

Good Morning

My name is Frank Chiginsky I live at 1252 Dayton Ave

Last night I was at the public hearing concerning the Griggs St bikeway. As I said last night I am not opposed to the bikeway but I am with the roundabouts/traffic circles because of the confined intersections they are to be installed at. After the meeting some of us went and looked at the roundabouts/traffic circles on Portland Ave and Albert St which we were told is the size of the roundabout's traffic circles to be installed. Here are some major issues that I see were not addressed or considered with the idea of installing the roundabout's/traffic circles in this residential area.

-The attachment shows a typical roundabout (this came off the back of the "official MN state highway map"). My concern is the pedestrian crosswalks at all of the roundabouts. As you can see in the attachment, crosswalks are moved back from the roundabout. With the roundabouts on Griggs, this is NOT going to happen. This is one of the major concerns with roundabouts/traffic circles. What to do with the pedestrian traffic and where to put the crosswalks. With these roundabouts I see Cars "may" not enter the ped-walks but any larger vehicles WILL. Large vehicles include garbage trucks, recycling trucks, school buses and emergency vehicles (fire trucks).

With the roundabouts purposed ALL vehicles of this size WILL enter pedestrian crosswalks. This is not safe!!!!!!!

Something not considered, In this residential area you will find many people walking and walking their dogs. Not to mention all the children that walk these streets from Central High School to and from school.

- Emergency Vehicles- There needs to be a letter from the Fire Chief Tim Butler or Fire marshal Steve Zaccard that states these are safe to maneuver thier large trucks around concerning the ped traffic and/or for emergencies (fire). After driving around the one on Portland there is no way it would be easy to drive a large truck around that one. And this letter also needs to address if there is snow concerns. A typical winter these streets get extremely narrow due to the snow pile up. I see there is no way for a large vehicle to navigate these roundabouts with snow piled up.

Mr. Stark, I believe it was you that made a comment last night on snow removal around these roundabout's. Your comment was "if there was a concern we would have heard about it". It is obvious this concern was NEVER addressed. I think the Public works director should address these issues. FYI Mr. Stark, I have driven snow plow trucks. I have a clue what a vehicle of that size is capable of as far as maneuverability. They would make a mess at these intersections. We have to live with this, you don't!

I hope all of these concerns are addressed before you move forward with a decision on the roundabouts.

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