

Kenwood and Arrowhead Intersection, Public Meeting Comments Summary

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Multiple comments came in from residents of the nearby neighborhoods. Their large concern was over the increase in traffic that may result from the construction. They worry there will be an increase in traffic and an increase of speed on roads such as West Toledo and are asking what can be done to discourage these actions.

The desire for sidewalks and more pedestrian crosswalks was brought up. Sidewalks are specifically asked for along the east side of Kenwood Avenue from College Street to the Shopping Center, potentially widening Kenwood Avenue. In doing so, one citizen asks that people who use wheelchairs, or are handicapped in other ways, be accommodated for with ramps, curb-cuts, and easier access to businesses. Another citizen asked what accommodations are being made for transit riders, suggesting an improved shelter near the bank entrance. For residents and citizens nearby, painted crosswalks are resoundingly desired at the Kenwood and Arrowhead intersection.

A few comments mentioned the removal of the 'free right turn lane' coming from Arrowhead. They stated it results in increased speeds and makes it difficult to exit Cleveland Street onto Kenwood. Instead they would like to see a 'right turn only lane.'

Citizens were worried over the congestion caused by the timing of the lights at the Kenwood and Arrowhead Intersection, St. Marie and Woodland, as well as the Cleveland Street and Kenwood intersection. If the lights are not timed correctly, there are backups. For the second proposed signal light at Cleveland and Kenwood, one citizen is worried it is too close to Arrowhead and Kenwood, while another is asking for the funding to be included.

In addressing the business entrances and exits onto Kenwood and Arrowhead, multiple comments asked for consideration of a light signal on the east side of the Shopping Center, near Super One. They have a safety concern over its current state turning out of the lot.

Additional comments were received after the meeting. One person expressed concern over the amount of traffic that uses this intersection as a way to get to the mall/Highway 53 from the North Shore – contributing to an increase in through traffic rather than local traffic. Another spoke about the need for better snow removal for pedestrians. Comments that supported those previously stated at the meeting include the need to address the speed and safety concerns associated with the free right turn onto Kenwood; desire to improve transit stops; and a sidewalk along Kenwood Avenue. Other suggestions include limiting business access close to intersections, providing signal protections for left turns at all legs of the Kenwood/Arrowhead intersection, addressing poor drainage issues on the street, and the need to connect pedestrians to Chester Bowl, suggested via a new trestle bridge in the area.