



Public Comment

Date: January 26, 2023

Notes Taken By: Jenn Conley

Project No.: 58786.00

Re: S Pomfret Alternatives

Public comments have been received in response to the Alternatives Presentation Meeting and are summarized as follows:

Library Trustees and Librarians

1. Wants a right turn from Pomfret Road to Library Street
2. Keep Pomfret Road and Library Street 2 way
3. Maintain 6-8 pkg spaces on east side of library (potential future HC parking on west side)
4. Define parking, wide shoulders, crosswalks, open to medians concerned about sidewalk maintenance and replacements, concerned about drainage impacts
5. Check truck maneuvers

Sharlene Kelly

1. Oppose streetlights
2. Focus on Teago to school especially sharp curve
3. Prefers Option 1 – she prefers, eliminate medians, peds on side of Teago, library etc.
4. Second choice is Option 4 – because likes green space, spacious, and organized flow
5. Least favored is alternative #2 and #3

Glenn and MaryAnne Barbi

1. Wants to maintain rural and historic feel
2. Would like minimal widening to roadway and sidewalks
3. Few if any necessary changes to lighting. If lighting is necessary, use only during Grange Theater activities

Theresa Antal

1. Supportive of alternative #1
 - a. Moving Artistree access will help safety

Pam Pickett

1. Less is more
2. Supportive of alternative #1
 - a. In favor of additional crosswalks, signage, and sidewalks
 - b. Likes that the curved access will slow people down
 - c. Sidewalks on Library Street would be beneficial.
 - d. Possible medians to slow traffic with concern for maintenance and impacts from widening
3. Create shoulders by decreasing lanes with lines (Jon Harrington's suggestion during the meeting) to minimize the impact on adjacent homeowners.

Nick Browning

1. Suggest having the small length of road that cuts between the Teago Store and Fire department be permanently closed

- a. Feels it would be safer intersection for bicyclist and pedestrians with that set up

Pam Pickett

1. Concern regarding lighting
 - a. Alternative to lighting may be adding more signage
 - b. if more lighting is need, use low level lights, and preferably only during theater events
2. Not in favor of additional lighting in village, feels there is currently adequate lighting for Artistree events and at Teago Store, additional lighting will negatively impact livability, rural character, and aesthetic of village

Hunter Ulf

1. Supportive of alternative 1
2. In favor of the median to define the gateway
3. In favor of the parking on library street
4. In favor of the wider shoulders and would like them extended to S6 and to Prosper Valley School

Neil Lamson

1. In favor of library street being closed
 - a. Parking could be expanded
 - b. Would feel safer for pedestrians
 - c. The dangerous Artistree exit onto library street would be eliminated
 - d. Artistree lane would be safer exiting on Stage Road
 - e. Intersection of Pomfret Road and Stage Road could be redesigned to accommodate traffic turning onto Pomfret Road from Stage Road
 - f. Included rough sketch of ideas.

Lindsay Hyde

1. In favor of safe pedestrian connections focused between Teago's, Artistree, The Grange Theatre, the Library, and Saskedena
2. Would like to remove one of the roadways and lower the speed limit
3. Overall feels that speed should be lowered if there are more bike/ ped infrastructure
4. Have entire area between Teago, Artistree, library and theater be pedestrian only
5. Reduce speed from all approaches to project area

Eleanor Pizzani (via phone on 1/11/2023)

1. Concerned with including lights at crosswalks
2. Concerned with widening towards her house – would rather not – worried about runoff into her driveway
3. Would like to be able to walk from Teago Store – from end of bridge very uneven to walk into parking lot – also the old island space collects water
4. Could Artistree change their circulation ins v. outs?

Artistree

1. Likes the roadway configuration shown in Alternative #1 at Alternatives Presentation Meeting.
2. Not interested in modifying the parking lot circulation to exit onto Stage Road instead of Library Street due to concerns of moving children between their two facilities – would not like vehicles exiting adding to the conflict at that location

3. Open to modifications to the drive on Library if improves the safety