

# Planning and Zoning Commission

March 14, 2022

Case #: **2022-0023**

Case Title: Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Transportation Project (Design Study Report) Seward Highway: 36th Avenue Interchange (MOA/ADOT&PF Project #CSHWY00298).

Agenda Item #: **F.5.a** Supplementary Packet #: **1**

**X** Comments submitted after the packet was finalized

☐ Additional information

☐ Other:

Sent by email: **X**      yes      no

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Regarding Case 2022-0023 CSS Design Study Report Review for Seward Highway, 36th Avenue Interchange Project Staff Analysis, for 14 March 2022 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting:

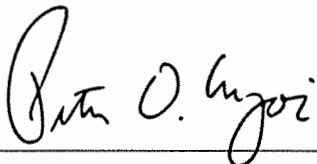
Thank you for including a summary of Rogers Park Community Council's 4 February 2022 comments on page 3 of the 14 March 2022 staff analysis (document F.5.a).

We noticed that the Department Recommendations and Advisory Comments on page 11 do not incorporate any of our concerns.

We would appreciate it if you would issue a supplement to the Staff Analysis that includes Department Recommendations or Advisory Comments that are consistent with our remarks.

Please reply so that I know you have received this communication, and please let me know your intentions.

Respectfully submitted,



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Pete Mjos, President  
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## Appleby, Elizabeth I.

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**From:** Cassandra Gardner Raun <cassandraraun@gmail.com>  
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**Cc:** Pete Mjos  
**Subject:** More Comments from Rogers Park Community Council  
**Attachments:** RE: [EXT] 36th Avenue Interchange CSS Process P&Z Meeting.eml

### [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good afternoon, Elizabeth,

Attached is a conversation between our transportation committee and DOWL regarding the CSS report. Please pass along to the P&Z commission.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,  
Cassandra Raun, Secretary  
Rogers Park Community Council

## Appleby, Elizabeth I.

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**From:** Appleby, Elizabeth I.  
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**To:** Steven Noble; Bob Butera  
**Cc:** Evans Dave; Mjos Pete; Alex Read; Renee Whitesell; Noah King  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] 36th Avenue Interchange CSS Process P&Z Meeting

Hi,

My note on the traffic speeds I believe was summarizing the comment from Rogers Park CC. I didn't see that there would be a change when I compared the table to what is existing, so I don't think it is mentioned anywhere else in the report aside from in the summary of Rogers Park CC comments.

Hope that clears things up further.

--Elizabeth

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Bob,

Thanks for noting what appears to be an error in the P&Z Report. To reiterate, we are not proposing any revisions to posted speed limits as a direct result of this project. We will note this as part of our presentation to the P&Z Commission next week. The speed transition to 45 mph is anticipated to remain where it is – even after the interchange is built.

We will let you know in advance if anything changes in regards to the proposed speed limits.

Thanks

Steve

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Steve,

I am a bit confused. In the RPCC letter to P&Z we noted that Table 2 of the CSS report provides posted speed limits for the Seward Highway of 50 mph between Benson Boulevard to 36th Avenue, slowing to 45 mph just south of Benson Boulevard. The current speed limit between Benson Boulevard to 36th Avenue is 45 mph so this is an increase of the speed limit in this area.

Again, lower speeds are extremely beneficial to safety and noise. With this in mind, why not reduce the speed limit between Tudor and 36th to 45 mph.

Bob

On Mar 7, 2022, at 10:32 AM, Steven Noble <[snoble@dowl.com](mailto:snoble@dowl.com)> wrote:

Bob,

This is part of the CSS process with P&Z.

We have seen your comments on the speeds and I was planning to address that at your next CC meeting. Not much has changed with regard to speed since the PEL study. The Seward Highway speeds will not change as a direct result of this project. The speed change location to 45 mph is anticipated to remain where it is – even after the interchange is built. It is true that when the full build out of the PEL improvements are complete and the freeway type facility is extended northward beyond Fireweed Lane, the speeds on the highway will increase. As you may recall, the PEL study recommended a posted 55 mph facility not a 65 mph facility as exists south of Tudor Road. The frontage roads that will be street level and will provide access to midtown are anticipated to be 35-40 mph type facilities, but no specific speed limits have been decided on these roads yet.

The Planning Department made a note of your comments regarding speeds in the packet to P&Z so I intend to tell them the same thing I just told you.

Steve

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Steve,

Is this the Context Sensitive Solutions meeting? Or has that already happened? And if so, what was the result from that meeting? As you know one of our comments to the CSS was to minimize speed limits through midtown. We see so many benefits and no significant disadvantages to lower speeds.

Bob

On Mar 7, 2022, at 9:52 AM, Steven Noble <[snoble@dowl.com](mailto:snoble@dowl.com)> wrote:

Hi Bob,

I'm just letting you all know that the 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue project will be before P&Z on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This meeting will overlap with the Rogers Park Community Council meeting so I wanted you to be aware. I do still plan on attend the RPCC meeting afterwards. As a reminder, we are on the consent agenda, but we do expect for them to pull it and request a briefing. There is not a public hearing associated with this meeting.

Didn't see you on the trail yesterday 😊 I can't go by your neighborhood without expecting to see you out there cheering.

Steve

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