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Civil Engineering - Marketing - Technical Support

## MEMORANDUM

TO: File  
FROM: Kathy Burgess  
SUBJECT: North Star Community Council Meeting  
January 24, 2001  
DATE: January 26, 2001

Dave Krehmeier of Lounsbury & Associates and I attended the January meeting of the North Star Community Council to present the current state of the Spenard Road Safety Project and to solicit public input.

Handouts of the January 2001 Spenard Road Project newsletter and a comment sheet were distributed to those present and they were encouraged to take some home to give to their neighbors.

Dave explained the purpose of the project, the boundaries, and its current status. He displayed drawings of the cross sections of sidewalk and pathway alternatives and of the Northern Lights/Benson intersection alternatives.

The following questions/comments came from those present:

- The places where cars turn from the REI parking lot into Spenard are really hazardous.
- The intersection at 27<sup>th</sup> is a problem and going to get worse as the Bear's Tooth theater gets more popular.
- Changing to a 3-lane street will make turns easier from 27<sup>th</sup>, as there will be fewer lanes to cross.
- The new Post Office location encourages people to go through on 27<sup>th</sup> and increases traffic there.
- Which is the sidewalk/pathway alternative that offers the best opportunities for beautification? *Answer: There is not enough room in the right-of-way for a continuous landscaping scheme. There are, however, some wide areas that would be suitable for planting. Marilyn Rudolph is working on getting more funds and a plan for more extensive amenities to go along with this project's work. Anyone interested in this aspect should contact Marilyn.*
- It would be nice to have bus pullouts, as stopped buses cause hazards when people try to go around them.
- Street side snow storage is a concern. The sidewalks are likely to become impassible with plowed snow.
- We would like to have some copies of the Northern Lights/Benson alternatives to hand out for to people to comment on also.

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