

COUNTY HIGHWAY 32 PEDESTRIAN AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 3 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY - SUMMER 2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Washington County is exploring pedestrian and safety improvements to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 32 between I-35 and Trunk Highway 61. This study will assess intersection and traffic safety improvements, drainage improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The third phase of engagement focused on sharing the preliminary design of the selected alternative for review and comment. The feedback received at this phase of engagement would be incorporated into the final design for CSAH 32.



WHAT ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED?



Public Meeting

August 21, 2023
Forest Lake City Hall



Stakeholder Meetings

Clear Lake Association



Online Engagement

Community Survey and Interactive Webpage



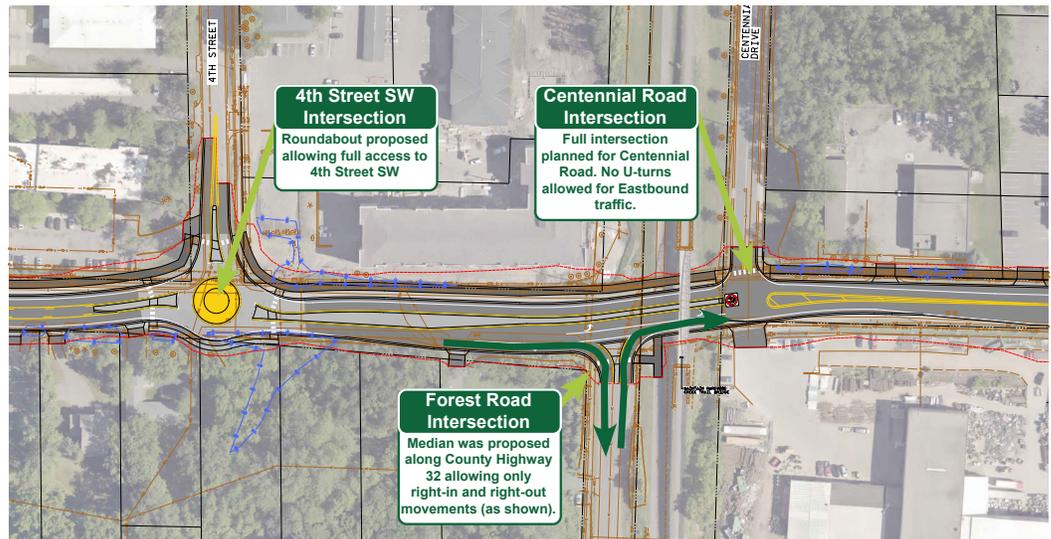
WHAT WE HEARD

The community shared their thoughts on features that were supported by and features that could be modified or changed to respond to desires. Overall, there was general support for the project, including the addition of a trail and safety improvements. Community members also shared additional ideas or opportunities for change within the design, including specific intersection traffic control, the need for a center left turn lane, access management concerns, and the change to a right-in/right-out intersection at Forest Road.



COMMENTS REGARDING THE FOREST ROAD INTERSECTION

Forest Road Intersection: The proposed modification to a right-in/right-out at Forest Road raised concerns by several residents regarding access.





ENGAGEMENT THEMES

Throughout all engagement events, common areas of support and areas of opportunity or concern were heard. These include corridor wide considerations and specific spot improvements, each highlighted below.

Corridor Features

Supported Features

- Support for the construction of a trail on one side of the roadway.
- Support the inclusion of safety features to slow traffic.
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Areas of Opportunity or Concern

- The need for a continuous center left turn lane was commented by many. Some noted a desire to modify the turn lane to a median where the left turn isn't needed.
- Access management was a common theme, with many comments about potential closure of access points along the corridor.
- While the trail is supported, some comments questioned the lack of connection in some areas.

Specific Design Features

Supported Features

- Support of the roundabout at 4th Street due to traffic calming function.

Areas of Opportunity or Concern

- Concerns about the traffic control changes at Forest Road, 4th Street, and Centennial Road. Comments varied from a desire to make the Centennial Road a right-in/right-out and the realignment of Forest Road to connect with 4th Street.
- Desire for other traffic control measures (e.g., stop control, signal) for 4th Street over a roundabout.
- Concern about the impacts of the roundabout, including drainage and property impacts.

Proposed Base-Line Typical Section

