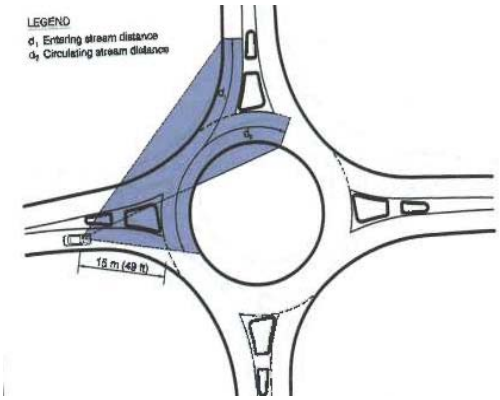
JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
Do not replace traffic light at Quaker! Roundabouts are dangerous! People do not use them correctly. They treat them as though they are a reason to speed up, as if it were a contest to get through them first. I will never be able to get off of Quaker Street (neither will my neighbors in the area of Quaker Street and up to the open space). When the traffic light on that corner went out a year ago or so it took me forever to turn left onto Quaker Street (going east). People don't stop. Pedestrians will have an almost impossible time crossing. The roundabout will increase traffic in the residential areas from people like me trying to avoid the roundabouts. I will make a point to encourage my neighbors to avoid the roundabout and use the neighborhood streets. Also, the designs tend to obstruct the view of oncoming traffic, when they have dangerous roundabouts built. You should not be spending tax payer money on unneeded replacements. The light is fine or a four-way stop. I have signed petitions as well as many others against the roundabouts. I feel that our votes, the Pleasant View Community; don't mean anything, as though we don't matter. People go faster through the circles. If this plan doesn't work will they remove it? What can we, who live in the area, do to change your minds? Please have someone contact me about the open space project, on the north end of Quaker Street.	Roundabouts are proven to improve safety at intersections by reducing conflict points and decreasing speeds. A conflict point is a location where the paths of two vehicles, or a vehicle and a bicycle or pedestrian queue, diverge, merge, or cross each other. Roundabouts have fewer conflict points than traditional signalized intersections. For pedestrians, the risk of being involved in a severe crash is lower at a roundabout than at other forms of intersections, due to slower vehicle speeds and the lower number of conflict points. The splitter islands allow pedestrians to cross one direction of traffic at a time. Regarding the concern of not being able to see oncoming traffic, below is a diagram showing the sight distance considerations for a roundabout.  As you can see from the diagram, the primary concern is the sight distance to the left. When vehicles enter a roundabout, they yield to the traffic in the roundabout and enter when an appropriate gap appears. Sight obstructions through the roundabout, and not being able to see oncoming traffic, discourages speeding through the roundabout. By restricting this sight distance, we influence drivers to slow down before they enter the roundabout, which increases the safety of the intersection.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
	Based upon our traffic analysis of the corridor the removal of the traffic signal at Quaker and replacing it with a roundabout will improve the traffic operations of the corridor. By removing the signal, we reduce the platooning of vehicles between intersections. The characteristics of the corridor have already been defined by the installation of the roundabouts to the west and by the new roundabout at Moss Street.
It is hard now with the help of the light at Quaker Street and Old Golden Road to get in and out of our business lot. If a roundabout is placed there, we lose the help of stopped traffic to get to our semi-tow trucks, garbage trucks, and delivery trust out of out lot. In addition, the kids that cross at Quaker to go to school will be put in great danger while crossing since nobody will slow down or stop at Quaker. The roundabout is not needed. Save our tax money for something meaningful.	Regarding roundabout safety, please see previous response. Regarding trucks being able to get in and out of your lot, as a part of the project the road will be widened by 8' feet to provide bike lanes. This extra width should make it easier for trucks to turn in and out of your lot. The average daily traffic along South Golden Road is approximately 15,000 vehicles per day. The peak hour traffic volume is highest between 12:00 pm and 1:00pm and during 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. By 2025, we project traffic will exceed 20,000 vehicles per day. The solution to accommodate this level of traffic would be to add more lanes to South Golden Road. Due to limited rights-of-way, limited budget, and businesses being close to the existing road this option was deemed impractical. The ability to find gaps in traffic to get in and out of your lot will continue to be difficult. This project is being funded through the County's traffic impact fee program. This program allows the County to collect traffic impact fees from new developments. These fees are then used to provide improvements to interchanges, arterials, and major collectors including capacity improvements, operational improvements, and associated roadway improvements as outlined by the Jefferson County Land Development Regulations.
Please no more roundabout circles! What is wrong with the current stop light?	See previous responses.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
There is student pedestrian traffic coming and going to school, traveling along west 10th to Quaker. This may be a very large safety issue for children. The roundabout at South Golden Road and Quaker and no signal at Mt. Vernon and South Golden Road is a very concerning issue for the blind/visually impaired pedestrians within a one-mile radius. Thank you for hearing my concerns.	Please see previous response concerning pedestrians. Jefferson County has researched this issue extensively in literature and is speaking with professionals. It was found that roundabouts can accommodate visually impaired pedestrians as safely as other types of intersections.
We have three entrance/exit into our property for 16350 and 16360. Our concern is about getting tow trucks, delivery trucks, tool trucks and our semi in and out. We would like to retain all three entrance/exit areas in order to not have to drive over curbs (which will happen) and tear up vehicles. It is going to make it very difficult for anyone coming to and leaving our business to get in or out without the benefit of a traffic light, it is very difficult to enter or exit our business. This will have a very negative impact on our business and customers. If it is too much of an inconvenience to do business at our location, customers will take their business elsewhere. The traffic light works quite well. Please leave it and not put in a roundabout.	See previous response concerning access and the roundabout.
Taking the light out is ridiculous! Nobody stops for the crosswalks at any roundabouts on South Golden Road from the King Soopers all the way down the road. It seems like the new roundabout at Moss Street is a free for all. Nobody yields or even slows down and eventually somebody will get killed. I am not naive enough to think that my opinion even counts about keeping the Quaker light. So since, you will do what you want to anyways, move the bus stop from the corner of Sunset Beach to the southwest corner by 7Eleven to keep the bus from stopping traffic in the roundabout.	See previous response concerning the roundabout. The locations of the bus stops will be determined with the assistance of RTD. RTD has a criterion, which determines the distances from intersections that bus stops can be placed.
This plan has the idea of a no brained fool acting out in the modern world. The roundabouts are never built to specs and are hard to see from one direction to another. Children having to risk their lives every day, to go to school, is not acceptable. If this is the idea of a so-called smart people then you should return to school to relearn and to learn all about safety towards the few children in our school. How in the hell would you feel if your children were in constant danger of being taken away. Either go back to school or leave our sweet innocent town and children alone. In our words go to hell and take your plan with you!!	See previous responses.
Getting from Orchard going south is already a problem when attempting to turn left onto South Golden Road. Eliminating a light in front of Mt. Vernon Road will make it impossible to make a left hand turn onto South Golden Road. Now, at least the light slows traffic going towards Golden so that we have a fighting chance. Going to McIntyre is lengthy and time consuming. Also, how will kids get across the street to access the elementary school? I know this is fruitless but the world does not revolve around easy engineering process.	The traffic signal at Mt. Vernon does not meet traffic warrants. We will be removing the signal and restricting left turns from Mt. Vernon onto South Golden Road. By restricting access at Mt. Vernon, we will be eliminating the conflicts caused by left turns and improving traffic flow. In addition, we will be constructing a raised

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
	pedestrian median at Mt. Vernon to provide a refuge area for pedestrians. By removing the signal at Mt. Vernon, we are able to provide a left-turn lane at Orchard Street. As traffic volumes increase in the Golden Road corridor, it will become increasingly difficult to make left-turns from any access along the street, including Orchard Street. Provision of roundabouts allows safer right-turns to be made and utilization of roundabouts to make u-turns.
We need better lighting on Southside of Rodgers and South Golden Road. Traffic is heavy and difficult to make a left hand turn onto South Golden Road from Rogers. I think having a roundabout at Quaker will increase this difficulty. 10th Avenue is a one way going west so if you live on Quaker or Rogers you cannot access the roundabout to go west on South Golden Road. Consolidating access points onto South Golden Road to reduce traffic must consider that 10th is one way and getting to access point could be difficult and cause more traffic through residential streets. Lack of bus turn in lanes to pick and drop off passengers impedes traffic and poses a traffic hazard.	The installation of the roundabout at Quaker Street will make it easier to go west on South Golden Road. Instead of trying to turn left from Rodgers Street onto South Golden Road take a right-turn and use the roundabout as a U-turn to go west. Due to limited right-of-way, there are no plans to construct any bus pull-outs.
How are the children on the north side of South Golden Road going to safely cross the road to get to and from school? The County wants the property along South Golden Road to be commercial, yet they are taking the parking away from the already existing businesses and making it harder to get to these businesses.	Pedestrians will be able to cross South Golden Road at the raised median at Mt. Vernon or at the cross walks provided at the new roundabout at Quaker Street. Please see previous comments regarding pedestrian safety at roundabouts.
It appears that the County has a lot of money to waste. I do not agree that the roundabouts are the answer. Traffic already flows heavy in Old Golden. It is very difficult to get in Old Golden from any street other than one with a light (provides break in traffic). Where as a roundabout will not provide a break. It will take several years of construction. Sidewalks yes, but the rest is overkill. The roundabout is way over the top. I would much rather see roadwork and construction in places that desperately need it. This is just window dressing, expensive dressing.	See previous responses.
My comment is your roundabouts are a disaster. The one at Moss is so high that a person cannot see the traffic in the circle. There is going to be a death because people speed through there with no regard to the other traffic. Other roundabouts have trees in them that block your vision. This is the only County or City that has to have the “crap” and towers in the center. Other parts of the Metro area do not have huge crap in the center. You need speed bumps and cops at these roundabouts. Too fast driving and poor engineering.	See previous responses.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
Why don't the citizens of Pleasant View get the opportunity to vote on the purposed improvements? The County will do what they want and consider best for the County. No matter what-It is a done deal. Why spend the money for posters made by personnel to try to convince us it is a good idea? The residents lose again.	Public input is solicited for all of our large capital improvement projects. The Transportation and Engineering Division do consider all public comments, but we must also consider budget, impacts to businesses, traffic impacts, and pedestrian safety.
The roundabouts are a great idea.	No response.
I really was horrified when I found out about the roundabout for Research Road but I do find it a big improvement. It has made my life easier and I was more than impressed by how little impact the construction had on us. There were efficient and did a great job. We only had to wait a few times in the last two weeks. As far as I can tell these will be real improvements. I realize the segment affecting our property directly is not scheduled and not entirely set. I appreciate the Open House. We do still have trouble with traffic from the Ulysses roundabout but I schedule my trips to get out of the drive way. The stop sign is often ignored at 12th Street and South Golden Road.	No response.
I like the wider lanes and bike lanes. 8' seems a bit excessive for a sidewalk when you have a bike lane as well. It sounds like the biggest issue I have heard is removing the left turn on Mt. Vernon but I already avoid it by going west to Quaker so a roundabout at Quaker is a great idea. Why no roundabout at Mt. Vernon? I'm glad this is in the works! It will be much safer for cars, bikers and pedestrians. Access from Moss to the park would be nice. Also, access, if only pedestrian, from Moss to the west neighborhoods would be nice. The roundabouts should have tress or something inside.	Mt. Vernon does not generate enough traffic to consider the installation of a roundabout. Installation of another roundabout would increase the cost of the project and have more right-of-way impacts. As a part of the Moss Street extension right-of-way was dedicated to provide for a new access to Pleasant View Park. This new entrance will be several years away but will eliminate having to drive past the Camp George West correctional facility.
Compliments. Thank you for improving our community!	No response.
Great plans! Thank you!	No response.
The RTD bus stop should be moved to a safer location. As the intersection stands now, the RTD bus stops the flow of traffic in both directions. Both stops should be moved out from the intersection with enough room to allow traffic to safely clear the bus before the intersection or roundabout. For safety reason the RTD bus stop should be moved!!	The locations of the bus stops will be coordinated with RTD.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
Looks good-roundabouts at Quaker and again at Mt. Vernon would be better. This would allow traffic in both directions at Mt. Vernon but this is certainly workable and a great improvement to the area.	See previous response.
Great job. This will all be a vast improvement to our neighborhood. Thank you for preserving and protecting the historic stone arches.	No response.
Very positive improvements. Great for Pleasant View. I like this very much, three thumbs up.	No response.
The roundabouts are a great idea as are the bike lanes.	No response.
Great start. I support roundabouts. Continue to enhance South Golden Road. Start enforcing codes on the trash, abandoned cars, brush and weed growth, etc. Promote multi-family residences (condos and apartments).	No response.
I strongly support improvements to South Golden Road. Sidewalks are needed. This is an important pedestrian, bike, bus and car connection between the very attractive urban design in Golden and the Mills Mall. I think design standards should be added for property redevelopment such as “turf panel” behind sidewalk to screen car bumper height. The corridor should be encouraged to improve over time. I encourage a zoning study to amortize industrial and storage uses, encourage small neighborhoods scale commercial. I would like to see formation of a B.I.D. Business Improvement District to help fund improvements. Eight-foot sidewalk as all concrete is too harsh. You should add 3’ paved strip and signage zone with five-foot sidewalk. This would be more attractive and allow more urban design appeal.	No response.
Generally, I like the plan. Bike lanes on both sides are good. I ride a bike and there is no way I would ride on South Golden Road. I am sorry to see the traffic light disappearing it is going to make jay walking more of a challenge. It would be nice to have more frequent pedestrian lanes since the traffic flow is more continuous going both directions. A center place to rest for concern in the traffic lane is nice especially at the bus stop. I say this because I am legally blind and crossing the streets can be hazardous for your health.	See previous response.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
I bike from Golden town center past the High School up South Golden Road to NREL (via the new Research Road) and back home again just about every day Monday through Friday. Bike lanes from the High School along South Golden Road would be nice. I am not very comfortable biking along South Golden Road at night. However, the County must be sure to respect property owners, try to help them "buy in" the addition of the bike lanes and fairly compensate them for any eminent domain takings. I cannot believe some people are anti-bike!!! Also, what is the story with all the trees that were removed along the small stream that crosses South Golden Road near the Rock Rest? Removing trees cannot be good for erosion. Was this done by the County, State, or done privately?	The trees were removed as part of a larger project to improve water carrying capabilities at Lena Gulch. The existing box culvert is undersized and as a part of this project, we will be putting in a proper 100-year crossing.
Extending the existing island from Ulysses island to the east on South Golden Road will prevent problems with left turn near Blockbuster.	This part of South Golden Road is located within the City of Golden.
I want to see a yield sign not a stop sign at 12th Street to South Golden Road. Right turn off Mt. Vernon onto South Golden Road to make it a yield sign and not a stop sign.	The sign at 12th Avenue will remain a stop sign. A yield sign is not appropriate since South Golden Road carries a large traffic volume.
Traffic circles please plant seasonal flowers or short shrub so vision won't be obstructed. Thank you!	The limited funding for this project does not allow installation on future maintenance of extensive landscaping. The County has allowed roundabouts to be adopted by interested organizations that provide landscaping and maintenance of the landscaping.
What about the new power lines that the solar lab is putting in right now? Are they aware of the new Quaker circle? Why are we not getting sidewalk all along Quaker? We need speed ramps on both sides of the Old Golden Road and Quaker, like the one down the street by the High School.	We are meeting with all affected property owners along South Golden Road. A connecting sidewalk along Quaker Street to make a connection to the existing sidewalk, is being Considered. See previous response regarding pedestrian safety.
Quaker-South Golden Road intersection is a major traffic for children going to school. An all-the-way stop sign would prevent injury, break up the traffic and be infinitely cheaper.	An all-way stop intersection at Quaker and South Golden would not serve existing or future traffic. Currently, South Golden Road carries 15,000 vehicles per day, and stop signs would cause major delays.

JEFFERSON COUNTY COLORADO
TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING DIVISION
100 JEFFERSON COUNTY PKWY, STE. 3500, GOLDEN, CO 80419
OFFICE: 303-271-8495 FAX: 303-271-8490
WWW.JEFFCO.US

SOUTH GOLDEN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

CITIZEN COMMENT	JEFFERSON COUNTY RESPONSE
Thank you for having the public meeting regarding the proposed South Golden Road improvements last night. I am an avid bike commuter and travel South Golden Road from Golden to Moss Road twice daily, nearly five days a week all year long. I was very pleased to see the inclusion of a bike lane in the proposed development in both directions. This will be a much appreciated improvement over the current striping along the entire road. I do have a concern about how the traffic calming circles are planned and have been implemented along South Golden Road. I am a registered professional engineer and I fully understand the intended benefit of traffic circles for reducing speeds, reducing congestion at intersections and theoretically improving motor vehicle and pedestrian safety. The size of the circles actually implemented and the discontinuation of bike lanes at the traffic circles has actually increased the safety concerns for cyclists and pedestrians alike. I speak from experience as I was run off the road by a truck inappropriately trying to overtake me immediately before the new Moss roundabout in May 2012. I was traveling in excess of 20 mph on my bike when I was forced into the curb by a vehicle trying to streamline a path through the roundabout and also inappropriately overtake me. I broke my right collar bone into 4 pieces, had to undergo surgery to install a titanium plate and I will have surgery again in January 2013 to remove the plate. The driver never even stopped. Forcing cyclist to take the motor vehicle lane at a roundabout or get onto the sidewalk is hazardous, especially when the roundabouts are so tight. The small diameter of the circles does little to slow traffic, even with the new medians directly before the roundabouts. Most motor vehicle traffic is now attempting to maintain as close to their full speed as possible and just slalom through the roundabout which often puts their right tires into the curb and gutter entering the roundabout and left tires near the central median in the roundabout. This is very obvious in the extremely hazardous and tight roundabouts further to the north that have two lanes of traffic in each direction as almost no one stays in their lane in an attempt to go as straight as possible through the roundabout. Another concern is that motor vehicles almost never yield the right of way to a cyclist in the roundabout. I have been nearly hit several times while I was in the new Moss roundabout on a bike and side traffic approaching the circle almost never yields the right of way to a bike in the roundabout. The motorist again do not their best to avoid stopping and either forces the cyclist in the roundabout to slowdown, stop (which is also dangerous in this spot) or even get out of the road to avoid being hit. If you continue to install traffic calming roundabout along South Golden road please consider providing a much larger diameter circle which would require vehicular traffic to turn more when entering and therefore slow down and control their vehicles appropriately. Also please consider providing a bike lane through the roundabout that allows cyclist to have at least the protection of a little paint between them and vehicles. Should a bike lane be installed along the perimeter of the roundabouts an additional median or curb may be necessary between the bike lane and the vehicle lane at the entrance to the roundabout to keep traffic from cutting into the bike lane in an effort to streamline the intersection. I understand that these modifications to your design may be difficult within the available right-of-way at these intersections. Please consider providing a safe path for cyclist along the entire South Golden road and not just between roundabouts. Your consideration of these design elements may very well save a cyclist life and maybe mine.	As a part of our design, bicyclists will be able to take a traffic lane or use the sidewalk to safely navigate the roundabout. According to the Federal Highway Administration Office of Safety bicyclists are often comfortable using the travel lane with vehicles in a single lane, low volume roundabout. At larger or busier roundabouts, many cyclists may be more comfortable and safer using ramps connecting to a sidewalk around the perimeter of the roundabout as a pedestrian.