

#1

- 1) I'm in favor of sidewalks for general pedestrian safety purposes, but especially because I see pedestrians having a really tough time walking along Golden Road after medium to large snowstorms. I think they also improve the general appearance of a neighborhood.
- 2) I'm generally in favor of bike lanes, but in this situation I'm against them because; (a) They involve widening the road in a way that would negatively impact businesses. This is most apparent to me regarding the businesses on the north side of the road just east of Quaker. It seems like parking would be difficult for those merchants' patrons. (b) I'm against bike lanes if they would automatically mean there would be a roundabout at Quaker.
- 3) I am against a roundabout at Quaker. I live just off West 13th Ave. and Quaker, and I value the certainty involved in knowing that if I go to the Golden Road/Quaker intersection I will definitely get my turn at the light. At high traffic times, I believe that the stream of traffic going west on Golden Road would be so steady (if not incessant) that it would be really hard to enter the roundabout. I may be wrong about that, but I believe there is an even more important reason for a community not to rely on roundabouts exclusively, and that is the safety of disabled citizens. As I understand it, the thinking is that pedestrians have an easier time at roundabouts because they only need to make it from the curb to the median, then can wait for another gap to go from the median to the other curb. However, it seems like for blind and wheelchair-bound people, having a span of time when you know the traffic is stopped.

Pause: I just called a blind friend of mine who confirmed that a signal at an intersection is safer and much less scary than a roundabout. Being stuck at a median with no way to know when traffic is going to be stopped makes an intersection much more difficult to navigate. It is also stressful for her and her guide dog.

I am always careful to stop for people who are about to enter cross-walks at the other roundabouts in Golden as well as in general. But what I see happening is that the norm is that pedestrians have to be very aware of the cars and the majority of drivers take the right of way away from them by ignoring the crosswalks.

As a society, I think we have a moral responsibility to put the needs of our vulnerable citizens at or near the top of our priorities.

#2

Golden Road desperately needs sidewalks. We have a high number of families and children that walk all through S. Golden. Our Qwest lines and other infrastructure are severely out of date. It would be great to introduce S. Golden and Pleasant View to the modern conveniences the rest of Golden enjoys. This will only help our businesses appear safe and welcoming.

My main concern is during construction:

- What kind of detours/delays will my customers experience?
- What kind of signage and/or communication will be provided?

Pleasant View is old school and opposition will be met. Communication and honesty will be key to getting this community involved and on board.

My husband and I are happy to help when and where we can.

#3

(No comments)

#4

I think the sidewalk should run the full length.

#5

Sidewalks would be great! Bike lane exists on 10th already, why South Golden Rd. too?

#6

It looks pretty clear to me that opt. #2 is the best course to take. If we are to spend money then let's do it right and not go with the conservative opt #1 as we will have to tear it up and redo it in five years. Please "no" on opt. #3. We do not need this...maybe 10-15 years out...even then.....

#7

I can tell you now that if a large truck or tractor or trailer breaks down, because the average length of a large wrecker is 45', after you hook up the broke down truck you will not clear the roundabouts. Please change the design!!

#8

The road dividers would cut off potential customer flow. Snow removal would be a problem. Children frequent the 7-Eleven, with a traffic light, they can cross the street. Safely also, there are blind child(ren) in the area.

#9

For safer pedestrian crossing, the people NEED a stop light to stop all cars. The people living on the north side of S. Golden Road NEED a light to get out not a roundabout.

#10

I am in favor of alternative proposal #2 provided adequate provision can be made to vent increased traffic flow under I/70 to Colfax.

#11

No parking on west side of Nile Ct. due to traffic and narrow street.

#12

You can't help notice 2 glaring differences in the proposals. One is cost and the other is impact on personal property. Both should be seriously considered in favor of the people. Also, some accommodations i.e.: no parking signs to Nile St./Ct. Residents should be considered as there WILL be significant impact w/ extra traffic and parking situation at Okura Sushi.

#13

No on roundabout on Quaker. This is a frequently traveled intersection by children to access Mt. Vernon to walk to Pleasant View Elementary. As well as there is a blind student that will need to travel via Quaker and So. Golden Road.

#14

If utilizing roundabouts, please don't put landscaping in them so they obstruct drivers' vision or pedestrians crossing. Golden Rd. to the north is horrible for views being obstructed!

#15

My biggest concern is keeping the parking lot for 16135 S. Golden Rd. The parking lot is already tight and if you cut into that parking lot then will be a hazard of clients from Foothills Chiropractic packing up into the traffic on S. Golden Road.

#16

A roundabout at Quaker is a terrible idea. People do not know how to properly use them already on the main part of S. Golden Road.

#17

The traffic issues need to be addressed at Mt. Vernon. The flow is so heavy on S. Golden that you cannot get out of housing areas. Is this plan going to address this?

#18

Please do not open access from Moss to 13th. Construction traffic is already bad enough without adding motor traffic into neighborhood with small children playing.

#19

Bikes should not be allowed on any road until they "a" pay their way, "b" learn traffic laws! A roundabout at Quaker would let our customer never to be able to get out on Old Golden Road.

#20

Crossing Quaker is dangerous. People making left turns don't watch for pedestrians crossing at the roundabout; people don't stop. Be careful of landscaping, post office, Ulysses, too high bushes, median. I can't see around. Use low growing plants.

#21

No matter what, the people residing in Pleasant View are screwed.

#22

(No comments)

#23

I would like to see improvements (expansion) made on the I70 overpass at Indiana St. to accommodate a sidewalk, bike path extension to the Denver West shopping complex. We are in favor of roundabouts!

#24

The proposed "safer" pedestrian crossing gets people stuck in the middle of an overcrowded highway.

Trying to get out of a neighborhood between 2 circles makes cars too evenly paced so you can't merge out onto Old Golden Road.

#25

Alternative #1 is my favorite.

#26

There has to be traffic lights to allow breaks in the traffic so the neighborhood can get on S. Golden Rd.

#27

Please keep in mind that the above property is a Jefferson County Landmark and cannot be negatively impacted.

#28

Concerned about Right of Way on my property and sound for residents at this address.

#29

I would like to see improvements, also aesthetics, that improve traffic flow and provide bike lanes and sidewalks, BUT with the least cost and least impact to private property owners. Thank you.

#30

Glad to hear S. Golden Rd. will stay open during construction! Please consider the stop light in front of the fire station. I believe it's in the agreement already. Thanks for keeping us informed.

#31

Do not need 8' walks on south side of Golden Road. Roundabouts prevent trailers from coming through.

#32

The wonderful roundabout at Ulysses and Old Golden; you can't get across this at any busy time. A traffic circle at Quaker would make it so you couldn't get out on to Old Golden at peak periods at all.

#33

Why waste money unless you are going to improve traffic. One sidewalk on the north side might make sense. It hurts too many businesses on the south side, which are almost all already hurting for parking. A roundabout at Quaker would allow people to enter traffic on their side of street and turn around at roundabout.

#34

I would like to see my property at S. Golden Road at least keep my parking areas and not have them affected. Thanks.

#35

My business is on the north side of S. Golden Road. If expansion is on my side of the road, it would eliminate the majority of my parking lot, having a very negative impact on a 35-year-old business. If you expanded on the south side, it would help save my business. Thank you.

#36

Need to meet the collector street standards (i.e. address issues at Quaker and Mt. Vernon)

- Consider bus pullouts.
- Reduce # of curb cuts for safety.
- Please poll School of Mines for opinions. Pleasant View houses many mines students that commute.
- Compensate business monetarily or with design assistance.
- Compensate business by constructing relocated parking.
- Great Work! Construct for the future!

#37

I'm glad to see the proposed improvements. I ride my bike often and it is currently very narrow from edge of street to passing vehicles. It would be much safer to have bike lanes and sidewalks all the way from I-70 to King Soopers. I'm hoping the improvement will enhance the community.

#38

If you have a plan to cut spending that is overboard already to pay for this project in full then move forward, but the fact of the matter is you don't have any plan except to put the expense on the residence and business owners to pay for your pet projects...When will you ever get the point to stop spending other people's money?

#39

It's about time! It can't get worse. I would hope that downtown Golden businesses would also be in favor of this project. Turning off of Colfax after leaving the Mills mall area, a new citizen must wonder if they hit the ghetto after driving through the area on S. Golden Road from 70 to the 1st roundabout. Our current street condition on both sides is deplorable, if not disgusting. It's beyond me as to why street conditions like South Golden Road still exist. Am I the only property owner who is concerned with the current state of the portion of South Golden Road? Do property owners want their property values to decrease further or increase? Thanks to the county for setting this project forth and getting our major thoroughfare cleaned up, modernized and made safe for all. All business owners should rejoice. Are there plans for pedestrian access across the Moss St. extension from West Pleasant View? Access from the east boundary to the creek and up to the new park would be wonderful. Thank you!

#40

RTD and traffic issues need addressed at Quaker Street and Golden Road. RTD causes most of the traffic issues at the traffic signal on Quaker and Golden Road.

#41

I'm concerned about increased traffic on Moss. Today I saw a minor traffic jam when a car going south had to stop, wait for north traveling traffic to maneuver around parked cars, and then proceed south.

#42

I see no reason to change from light at Mt. Vernon and limit access by eliminating the left turns. The most needed place on all of South Golden Road is at 12th and South Golden Road.

#43

The green and red dashed lines on the street sections, specifically sheets 1 and 2 and 5 alternative #2, are not labeled of the proposed right of way. This would put the right of way against the house. Literally 8' from neighbor's house. I think that this is an excuse to eventually turn this in to a 4-lane street.

#44

We have a small parking area now and if it gets smaller we will be a drive-in. We have been in business for 33 years and moving elsewhere is not an option. If you put in a traffic circle it would be a big help if you put in some accommodations for people who are legally blind.

#45

This is a disaster for children's safety and will cause more accidents. I do not want my street to go through to NREL or Moss. This was and is a bad idea. Will my voice be heard or is it already decided?

#46

This property only has 27 feet of parking lot in front of the building on the north side of South Golden Road, so the road should be moved south. Look at parking back-up problem.

#47

This stretch of road has been very dangerous for many years and now with NREL's extension of the Moss St., it is time to improve!

#48

I see a lot of bike riders on South Golden Road but few pedestrians. I am not sure of the need for large sidewalks on both sides – why not just one side? A bike lane would make the road safer for bikers.

#49

STOP wasting our money! You have given (NREL) the Moss Street roundabout and improvements so that they will have a direct road to Colfax. They already have an excellent access to I-70 and Colfax via their east access road. STOP there! DO NOT give them all of South Golden Road.

Have pity on the people who already used South Golden Road and do NOT do anything to add even more traffic! NREL wanted and got Moss Street in addition to two other accesses. Leave South Golden Road for the non-NREL people! They (NREL) have been a constant source of noise and increasing traffic for years!

In short – do NOT implement Alternative 1 and do NOT implement Alternative 2!

#50

We are in favor of improvements along S. Golden Rd. We would like to see sidewalks, bike lanes and safer pedestrian crossings. We don't really care one way or the other about a roundabout at Quaker.

We own land east of The Native Nursery, on the North West end of the South Golden Road improvements. We are in favor of sidewalks, but with either of the plans you have the sidewalks would not be consistent with those at the native nursery. Also, our building is close to the street now. If you take 4' then 8' from the edge of the existing street, the north edge of the sidewalk would be about 5' from our building.

I guess what we are saying is that we are in favor of improvements, but hope that there can be some give and take with the design to make it work with and not devalue our property.

#51

While you are considering these alternatives, please also consider adding a street light at the RTD bus stop on the north side of S. Golden Rd. and just west of Kilmer. This is the RTD bus stop that people from the NREL campus use and now that the time has changed it is very dark at that corner. A number of times RTD bus drivers have said to me that it is very difficult to see people waiting at that stop, and more than once drivers have almost flew past riders waiting at that stop.

In general, since I'm a bus rider and pedestrian along S. Golden Rd., I'm very much in favor of sidewalks, safer pedestrian crossings, and the Quaker roundabout. I'm indifferent regarding a bike lane along that route. Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

#52

- I am definitely in favor of improvements along S. Golden Rd. Having lived in Pleasant View for over 20years, I've watched the population soar and the improvements are sorely needed.
- I am especially in favor of sidewalks and safer pedestrian crossings as I walk to and from NREL every day.
- Bike lanes would be nice, but if it causes businesses to oppose the improvements, I can live without them.
- Yes in favor of a roundabout at Quaker. Is a roundabout also the proposed solution for Mt. Vernon?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

#53

- 1) How would a roundabout be a safer pedestrian crossing than a traffic light?
- 2) 10th St. has a bike path and a lot less traffic than S. Golden Rd. What is the gain in putting another path in one black over?
- 3) There is a turn lane down the center of S. Golden Rd. now.
- 4) Alt. 1 gives you a nice clean roadway with no impact to business.

- 5) Alt. 2 costs more than two times more, hurts a lot of business, to gain five more feet of road.
- 6) A roundabout has two times the accidents that a traffic light has.
- 7) In Alt. 2 it appears the county has a boat load of money they can spend, that will hurt many businesses, no parking, and gain very little if anything of real use to the general public.

#54

The existing light at Quaker will work if a left turn arrow is added for east and westbound traffic making a left.

With heavy east and southbound traffic at Moss I don't see anything working satisfactorily except a light.

I like the idea of bike paths, but I think they should be postponed until more money is available.

I think it's very important to minimize the impact on local businesses on South Golden Road – They're still struggling with the last tax increase and now dealing with a recession.