

Rogers Park Traffic Calming

Public Discussion

Rogers Park Elementary School Library
1400 E. Northern Lights Blvd.
Monday, April 9, 2007
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Since May of 2000, the Municipality of Anchorage Traffic Department has been completing traffic calming/safety projects identified in the study (see background), around the Rogers Park community council area. A sidewalk along Cottonwood St. from E. 36th Ave to Zarvis Pl. is currently under design. It is important to note that Cottonwood St. is a school walking route for Rogers Park Elementary. A final decision will be made at the RPCC meeting, immediately following the Cottonwood discussion, 7 PM April 9th.

The Traffic Department would like your comments and/or questions regarding the following items:

1. Place a separation between the street and the sidewalk (See diagram 1).
2. Install a choker at the corner of Vassar Dr. and Cottonwood St. (See diagram 2).

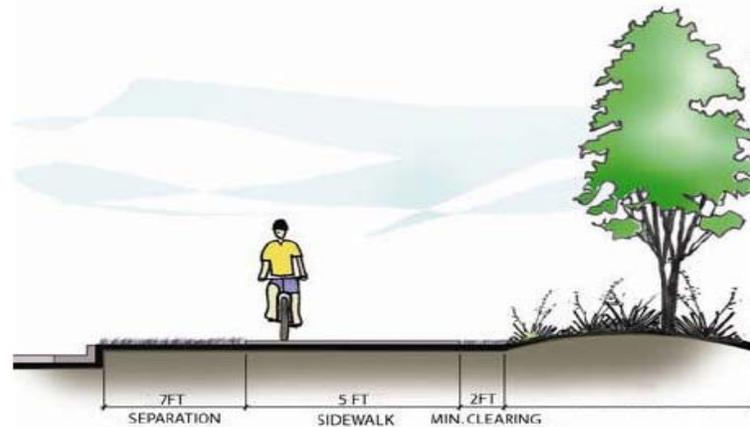


Diagram 1: Sketch of sidewalk with separation

Sidewalk separation is used for snow storage and is a recommendation of the Street Maintenance Department. Attached sidewalks store snow and require the pedestrian to walk in the road.

Chokers are curb extensions at intersections that reduce roadway width, 28' for Cottonwood St., curb-to-curb. Their effect on vehicle speeds is limited by the absence of pronounced vertical or horizontal deflection. Instead, their primary purpose is to "pedestrianize" intersections. They create a shorter crossing distance for the pedestrian.

You can also provide comments online at:
www.muni.org/traffic/

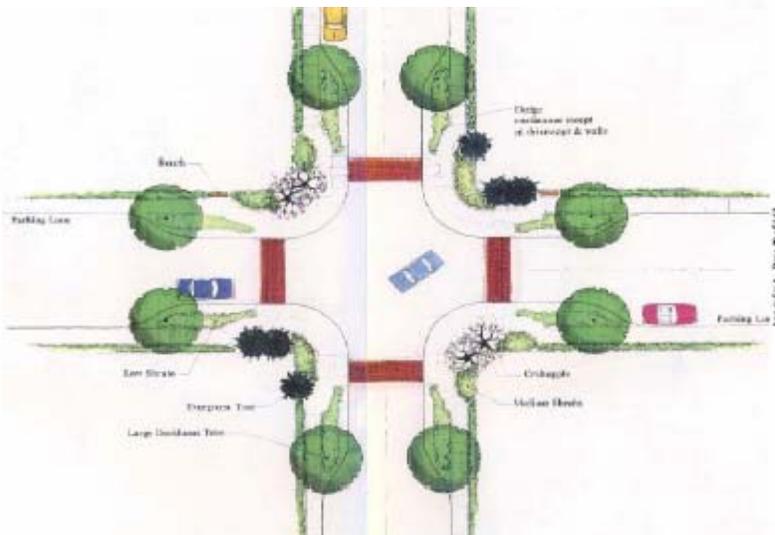


Diagram 2: Sketch of a Choker

BACKGROUND

The Rogers Park Transportation Analysis (Traffic Calming Study) was initiated at the request of the Rogers Park Community Council in 2000. The purpose was to evaluate traffic calming issues within the Rogers Park Community Council district boundary and make the area more SAFE. This study focused on neighborhood livability issues associated with motorized and non-motorized traffic circulation on the neighborhood collector and local street network. The Municipality of Anchorage Traffic Department used public meetings and a Citizens Advisory Committee, made up of local residents, throughout this project and the final report reflects their concerns and needs. To review the document, please visit our website at:

<http://www.muni.org/traffic/TrafficCalming.cfm>

EXCERPT FROM THE STUDY

The May 2000 plan recommends the following for Cottonwood Street:

"The west side of Cottonwood Street is along the school walking route but it lacks a sidewalk. The plan, therefore, recommends constructing a sidewalk on the west side of the street and narrowing the roadway to accommodate the new walk. At the public workshop, several residents that lived on Cottonwood Street expressed support of the concept because it will not only narrow up to roadway, but it also minimizes disruption to the property in front of their homes. Other residents felt that the sidewalk should be added within the existing right of way, but that the roadway should be narrowed. The final decision as to the location of the sidewalk and whether or not the road is narrowed will be made during design."

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