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Thanks for writing Erich and I'm glad you've already received some feedback from staff Lisa. Super helpful.

The issue of AAPS new building projects and transportation is definitely an important one. I'm copying in additional Councilmembers that serve on the AAPS-City Coordinating group as well.

Moving of buildings and decisions made related to student pick-up/drop-off are incredibly impactful to our climate goals, transportation safety, and neighborhood livability. I would like to see more daylighting of these issues.

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From: Disch, Lisa <xxxxxx @a2gov.org>
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Subject: Re: Nixon road changes planned - urgent

Hi Eric,

Funny you should raise this: I've just received a staff response on this very same issue prompted by a communication from another constituent who had similar concerns. The first thing for you to know is that the City's Nixon Corridor project team has been in frequent communication with AAPS; they are well aware of the plan regarding Logan and they have made evidence-based modifications to the Nixon project to ensure that it will be safe for the children. It sounds like both parties are satisfied with the changes.

Here is the answer that I sent to her. The bullet points are the concerns (as summarized by me); staff response follows each one.

- The City is not coordinating with AAPS:

Response: The City has met with AAPS on multiple occasions (approximately 8 times in the last 6 months) and now has a standing meeting with AAPS every two weeks to discuss traffic operations and circulation, vehicle and bus pickup/drop-off locations and operations, road and driveway layout, sidewalk layout and pedestrian routes, utility work and coordination, construction schedules and maintaining traffic during construction, easement needs, etc.

- Re-construction of Logan will destroy the new road surface on Nixon

Response: The road cross sections are being designed to handle the appropriate traffic loading. Construction traffic from adjacent properties will not have a significant effect on the pavement. Circulation and impacts of construction traffic for both the Nixon Road Project and AAPS Project are being closely coordinated to minimize impacts to roads and circulation of traffic.

- It will be dangerous for children to cross the roundabouts following afterschool activities when crossing guards are not present

Response: the new crosswalks will be safer for pedestrians than the current environment. AAPS has been very engaged in this topic, and even had their own engineering firm do a peer review of the Nixon design. Some minor modifications are being made to the plans based on those comments, but overall AAPS's engineering firm agreed that the crossings were safe and appropriate for the location.

- The city does not understand the problems created by parents queueing to drop off kids

Response: Again, the City has met extensively with AAPS to discuss such issues and has made modifications to the plans accordingly. While circulation within the school property is the responsibility of AAPS, the present design for Nixon Road will improve overall traffic flow and increase safety on the corridor.

Thank you for being in touch and for keeping track of these important transportation issue!

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I am writing this to make sure you are aware of the new changes coming to Nixon, especially the plan for AAPS to move Logan across Nixon onto Clague property.

When the new Nixon road plan was developed, this change was not considered. This is a significant change and I really think the city needs to talk to AAPS so the Logan and Nixon plans can be developed to make sense together.

Logan construction is planned to start in Spring 2025 and Nixon starts very soon too, so this is a time sensitive matter.

Moving Logan means all the kids going to Logan will cross Nixon at that roundabout, because all Logan kids live on the west side of Nixon. The Nixon road plan did not consider this reality when developed, and roundabouts just north of this crossing were actually removed to save trees, trees which I have learned will likely be cut down during Logan construction.

Again, we need to prioritize the safety of students crossing Nixon to get to Logan. This is a fast road and we need to make sure elementary age kids can cross safely.

Thanks

Erich Zechar