

# N MAIN STREET AT ILLINOIS STREET (HWY40) INTERSECTION STUDY

City of Newberg

## OPEN HOUSE #1 - SUMMARY

Prepared by JLA Public Involvement  
for the City of Newberg on October 27, 2023

### Purpose and Process

An open house was held on October 25, 2023 to introduce the intersection study to the community. The project team asked community members for their observations and experiences at the intersection. Open house attendees were able to post comments on the display map, share ideas for modifying the intersection on maps, fill out comment forms, and speak with project staff. Project staff let attendees know they could apply to be on an Ad-Hoc Committee for the study.


Displays included: What is this study?, Project Schedule, Committee Overview, Existing Walking and Biking Map, Aerial Map, Crash and Traffic Data.

### Logistics

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 5-7 p.m.
- **Location:** Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 East Sheridan in Newberg
- **Project team in attendance:** Brett Musick (Newberg), Eza Gaigalas, Tony Roos, Caleb Cox (Kittelson), Stacy Zurcher, Kristen Kibler (JLA)
- **Attendance:** at least **46** people attended the event, and 20 of those submitted a comment form.

### Outreach

- Approximately **600 postcards** were mailed to addresses near the intersection and addresses of people who own property near the intersection but don't live there.
- The project page on the City of Newberg **website** promoted the open house, as well as a "What's New" post on the city homepage.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**OPEN HOUSE** | Chehalem Cultural Center Ballroom  
415 E Sheridan Street, Newberg

**OCT 25TH**  
Drop In **5-7 PM**

**STUDY AREA**  
Intersection: N Main Street at Illinois Street

N Main Street at Illinois Street (HWY 240) Intersection Study  
N Main Street and Illinois Street serve local and regional travel for residents and businesses. This study examines improving safety and function for everyone. Join our open house to learn more and share your knowledge and observations about this intersection.

For more information, visit: [bit.ly/NewbergMainStreetStudy](https://bit.ly/NewbergMainStreetStudy)  
Or, contact: **Brett Musick** | Senior Project Engineer  
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The postcard features a map of the study area at the intersection of N Main Street and Illinois Street (HWY 240). The map shows surrounding streets including Willamette St, E Illinois St, N Washington St, N Hancock St, E First St, N Main St, and Hwy 240. A green circle highlights the intersection. A north arrow is also present.

- A post was made on the City of Newberg **Facebook** page with details of the event, which received **326 post engagements**.
- A similar post to **Nextdoor** received **448 impressions**.
- **Emails** were sent to the project interested parties list of **6 recipients**.

## Feedback Summary

### Who we heard from

Forty-six (46) people signed in to the open house. Many talked with project team members. Of the 20 attendees who submitted comment forms, 16 live near the project intersection. 10 own property, two (2)



marked that they work near the area, one saying they are a general contractor with clients in the area. One (1) other said they travel through the area frequently but typically try to avoid this intersection.

### How people use the intersection

Most attendees drive a personal vehicle through the intersection (17). Half (10) also walk through the intersection regularly. Two wrote that they drive a work vehicle through the intersection, and two (2) ride their bikes.

For future use of the intersection, 16 attendees said they would like to continue to be able to drive through this intersection. Some said they would like to be able to bike or walk through the intersection for commuting (8) and many indicated they would like to be able to bike or walk for recreation (15).

### Comments

Most attendees mentioned the intersection **doesn't feel safe**, either as a driver or for pedestrians.

Many mentioned that there is **heavy traffic** at this intersection that causes disruptions and conflicts between drivers.

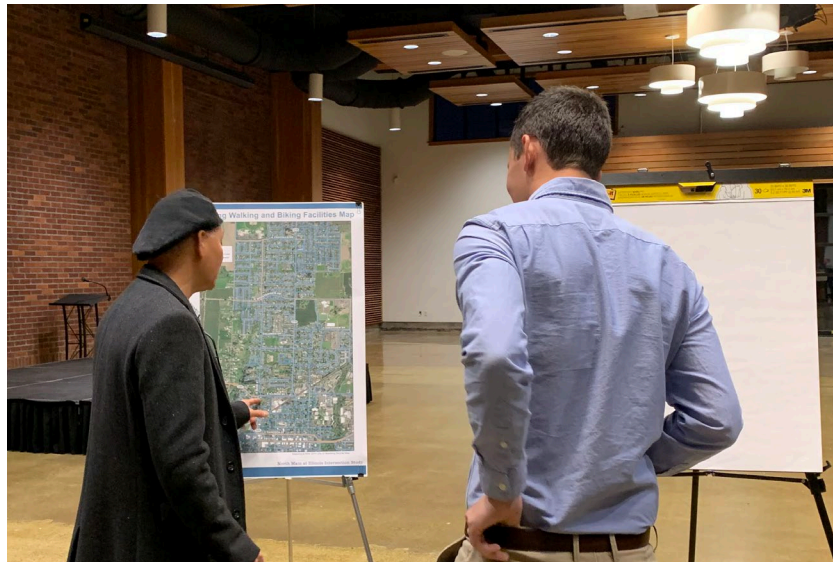
Several said they try to **avoid the intersection** when possible or plan their outings for off-peak times. Some use N College Street as an alternate route.

**Reducing speeds and traffic** was stated by many as an overall goal for the intersection. Several single car crashes into residential properties have been a result of high speeds on the curves.

## Newberg – Main St at Illinois St

Many brought up the lack of sidewalks or requested **increased safety for people walking or biking** (9). Some also brought up bike lanes or crosswalks, especially for children using the route or needing to cross Hwy 240 (4).

- Specifically for travel to downtown or to Crater Elementary
- From E Crestview to Hwy 99
- Needs lighting



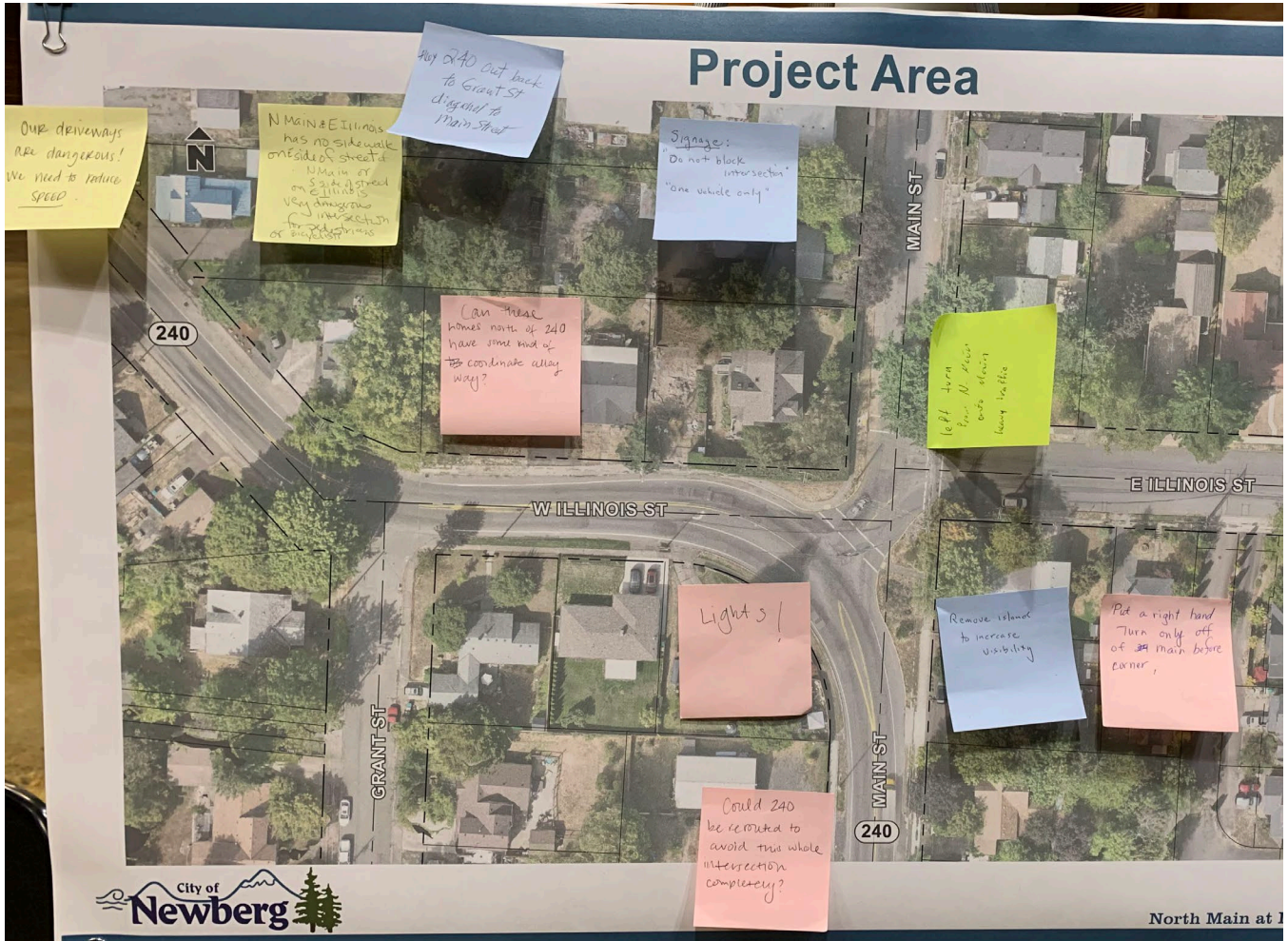
Some additional concerns brought up:

- Left turns from E Illinois St to N Main St are difficult to make, as well as left turns off of Hwy 240.
- Most crashes tend to be late at night from South bound traffic on Hwy 240 coming to the first corner at high speeds (rumble strips and better lighting were suggested).
- Near misses have been witnessed by traffic heading West/North from the stop sign and speeding to merge with traffic, then not being prepared for the curve.
- Need overall system and route updates to serve the adjoining areas and disperse traffic.
- Cars from Illinois block the intersection for those going south on Main.
- There is limited visibility on Hwy 240.
- Driveways on the intersection feel dangerous.
- Vehicles regularly drive through crosswalks without noticing pedestrians waiting.
- Vehicles queue in the middle of the intersection, blocking traffic trying to travel NB on N Main St.
- There is no curb west of 110 W Illinois and drainage issues on this block can cause the sidewalk to be flooded.

Suggestions provided:

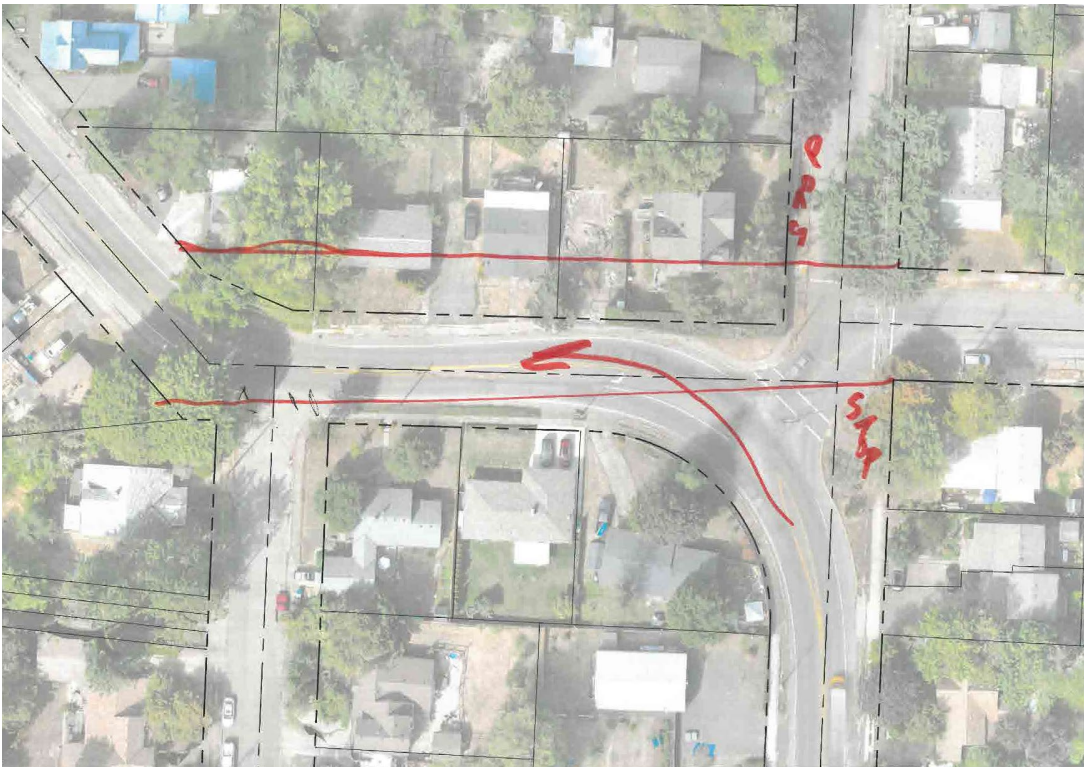
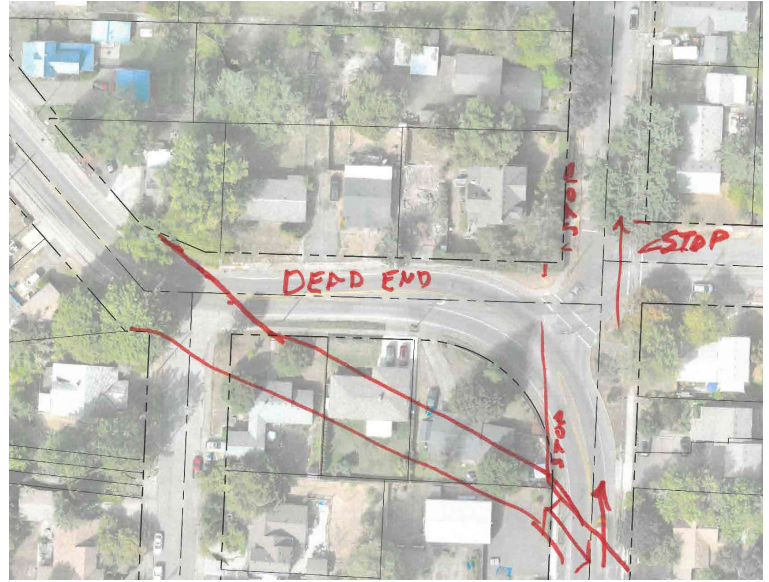
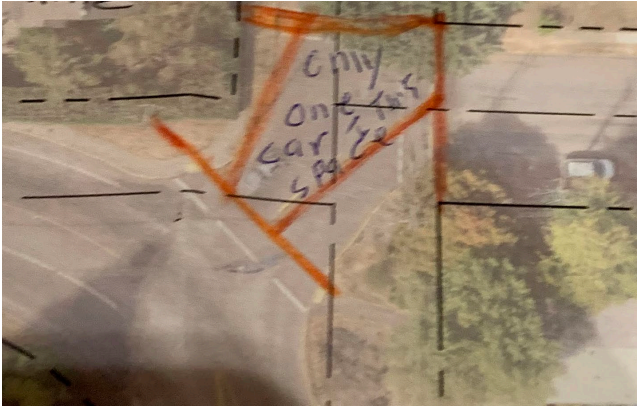
- Move Hwy 240 back to Grant street before the curve, connect diagonally to Main street
- Sign for “Do Not Block Traffic” and “One Vehicle Only”
- Add an alley for driveway access from N Main St for homes facing Hwy 240 on the north
- Need stoplight at the intersection
- Make it a T intersection with a stoplight
- Widen intersection
- Center island
- Narrow street
- Speed bumps on E Illinois Street
- Close end of Illinois at Main
- Add turn lanes or right turn only lane

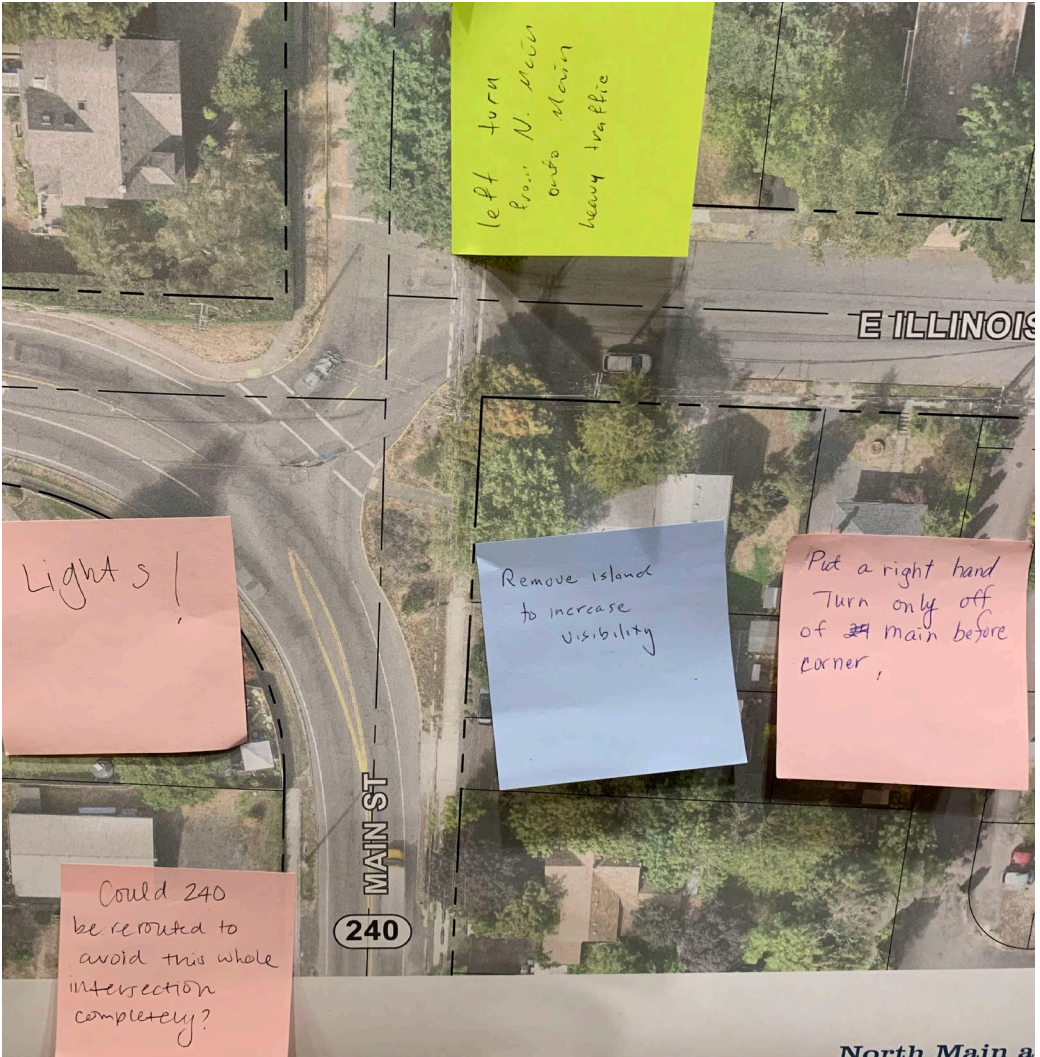
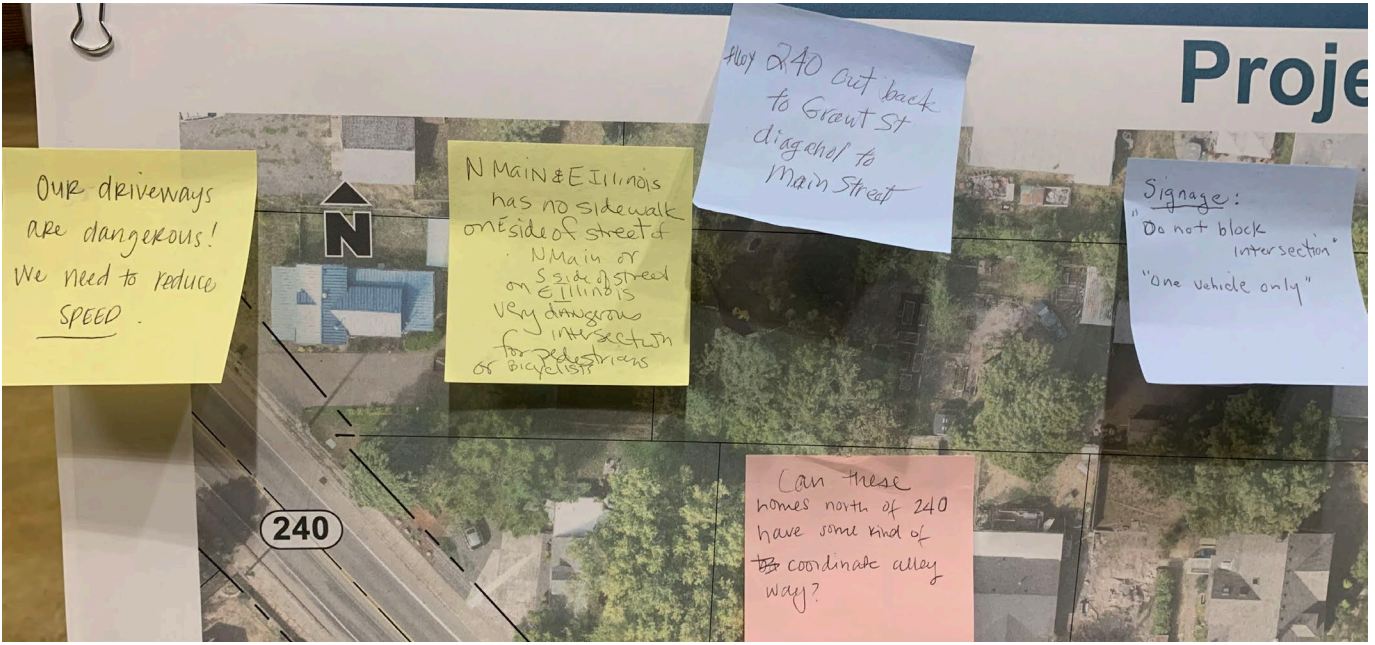
- Re-route Hwy 240 to avoid this intersection
- Remove island (south of intersection) to increase visibility
- Add hatched striping at the intersection to indicate that one should not block the intersection
- Restrict certain turn movements to limit traffic through the intersection (Possibly restrict EB left, or right-in right-out only to access Hwy 240)
- Realign E Illinois to meet up with W Illinois and create a more conventional 4-leg intersection.
- Narrow E Illinois Street to slow speeds
- Install a roundabout



# APPENDIX A: ORIGINAL FEEDBACK

Original comment forms and comment maps. Personal identifying information has been cropped.





**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I live near the intersection
- I work near the intersection
- I own property near the intersection
- I don't live or work near the intersection but I travel through it regularly
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you and your family use this intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I drive a personal vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I drive a work vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I bike through the intersection daily/weekly
- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other SAFELY - flow thru on 290 <sup>OK/14</sup>

**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I live near the intersection
- I work near the intersection
- I own property near the intersection
- I don't live or work near the intersection but I travel through it regularly
- Other General Contractor with clients impacted by this area

**How do you and your family use this intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I drive a personal vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I drive a work vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I bike through the intersection daily/weekly
- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

- Re locate the 240 tie in further down the road.
- Make it a "T" intersection with a light.

**What is your connection to the intersection?** *(select all that apply)*

- I live near the intersection
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you and your family use this intersection?** *(select all that apply)*

- I drive a personal vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
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- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future?** *(select all that apply)*

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your connection to the intersection?** *(select all that apply)*

- I live near the intersection
- I work near the intersection
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you and your family use this intersection?** *(select all that apply)*

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- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future?** *(select all that apply)*

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I live near the intersection
- I work near the intersection
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How do you and your family use this intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I drive a personal vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I drive a work vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I bike through the intersection daily/weekly
- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other I avoid driving on Main + use College, but I like to walk to downtown + come down Main to the intersection

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

Please consider solutions that make this intersection and the blocks leading up to the intersection safer for pedestrians. At the Main + Illinois corner there are only sidewalks on one side of the street.

**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

Currently, cars pulling forward from Illinois block the intersection for cars on D. Main - (heading south)  
 It's very hard to see cars coming on the highway (240)

**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
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**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
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**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

I LIVE ON THE CORNER OF GRANT + ILLINOIS AND PEOPLE  
HAVE ONLY HIT OUR INTERSECTION BETWEEN MIDNIGHT + SIX  
AM. HAVING RUMBLE STRIPS TO WAKE PEOPLE UP COULD REALLY  
HELP

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- Driving
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- Biking or walking for recreation
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**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

Sidewalks, fees, please.

**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

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- I drive a work vehicle through the intersection daily/weekly
- I bike through the intersection daily/weekly
- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other I don't - I avoid it - go around it

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other Add sidewalks

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

Widen the intersection - Add turn lanes to  
lessen the back up (main + Illinois)

**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

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- Driving
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- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your connection to the intersection? (select all that apply)**

- I live near the intersection
- I work near the intersection
- I own property near the intersection
- I don't live or work near the intersection but I travel through it regularly
- Other My kids bike Mountainview to town *or bike lanes!*  
*NO consistent sidewalks down N. Main = huge problem for kids*

**How do you and your family use this intersection? (select all that apply)**

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

Please make it slow & think ~~about~~ ahead to N. Main  
In an age with parents constantly fighting the pull <sup>of</sup> kids ~~to~~  
being inside & on screens, help us by making it possible & safe  
for them to play & travel outside = bike lanes & sidewalks  
from Crater Elementary to town (99) !!

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**How would you like to use this intersection in the future?** (select all that apply)

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

Interested in a solution that optimizes safety & decreases traffic. We feel strongly that our hedge provides safety & beauty to the intersection



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- Driving
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- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

I would love to have a more pedestrian & bike access from the neighborhoods on N. Main to the downtown area. The whole street & intersection is very pedestrian inaccessible.

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**How would you like to use this intersection in the future?** (select all that apply)

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other Anything that SLOWS down the traffic on Illinois

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

- mid-lane islands & trees
- narrowing street
- speed humps
- closing the end of ~~the~~ Illinois St @ Main

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**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

- turning left onto main, I have been frequently been near missed from a car not waiting for me to turn. Which I have right away.
- It is scary to see pedestrians wanting to cross in that area.

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- I bike through the intersection daily/weekly
- I walk through the intersection daily/weekly
- Other My family and I are occasional users of the subject intersection.

**How would you like to use this intersection in the future? (select all that apply)**

- Driving
- Biking or walking for commuting
- Biking or walking for recreation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have additional comments for the project team about this intersection?**

The subject intersection does not feel safe for motorists and pedestrians. We need a better transportation route <sup>system</sup> to service the adjoining area while keeping our community safe. We may need to look way outside of this intersection to stem the volume of vehicles converging at the intersection especially at peak hours.

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