Comment/Input:

Northfield is a terrific small community which will be ruined if a six lane highway is put through the middle. My children cross Willow several times a day to/from school, to/from friends and to/from activities.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

This is a waste of taxpayers money and time since this project should have been completed as planned - a (3) lane highway through Northfield. Rep. Schoorfeld of Evanston is the main blame here!

*Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

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### General Comment/Input:

I do not want a 5 Lane  
~~Highway~~  
Highway

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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I am in Sunset Ridge School, and I walk home every Tuesday. To do this I cross the road. I don't think that there will be enough time for me to cross Willow Rd, and I won't be able to get home. I have lots of friends who do the same, and I don't think you should make Willow a 4-lane road.

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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### General Comment/Input:

FOR THE STOPLIGHTS AT THE "T" INTERSECTIONS:

TOWER RD & FRONTAGE ROAD (in existence) and  
WILLOW and HARPOON (in existence) and  
WILLOW and FOREST WAY (planned)

Please make the ~~all~~ lights pressure sensitive, so that they remain green when there is no oncoming cross-traffic.

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QUESTION: Apart from aesthetics, could a pedestrian overpass, with stairs but ~~not~~ ramps, be built ~~across~~ <sup>legally</sup> across Willow at Sunset Ridge or Wagner, if those with disabilities have the alternative of crossing Willow at ground level, as now?

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Could the Southbound entry ramp to ~~Edens~~ Edens (from Eastbound Willow) be extended in the area between Edens and Frontage Road, with the lanes being separated by fences or barriers rather than the existing open land?

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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SUGGESTION: Immediately, regardless of my long-range decisions, put in the middle of Willow before the Wagner & Sunset Ridge school crossing a sign post alerting drivers to school kids. As an example, see such post on Hibbers Road in Winnetka N. & S. of the approaches to Washburne School.

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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General Comment/Input:

THE following items are  
of MAJOR CONCERN:  
TRUCKS, SPEED, NOISE  
FLOODING, SAFETY.

I suggest CAG MEMBERS  
WALK the length of Willow Rd  
that is subject to change.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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#### General Comment/Input:

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

SEEMS LIKE A GOOD AUDIT  
A SENSIBLE APPROACH - HOPEFULLY  
POLITICS DOES NOT PAY A PART  
AS IN PREVIOUS AUDITS -

A. 22 YEAR RESIDENT

*Please provide your name if you would like to be added to the mailing list.*

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**Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:**

WE BELIEVE THIS (WIDING OF WILLOW)  
 HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE. THE  
 NEIGHBORING STREET - WAGON, WINNETKA  
 HAVE BEEN OVERBURNED - WAGON & LAKE  
 WITH TRAFFIC THAT SHOULD BE ON  
 WILLOW. THIS SHOULD BE 4 LANES  
 WITH TURN LANES - OVER PASSES FOR  
 BICYCLISTS AS ON DUNDAS IN WHEELING  
 THIS IS AN AREA ISSUE NOT JUST  
 NORTHFIELD.

Place  
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### General Comment/Input:

If 4 lanes were decided on, could an additional turn lane be inserted between the E and W lanes to allow turns into the B, C, D and E residential streets south of Willow?

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

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Safety of children in Northfield must be a primary focus! Northfield has no bussing - kids must walk or bike to get to the 3 schools located on Willow Road. A 4 or 5 lane road is simply too dangerous for children to cross. We need school zones and better sidewalks/crosswalks. An approved/agreed upon 3 lane plan is ready to be built - at far less cost than the new CSS process we are now involved in. That plan left open room for improvements down the road. Build it now - give us the improvements we all want and that we all agreed upon!

#### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

I have been involved in 2 prior "studies"/community forums regarding Willow Rd - as have most people. We don't need to start from square 1 - we can use some portion of that information to improve the efficiency (= \$\$\$!) of this process. For the amount of \$ being spent on the CSS process (and the time), the road could already be done. If we are going to continue, it needs to be better run - more prep work, more input from previous studies, etc.

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Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:

better sidewalks/bike paths/cross walks  
dedicated left turn lanes (center lane)  
School zone - slower speed limits!

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Take some of the good ideas from Lakota - they had someone w/ a laptop at the meeting putting up on a screen in real time - the sticky wall just does NOT work! we deserve more for \$25 million.

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#### General Comment/Input:

Consideration must be for the good of the area. Four lanes are a necessity to handle the volume of traffic safely. Safety of course is the utmost responsibility. More delays are only running up the cost of doing the project.

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#### General Comment/Input:

The transition from 2-4 lanes is dangerous  
The existing photo red light slows traffic  
Willow road is an important connector between 44 & 294  
Are Bike lanes planned  
Traffic in the area (Willow Rd) is heavy at rush hour.  
Have Northbrook and Glenview taken a position?  
They need to.

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**General Comment/Input:** Willow Road is a main route for more than just Northfield & unfortunately, population growth and properties development will cause a significant change for those living and working near Willow Road. It seems to be difficult for <sup>many</sup> Northfield residents to accept the role of Willow Road for the whole Township. This reluctance is similar to small-town residents who had to accept indoor plumbing and abandon their outhouses, as the community developed into an urban area.

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General Comment/Input:

It is time to make a decision and act on it. The argument over widening Willow Road has been going on for far too long. I do not feel that a three lane solution is inherently safer than a 4 or 5 lane solution. Safety concerns can be addressed with either solution. Many Northhill residents want to keep a small town-country environment but it already is far too late for that. We need a 21st century solution for Willow Road.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

The merge lane onto Edens expressway needs to be much longer.

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**Comment/Input Regarding the Identified Transportation Needs:**

Turning lanes, bicycle lane, sidewalks, crossing signals are a must for safety and convenience. I fear an underpass near the park would flood on a regular basis.

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General Comment/Input:

This study is an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars. The 3-lane plan was agreed to years ago and should be the plan carried out immediately. It is a shovel ready project and the most cost efficient option. With the state's budget crisis, I am bewildered that this is once again being dragged out because of political gains fl Senator Shaumburg. Widen the road today with 3 lane plan o.o.o PLEASE not to your fl know, spending more money and possibly creating safety issues for the ~~current~~ children of Northfield.

Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA)

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We need to address this issue on a regional basis as this is a State road that carries traffic on/off Eden's and on/off 294. The specific issues of traffic safety; pedestrian safety (lane widths; medians) bicycle safety, environment (green and flooding) can all be addressed through a variety of planning and engineering solutions, ~~and~~ Northfield's insight and input will be invaluable. <sup>However,</sup> Congestion and diversion of traffic into surrounding communities neighborhoods can only be resolved through a four lane configuration

### Comment/Input Regarding the Community Context Audit (CCA):

Plenty of information; variety of presentations; more than enough opportunity at the meeting for input & dialogue.

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