

Hawthorne Road Public Information Meeting Summary of Written Comment

RESIDENT 1:

Our home is located on the Northeast corner of the intersection of Hawthorne Road and Hawthorne Court. We were not able to attend the Public Information Meeting on 2/4/20 and would like to comment on the options for improving Hawthorne Road.

There are significant issue with Hawthorne Road which must be addressed. As we are sure you are aware, the road was nearly impassible last spring at the intersection with Hawthorne Court. Other stretches of the road were similarly in unsafe and nearly impassible condition. In the drier months, traffic on the road creates a great deal of dust, which is not merely unpleasant but can create health issues especially for those citizens with respiratory illnesses.

We would like the road brought to a safe and passable condition year-round. We do not favor any option that would require widening the road or removal of trees. We would like to see the dust issue addressed as well. For these reasons, we favor Option 2B, Drainage Improvements with No Ditching, combined with Option 3, Chemical Stabilizer.*

We appreciate the City's attention to the issues with Hawthorne Road. The road has been problematic for many years and improving it is long overdue. We appreciate the opportunity to review the technical report and to share our opinion on the options for improving the condition of the road.

RESIDENT 2:

Why can't the city routinely inspect driveway culverts? A lot are note being maintained, causing more drainage issues? -Thanks

RESIDENT 3:

Chemical stabilizer w/drainage (perhaps not right away)
(no ditching/tree removal) – start w/this and see how well it holds up before spending more
also ok w/partial asphalt from the west past driveway for 9500 (I think must/all horse farms are east of there)?

RESIDENT 4:

Thank you for your time on the phone. As a resident of Hawthorne Road, I am especially interested in the repaving and regret not being able to attend the meeting. But the information on the website is very thorough and I have read the report and different options within.

General Comments

We live at **** W. Hawthorne Road in an unpaved portion of the road approximately ¼ mile in from Wauwatosa Road. Our home is at the relative beginning of the unpaved section for traffic heading west. The main reason we purchased the home was to be able to enjoy the slower pace and bucolic feel that the road offered. We own horses that we could now board at home rather than elsewhere and the rustic road provides a peaceful place for my wife to ride. We understand an unpaved road is an anomaly in today's modern world, and we feel very blessed to live there.

**Staff added the appropriate stickers to the boards prior to taking pictures/summarizing for packets*

RESIDENT 4 (cont'd):

While we would like it remain as is, we understand the need to make improvements. We live relatively close to a paved portion and admittedly don't have to travel very far when the road is in poor condition to get to and from our house. So we sympathize with those closer to the middle who have a much longer trek when the road is in poor condition. Part of us says "that's part of life on Hawthorne Road" but another part understands the complaints of others when the road is in poor condition.

So we agree for their sake that something needs to be done. Our biggest fear is that the road would be paved. In our opinion, this would undue much of the charm and uniqueness of the road. Also, we see drivers going in excess of 40 MPH past our house in both directions, and this is extremely dangerous to everyone, especially people walking or on horseback. And this is with a gravel road. Our fear is a paving would only encourage those seeking a cut through or looking to get somewhere faster to use the road for this purpose.

Options

Strongly Approve*

- Option 6 – Gravel Reconstruction
- Option 2B – Drainage improvement with no ditching

Strongly Disapprove*

- Any option involving asphalt – 5, 5A, 7, 7A
- Any option involving ditching

Disapprove*

- Chemical Stabilization