



## MEETING NOTES

**Date:** June 23, 2008  
**Project:** Bloomington South Rogers Streetscape  
**Location:** Bloomington City Offices  
**TSC Job Number:** 7210.001  
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### MEETING MINUTES:

#### Neighborhood Focus Group

1. Scott Robinson and Bob Woolford from the City of Bloomington introduced the project to the group and explained the purpose of the focus group meetings was to get input from key stakeholders on the project.
2. Scott and Bob then left the room to allow everyone to speak their minds freely in the meeting.
3. Kevin Foster explained that the purpose of the study was to develop a comprehensive plan that will improve the look and feel of Rogers Street. He also noted that the study would focus on above ground improvements to improve the functionality and work towards creating an identity that will beautify the corridor. Items such as lighting, signage, landscaping, pedestrian access, gateways, materials, etc. should be included in the thought process.
4. Kevin also noted that the study area of the project was the right-of-way along Rogers Street from the railroad tracks just south of Hillside to the south to Kirkwood Ave. to the north. He also stated that the design will attempt to stay within the existing right-of-way for the purposes of this study.
5. The following is a summary of the points brought up by the focus group during the session:
  - a. Future use of the hospital is a concern for the neighborhoods. Not sure what will happen there if it goes away
  - b. Not fun to bicycle at all on the corridor. Nothing pleasant about bicycling there and its difficult to ride a bike in some places.
  - c. Not really a pleasant place to walk in some areas of the corridor either.



- d. Would like for study area to be longer, up to 17<sup>th</sup> Street possibly. There are a number of areas that should be addressed in the area between Kirkwood and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
- e. Second Street intersection is not a good intersection. Not easy to walk at all and uncomfortable. Second to Kirkwood is pretty good as far as walking, the separated sidewalk is nice.
- f. South end is very stark compared to north end of corridor.
- g. Do not want more traffic flow on the street.
- h. Pleasant street to walk in some places.
- i. Do not want like to walk next to street on walk, nicest places are where the sidewalk is separated
- j. Patterson intersection in not pedestrian friendly.
- k. Want pedestrian features in the design, trees are needed, a nice scale, comfortable scale.
- l. Access to hospital from Rogers is bad, could definitely use some improvement.
- m. Each intersection needs improvement
- n. Bus stops, would like to see more shelters. Need places to sit and gather.
- o. Like the idea of gateway features
- p. Hospital and Patterson areas feel like a big concrete zone, need some green in there.
- q. Parking is well utilized. Do not want to get rid of it
- r. Allen Street, possibly a bicycle boulevard in the future. Connection to B-line.
- s. Would like to see well defined crossings at major intersections
- t. Trees on both sides, lights ped scale, intersection improvements, sidewalks and paths.
- u. Suggested parking on both sides of 3<sup>rd</sup> street.
- v. No real problems with speed or traffic counts on the road.
- w. Want something that feels comfortable to the pedestrian not just the car

6. Kevin Foster noted the next opportunity for public comment would be at the design charette on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, August 02<sup>nd</sup>.