



Proposed Main Tremont Roundabout Project City of Massillon, Stark County, Ohio

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Summary of Public Comments Received and Responses to Comments

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Table 1 - Public Comments Received and Responses to Comments

Comment/Concern	Response to Comments
I have 5 cars at my address and a 1 lane driveway. Will there still be street parking on Main St?	Your driveway approach in the right of way will be replaced and extended as a result of the project. There will be NO street parking allowed within the roundabout itself, but there should be on street spaces available outside of the roundabout limits when the project is completed.
When my sidewalk is rerouted will my walk way from my front door be extended to meet the new sidewalk?	The City will plan on extending your walkway at the former landscape wall to the new proposed sidewalk at the street. The current sidewalk will be removed and replaced adjacent to the new roadway area.
If no street parking how will you accommodate our parking needs?	There will be NO street parking allowed within the roundabout itself, but there should be on street spaces available outside of the roundabout limits when the project is completed.
Will they be cleaning our houses w/ all the construction and dust our houses will be filthy and need power washed.	Dust mitigation will be a plan note and handled by the contractor during construction. There will be pre and post condition videos taken of the project limits to mitigate any discrepancy of property damage etc.
When they start digging up our front yards to re route sidewalks. Will they fix our yards. I have a hill that use to have a land scaping wall. We took the wall out I did not replace Because of the round about. Will they slope our yard down to the new sidewalk?	The yards will be sloped gradually from existing conditions to the back of the proposed new sidewalk within the public right of way.
Will my street still be Main Street? Since I am at the section where the street turns to two lane.	Yes, your address and street name will remain the same.

<p>Will I always have access to come & go anytime I want during this project.</p>	<p>As part of the project requirements the contractor will make sure to accommodate all residents to and from homes during construction at all times. If there is ever a time where access will need to be restricted (likely during paving, or driveway removal and replacement), they will let you know well in advance incase accommodations are needed. If any problems with access should arise, please feel free to contact the City Engineer's office immediately.</p>
<p>Will this roundabout lower the resale value of my home because of this? Do you have any data and/or proof on this?</p>	<p>The impact of a roundabout on a specific property is subjective and depends on individual preferences and circumstances. Please keep in mind that you're gaining brand new updated infrastructure in front of your home, drive aprons, sidewalks and curbs, which are all the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain in the City of Massillon. These features are being upgraded at no cost to the homeowners since they are located within the public right of way. Also, The existing intersection is technically poorly configured and confusing. Upgraded intersection safety measures, reduced idling time for vehicles, and lower emissions, are attractive environmentally to buyers. However, I am not a home appraiser and this is purely conjecture. What I do know is that we are improving the infrastructure within the project limits and in front of your property which should increase value of your property since it is an objective upgrade to the existing infrastructure.</p>
<p>I understand the traffic lights are expensive. But there are better places that this roundabout could have gone in our City. I have lived on Main 30 years a & have not witnessed 1 accident or problem. I think a roundabout & speed table would be better use on 17th street by park and the roundabout at the intersection of 17th, Cherry & Earl Road. There are many accidents, hard to see on coming traffic when people don't take care of yards.</p>	<p>For the purpose of keeping my response concise and tailored towards this project specifically, I will refrain from speaking about other intersection improvements and roundabout locations. What I will say is that from a traffic engineering standpoint, the Level of Service of the intersection improves greatly by placing a roundabout in this location. The current intersection configuration has driveways tied into the middle of the signalized intersection, which is bad practice. The existing driveways are essentially another leg of the intersection. With these driveways acting as another leg of the intersection, technically they should have their own phases in the cycle of the intersection controller and be given a green, yellow, and red indication, respectively, therefore increasing the wait time (queue length) at the signal. This would be inefficient in the operational success of the intersection, let alone the traffic controller operation needed, but would technically be necessary for safety.</p>

<p>The lights at our intersection were fine before the City changed them. We use to be able to turn right on red off of Main to 23rd. I think there needs to be a turn arrow for the light coming from Millersburg Road.</p>	<p>The existing signal is to be removed as a part of the project. There is no need to stop and turn right on red at 23rd St NW. East bound traffic only needs to yield to one lane of oncoming traffic to safely turn left onto 23rd St NW.</p>
<p>Main Avenue is heavily traveled with emergency vehicles. Will this roundabout slow the response time for these vehicles? In life or death seconds matter. I can only see a fire truck/squad having to slow down to maneuver the roundabout. Also how will other traffic move over for these vehicles if they are in the round about? If it is only a single lane will there be enough to pull over?</p>	<p>The roundabout is designed for emergency vehicles to be able to traverse it, and the center island will also be mountable for even larger vehicles if needed. There is no need for concern.</p>
<p>Do you have data with a roundabout in this type of situation? Emergency vehicle response time changes before and after the roundabout. An intersection that rarely to no accidents vs the amount of accidents after the roundabout. Data on business sales before and after the roundabout for our local businesses. If you can direct me to this data I would appreciate it. Data on the effects of property value before and after a roundabout. Data on adding and taking away people's property to accommodate the roundabouts. I feel that not all information is being given to the residents.</p>	<p>I do not have the data you are requesting at this time. However, the Ohio Department of Transportation has a tremendous amount of information and resources on roundabouts on their website, accessible through, https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/basics/roundabouts</p>
<p>I have lived here since May of 2022 and have never seen an accident at this intersection. Never a lot of traffic at this intersection. If the light had sensors any traffic would even be better since it is doing the work of 3 lights.</p>	<p>The goal of this project isn't to increase the intersections capacity. It is to allow the intersection to function more efficiently, safely and effectively whilst improving air quality whilst reducing carbon emissions.</p>
<p>My experience is that the light helps me to back out onto Main Ave by giving a break in the traffic. With the roundabout I am concerned there will be moving traffic potentially all the time. People come in and out of roundabouts quickly so one second no one is there and next thing they are.</p>	<p>With the traffic count data that we have available in combination of continuous traffic there should not be constant platoons of cars prohibiting you from backing out of your driveway. There will be plenty of gaps available in order to make the necessary maneuver to enter and utilize the roadway.</p>

<p>I can't tell the extent of the new curb and sidewalk on the south side of Main Ave west of the existing intersection..it just sort of stops on the provided diagram. I would highly recommend that it be extended west to 24th St. It currently stops just to the east of my property and people either walk in the yards with no walks or along the road which is dangerous. I know that there are walks on the other side but people do not cross over because they are walking to/from the houses on the south side of Main Ave.</p>	<p>We will take this into consideration. There is a utility pole there however, if we can extend the walk linearly and avoid the utility pole we most likely will.</p>

