

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**5:30 P.M. - Monday, May 8, 2017
Fire Hall**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Oxford Street Median Discussion

C. ADJOURNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MEMO

DATE: MAY 5, 2017

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: ITEMS REQUIRING CITY COUNCIL ACTION OR REVIEW

AGENDA CASE ITEMS

1. OXFORD STREET MEDIAN DISCUSSION

Forrest Hasty with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will be present the basis for inclusion of center medians in the various options for future improvements to Oxford Street and North Humiston Avenue.

As Council will recall, the development of a layout for the future improvement of Oxford Street from McMillan Street to TH 60 and of Humiston Avenue from Oxford Street to I-90 has been a cooperative project by MnDOT, Nobles County and the City. The process began in May 2016 utilizing the consulting firm of SRF. The process included a public involvement process which began last August and has included Focus Group meetings, Pop Up meetings and Open Houses. The public involvement process has been intended to ensure all users and potential users of the roadway is considered.

Center medians have been included in all options as a known means to improve safety for users. Recently the City has received the attached petition from various property owners along Oxford Street and TH 60 requesting the medians be removed from the options and, apparently, that provisions for bicycles be removed from any future plans. Forrest will present the rational behind the use of medians for improving traffic safety and function.

April 3, 2017

To; Worthington City Council and Minnesota Department of Transportation

From; Business owners of Oxford Street

Re: The 2017 Hwy 50 Mill & Overlay project and the Oxford Street Redevelopment Plan

After participating in multiple Open Houses sponsored by the City, MN Dot, and SRF Consulting Group, the business owners of Oxford Street do not feel their desires were heard. Therefore, we are asking, through this signed petition, that the final mill and overlay, and redevelopment plans remove any bike lanes and center median from the plans.

We believe strongly that the center median and bike lanes are an inconvenience to our customers and suppliers accessing our businesses. We also strongly believe that encouraging bicycle traffic on Oxford Street only introduces potential safety hazards.

Please consider our request at your earliest convenience. We would certainly participate and encourage a meeting with the appropriate parties to discuss our concerns. Thank you.

Businesses of Oxford Street

