Public Input Appendix

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| Commercial Signage (8) | Remove billboards from the corridor  
|                      | Reevaluate billboard/sign ordinance  
|                      | Eliminate LED signs |
| Pedestrian Enhancements (8) | Improve lighting  
|                          | Bus stop benches  
|                        | Wheelchair access  
|                       | Safer cross walks, upgrade signing and pavement markings (2)  
|                      | Grade-separated pedestrian crossing/skywalks in downtown (3) |
| Aesthetic treatments (13) | Rapid City or Black Hills themed (2)  
|                         | Plaques or markers with corridor history  
|                       | Incorporate State Flags as seen at Mt Rushmore (3)  
|                      | Stone carvings of South Dakota Hall of Fame honorees, Avenue of statues  
|                        | Use existing overpass south of Cathedral Drive as gateway to Mt Rushmore  
|                      | Promote corridor as leading to Mt Rushmore |
| Reduce Concrete, Increase "Green" (6) | Flowers – hanging baskets from light poles  
|                                 | Line corridor with black hills spruce and flowers |
|                                 | Provide grass boulevard to separate pedestrians and curb (2)  
|                                 | Median in the road allowing foliage and trees or shrubs (2) |
| Project Timeline (4) | Establish funding as soon as possible  
|                       | What maintenance will be provided to the road until project is started |
| Land Use (5) | Replace older motels with upscale lodging  
|                  | First class outfit small mall  
|                   | Preserve historic district  
|                   | Preserve McGillicuddy house on South Street  
|                   | Keep creep of commercial businesses from residential neighborhoods |
| Traffic (8) | Traffic calming both on Mt Rushmore Road and adjacent residential areas  
|            | Reduced number of driveways  
|            | Consistent street lighting system (safety) (2)  
|           | Paved alleys to keep road clear of debris  
|          | Tunnels to improve traffic flow  
|         | Increase timing at signals to increase flow  
|        | Signal between St Patrick Street and Cathedral Drive  
|       | Minimize parking loss at Colonial house  
|      | Improve public transportation |
Public Meeting
February 13, 2008
Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study

Public Input Meeting
Open House

Wednesday February 13, 2008
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Rapid City Council Chambers
City/School Administration Building
Formal Presentation 5:00 p.m.
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You are most certainly on the right track. Many of us who have bus on Mt. Rushmore Rd and many who live on either side and nearby neighborhoods would like to see the road be more pedestrian-friendly. We would like to cross the road. Possibly have a median of some sort in the middle where we might allow possibly with foliage and trees or shrubs? Is an overpass a possibility? Pedestrian subway? Can we widen sidewalks to include a bike lane or some sort? Power poles need to come down. If possible, we should market Mt. Rushmore Rd & Downtown Presidents, possibly Avenue of Flags - so states or there was been a recommendation for an avenue of statues - mini Mt. Rushmore, crazy horse etc. Another suggestion.

Please leave your comments with the meeting conductors or mail your comments by February 27, 2008 to:

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Additional space for comments, if needed, Please print.

Was to copy somewhat what Omaha + Charleston S.C. Did - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides + Tours. Perhaps Wilson Park could become more of a meeting place - put fountain back live, light up skating rink etc.

Billboards/Signs need to be re-evaluated. Pioneers Park has a great monument sign along with nice landscaping.

There are historic structures that need to be preserved. Sixth Street Area is part of original town. The Magnolia House should be preserved - perhaps purchased and used as a visitor center + maybe small historic gallery/library/bookstore. I like your idea of segmenting the road to enhance what's already there i.e. row of homes, some historic in nature. Places or markers for pedestrians would be good - maybe something like Boston's Freedom Walk - follow the red line. People use the road to go to work - that's good, but we need to get them to look around - not just straight ahead.
1. The first thing that needs to be done is; down with all the billboards. All of them. Business located on Mt Rushmore may put up sign on the front of their building, but not the office.

2. Plant flowers along the right of way including hanging baskets from street light poles. (see St James MN, Jackson MN, etc. The great group of young people who maintain our parks could do this. It need not hire more workers.

3. Nite Lights, not commercial, should be used to make Mt Rushmore walkier friendly. Offer sidewalk service - Pop - Ice cream, hot dogs, movies could be used to off set cost. Community organization could operate.


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FULL THOUGHTS:

1. Design with native flowers and statues or put out the painted horses and buffalo all summer.

2. Decorate in red, white, blue, flowers, skulls and small stone carvings of South Dakota homorizes, ie South Dakota Hall of Fame people, Governor's, Mayors, maybe, 72 flood info, center line marks?

Whatever we do, it must be Rapid City or Black Hills count be parking pads to display Allparts, motorycycle, hot rods, classic cars, etc. Pedestrian overpasses could be used for flowers, event signs, media use, and safety for our children.

No billboards! No Branson Mo, Wisconsin Dells or Keystone Hill City is more relaxed.

Thanks, David.

Great briefing.
Mount Rushmore Road Corridor Study Comments from the Historic Preservation Commission

1. Street signs on present signs indicating the beginning of historic residential district. West Boulevard District on west side Mt. Rushmore Road and farther down on east side starting at South Street. Street signs for the business historic district.

2. Large sign at West Omaha and West Boulevard indicating start of Rapid City business historical district - same on Columbus on the east side.

3. Landscaping and trees at West Boulevard and Omaha Street entrance and landscaping up to St. Patrick street.

4. Concerns about cutting into sidewalks that border old historic homes in historic district on Mt. Rushmore Road on west side.

5. Individual Signage:
   a. Individual identification for historic homes
   b. Interpretive signs for the general historic area
   c. Interpretive signs for individual historic homes

6. Historic street lighting in the district
Peggy Kelly dba Mostly Chocolates
1419 Mt Rushmore Rd

I have a few wishes for Mt Rushmore Rd —

#1 Underground utilities
#2нее lighting
#3 Safer crosswalks
#4 A traffic light between St Pat & Cathedral Drive

Thank you for allowing me to add my comments.

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Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study Public Input Meeting

Please use the space below to provide us with your comments regarding the proposed Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street corridor Study Project.

Please PRINT

Name: LISA MARDICK  
Phone: 605-342-2700
Address: 90 MARDICK'S TRAVEL, 83 Saint Patrick St.  
(Corner of Mt. Rushmore Rd. & 1st Ave. S.) Rapid City, SD 57701
lisa@mdrick.com

-- Go for it --
Street scape, Statues, Flowers
Welcome Flags
Theme Flags - "Avenue of Flags"
On the Highway to Mount Rushmore
Please State Flag along nicely placed Lighting poles.

Bury the Electrical/Power Lines
-- Unsightly -- old poles/seen $100,000 per Foot.
BPRP stated that Buried Power Line Cost
less to maintain -- initial cost up front $100,000 per 900 ft.

Sidewalks are extremely dangerous along the highway. A Bike Lane/Shoulder
are needed.

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We need to get this corridor project rolling! —

Street lines are always faded - not directive to visitors driving on the highway. Arrows and crosswalks for signage.

Corners are dangerous in the way the traffic lights are - lots of accidents on the corner of St. Patrick & Mt. Rushmore Rd.

The biggest suggestion I have is to get the construction project by the DOT on the calendar. The highway project will not be another 10 years.

The public expression is proud & support needed.

Just get it done!
PLEASE PRINT
Name: Tampered Pooch Grooming
Address: 1227 Mt Rushmore Rd Rd, SD 57701

1. It would be nice to have more trees put in along the sidewalk.
2. Slower traffic so we can walk our dog safely.
3. Also underground wire's would make it look nicer.

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Name: Rapid City Beautification Comm. c/o Rise Ficken in GMD

Address: 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

The Rapid City Beautification Committee has been organized by the City since approximately 1989. We are charged with a mission to encourage public and private beautification activities in Rapid City. We are encouraged by the Mt. Rushmore Rd/8th Street Corridor Study and the opportunity to present input on the future reconstruction of Mt. Rushmore Rd. This road has been a topic of discussion many times at our Committee's monthly meetings.

We offer the following comments concerning the redevelopment of this roadway:

1. We would very much like to see Mt. Rushmore Rd become a billboard-free roadway within the limits of this project.

2. We would like to see a commitment to either moving the overhead electrical lines to another corridor or burying them underground.

3. We would like to see a consistent street lighting system throughout the project for the vehicular traveling public. If additional lighting is needed to enhance the activities with a certain zone of the project, that would be welcomed.

4. We think that paving the surfaces of all alleys that intersect with Mt. Rushmore Rd is essential to keeping the street a clean and

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relatively dust free environment. Most alleys drain toward Mt. Rushmore Rd and currently provide a source of unwanted aggregate and soil materials being either tracked or washed onto Mt. Rushmore Rd.

5. The design should enhance pedestrian safety. Currently, pedestrians are few and far between because the environment is not conducive to walking between businesses.

6. As far as landscape items, we request as many street trees and perennials plants as possible as long as they are appropriately located to minimize conflicts with business driveways, legitimate business signage and the street lighting system. We discourage annual flowering plants because of the high maintenance activities required by the City. A sprinkler/bubbler system is almost essential in our semi-arid climate. We would strongly support that adjacent businesses be encouraged to display and maintain flowering plants visible to both the pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

7. We request that you minimize the use of loose gravel/cobble ground cover. It eventually becomes a growth bed for weeds. We much prefer exposed aggregate or colored patterned concrete if needed to enhance a parkway area.

8. To further enhance the roadway, it has been talked about in the past about having an "Avenue of Flags" similar to the theme presented at Mt. Rushmore. These could be located on the street lighting poles.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our thoughts on this very important project. If possible, please keep us informed of future meetings concerning this project so that we might offer input on the many challenging aspects of this design. Sincerely - Rapid City Beautification Comm. Jim White, Chairperson, Steve Doshier, Comm Member
We agree landscaping would make a huge difference. We're already confined in the limited space, but trees/shrubs or the sort would add considerably to the aesthetic perspective.

Also, if the power lines could be moved underground. All the wires look horrible.

The only option I see is to have possibly a skywalks. Because of the narrow streets and inability to cross streets safely to get to hotels, dining/restaurants. May be a great asset to downtown. One could use the skywalks to advertise events coming up at overall...
a new look to 8th St.

Hopefully this helps...

Then again, we'd like anything to better 8th.

Thanks for your time

Coralee
I hope that the Mt. Rushmore Road corridor design will include a strong sign ordinance to reduce clutter, prohibit large electronic signs, and improve the overall visual appeal of Mt. Rushmore Road by "decraping" the viewscape of billboards. This seems like a good chance to bring a more orderly, attractive appearance to the corridor.

I urge your committee to examine sign restrictions that have been adopted in other communities and select from the best among them ideas that will allow businesses to identify themselves to travelers without completely blighting the corridor.

Thank you.

Jody Severson
3102 Stockade Drive
Rapid City, SD 57702

605.721.1450
Daniel Stanton  
727 South Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

February 10, 2008

Rod Senn  
Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc.  
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Subj: MPO Public Input

Dear Rod and MPO Members,

As one of the early members of the Mount Rushmore Road Group, I am sorry that I cannot be home to attend the Rapid City Area Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting this week and discuss the Mount Rushmore Road Corridor Study. I hope that you will accept my written comments, instead.

I would like to ask that the MPO include in its discussion some consideration for the historic home of Dr. Valentine McGillycuddy, on the southeast corner of Mount Rushmore Road and South Street. The house, marking its 120th anniversary this year, was recently featured in an article in South Dakota Magazine. It is one of the oldest structures remaining in town.

As the surveyor for the Newton-Jenney Party in 1875, Dr. McGillycuddy was one of the earliest explorers in the Black Hills. He became a contract surgeon for the U.S. Army, and later the Indian Agent at Pine Ridge. In 1886 he moved to Rapid City and was elected Mayor. He was also appointed Dean of the School of Mines, and was South Dakota’s first Surgeon General.

I believe that the McGillycuddy House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, could serve as a focal point in the effort to revitalize Mount Rushmore Road. Several books have been written about McGillycuddy’s adventures, many of his personal belongings are in the collection of the Journey Museum, and his ashes are entombed at the summit of Harney Peak. The McGillycuddy House is a point of interest that could attract visitors, and projects related to the restoration and preservation of the house may be eligible for grants.

My wife and own the McGillycuddy House and the two adjacent lots which face Mount Rushmore Road. We are interested in working with the MPO, and finding ways to ensure that the house is preserved for future generations as a historical site.

Sincerely,

Daniel Stanton
Comprehensive Plan
For
Rapid City
by Nick Uhre

Downtown is not an island nor is Mount Rushmore Road

Traffic Flow
A) Lance Street To Saint Patrick Street (5th st)
B) Elm Street connect
C) Master plan- to flow traffic around down town.
D) Mount Rushmore Road.

A traffic study of these proposed streets,

Zoning laws
Downtown will become a destination if 2 things take place
PAGE B Create zoning laws that encourage schools to
move to the top of the “Hill”. Have City and State agencies
“Stop crowding out” Private Business.

Mount Rushmore Road
From Main street to Flormann Street
18 intersections = 64 corners make it a must see
Its own zoning laws (pedestrian friendly)
Adopt an architect (Frank Lloyd Wright)
Sign laws
Power Lines
Incentives (property tax rebate)
Impact fees for parking structures based on square feet
No big boxes or I should say no proto types buildings.
Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street
Corridor Study Public Input Meeting

Please use the space below to provide us with your comments regarding the proposed Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study Project.

Name: Bill Walsh - Dakota Travel
Address: 1511 Mt. Rushmore Rd.

1. Replace old 1940-1950 hotels with upscale lodging facilities.

2. Continue to promote the area as a corridor leading to Mt. Rushmore with tourist related retail - good dining, lodging, coffee shops, travel agencies etc.

3. Need a first class outlet mall

4. Ave.close w/
   Black Hills Spurce &
   Flowers & Gifts

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Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study Public Input Meeting

Please use the space below to provide us with your comments regarding the proposed Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study Project.

Name: Pat Hamilton
Address: 1051 West Blvd

- add more "green" vegetation - not so much concrete
- use signage to advantage to route trucks, bikes, pedestrians to best route
- reduce LED sign boards - they can be distracting, unsafe, etc.
- keep creep of non-residential businesses from neighborhood

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Additional space for comments, if needed, please print.

- Need less motorized traffic
  in residential areas
- Nice to have pedestrian mall
  area
- Pedestrians need safe easy
  way to cross 8th street
- Need safe way to get
  pedestrians + bicyclists
  around
- Add stop signs on west side to
  slow + deter cruising traffic
- Keep historic nature of old flags
  + houses + protect that history
- Maybe consider zoning modification
  so signage isn't so "vegas-like"
  - it kind of assaults the eyes +
    is ugly + overloads driver
- Maybe have lights better timed + longer
  if necessary to assist in flow
- When done rounds from people + night
  traffic hard to see Fairmont lights because
  so many lights from businesses - behind
  them
- Reduce # of driveways dumping onto it
- Keep sidewalks further away from street
Hi, Rod,

I would like to see a bike lane added to 8th Street when 8th Street is re-done. Rapid City is quickly becoming a biking mecca. I think we should capitalize on the trend with one of the major tourist routes. This would also be a good time to address the descript sewer line issues in the West Boulevard area.

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Rod Senn

From: Heller Monica [monica.heller@rcgov.org]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 3:06 PM
To: 'Rod Senn'
Subject: FW: Mt Rushmore Road Public Input Meeting

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From: AHAM10@aol.com [mailto:AHAM10@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2008 11:23 AM
To: monica.heller@rcgov.org
Subject: Re: Mt Rushmore Road Public Input Meeting

I won't be there, but I'm glad to hear that there will be one... Also hope that the Rushmore Rd. Assoc. is well represented... My main concern is the utility lines and that they get put underground during the reconstruction of the road.
Arlene Ham-Burr

Who's never won? Biggest Grammy Award surprises of all time on AOL Music.
Mount Rushmore Road Corridor Study
Presentation Overview

- Purpose, Process and Schedule
- Overall Conceptual Framework
  - 5 Zones – Challenges/Options
  - Pedestrian and Bikes
- Enhancement Concepts
  - Lighting
  - Landscape
  - Corridor Identity

Public Input Meeting & Open House
March 25, 2008
Core Study Purpose

- **Improve Safety**
  - Vehicular/SDDOT standards
  - Pedestrian/Bicycle safety

- **Promote Economic Viability**
  - Short term during rebuilding
  - Long term uses and patterns

- **Enhance Corridor Image & Experience**
  - Visual appearance
  - Historic relevance
Project Scope

- Future Land Use Plan
- Streetscape/Landscape Improvements
- Roadway Improvement Alternatives
Schedule & Process

Today's Public Input Meeting
Project Scope

- Local Context and Study Area
Bikes
West Blvd – Omaha to St Joe
West Blvd – Omaha to St Joe
Mt Rushmore – Omaha to South
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Mt Rushmore – St Patrick to Highland
Mt Rushmore – St Patrick to Highland

• Guiding Principles
  • Potential minor R.O.W acquisition
  • Minimize disturbances to adjacent landowners
  • Continuous Left on Left will remain. No median proposed
  • Pedestrian Crossing and Enhancements are necessary
Mt Rushmore – Highland to Tower
Mt Rushmore – Higland to Tower
Mt Rushmore – Highland to Tower
Enhancement Considerations

- Use existing character in creative ways
- Draw ideas from corridor themes and context
Existing Context
Enhancement Concepts
Enhancement Concepts

Washington
John Adams
Thomas Jefferson
James Madison
James Monroe
John Quincy Adams
Andrew Jackson
Martin Van Buren
Jefferson
John Tyler

Theodore Roosevelt
Woodrow Wilson
Henry Ford
Calvin Coolidge
Herbert Hoover
Franklin Roosevelt
II
Enhancement Concepts

- A. Lincoln
- Th. Jefferson
- M. Washington
- John Adams
- A. Lincoln
Enhancement Concepts

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Curt & Shirley Rising – The Medicine Shoppe
1304 & 1308 Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD 57701

After review of the proposed Mt. Rushmore Road Central Corridor Analysis we find the overall plan to be an aesthetic improvement over current conditions. However, we do have some concerns on some basic designs that will have an impact on our business.

1. First, let it be said that many of our patients/customers are elderly. We have several visits a day from people with walkers, and many other patients with mobility problems. Designating parking in our lot adjacent to the sidewalk would require our patients to walk across the driveway, on a slight incline, many times in adverse weather conditions. This is putting our patients and our liability company in peril.

2. The ‘curb extensions’ into the side street, Fairview, would limit the space for elderly clients to maneuver around the curb extension and make it difficult for our patients to safely exit the parking lot left onto Fairview to enter Mt. Rushmore Road.

3. By removing the curb access to Mt. Rushmore Road and constructing the curb extensions, we feel that traffic would back up in our parking lot and limit access to our store.

4. We are concerned that the city will not have the funds available to complete the side street work PRIOR to committing to the Corridor construction. It is imperative to many businesses on Mt. Rushmore Road that if parking is removed from the road, that the side street work and parking is immediately completed to provide client access.

5. It is important to ensure that the power poles are removed in favor of underground lines and that sewer connections are replaced and upgraded where needed.

6. Although the green is pleasing and would add character and a ‘hometown’ sense to our corridor, we still feel it necessary to consider our climate and water conservation needs. Additionally, the ice melting chemicals used on a highway do not provide a stimulating growth environment for most plant species. Just look at the Kansas City street renovation and all of the dead or dying plants. I think these concerns can be overcome with careful consideration and consultation with local conservation professionals.

7. Lastly, we understand the connection of the president signatures on the flags to the City of Presidents. We just don’t think motorists will be able to discern the signatures. Although, not directly related to the Presidents, I know many people in SD miss all of the state flags on display at Mt. Rushmore. Perhaps a state flag display could be considered?
Mr. Jenn,

As I often drive 8th Street, I see many people attempting to cross the streets. If there is a dangerous street in R.O., it would have to be that one. I would like to see an enclosed overhead crosswalk somewhere on the block between Cleveland and Indiana Sts. probably preferably closer to Indiana. That would be a safer way to cross instead of the run and dodge method I see.

Thanks for listening. Sincerely

Rnehelle Clay
Rod Senn

From:   Bill [billsdepot@rapidnet.com]
Sent:   Sunday, March 30, 2008 11:20 AM
To:     rod.senn@kljeng.com
Subject: Mt. Rushmore Rd. Study

Rod

The questions that I asked at the meeting concerning the parking lot at Colonial House did not produce satisfactory answers. The one way in, diagonal parking spaces and one way out looks like a parking nightmare. Also, it appears there would be a loss of more than two spaces. And the loss of just two spaces would have a negative effect on our business. It seems to me that Colonial House is affected more than any other business in this whole project.
Another concern is the maintenance of Mt. Rushmore Road from now and until this project is started. For the last few years it has been barely adequate and in the next five to ten years will require much more than patching.
On a positive note, the overall concept of this project is absolutely fantastic and I think it will be a great addition to the City as one of the nicest streets in town. It was easy to see that the design team put real effort in to this. They are to be commended.

Sincerely

Bill Beshara
343-6347
Colonial House
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GLozano@rdgusa.com; mshukert@rdgusa.com
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All:

I received this today - please forward as you see fit.

Thanks,

Rod Senn, PE
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From: Kathleen Riter [mailto:riter@rap.midco.net]
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 9:06 AM
To: rod.senn@kljeng.com
Subject: Mt. Rush.Rd/8th Street Corridor Study

I know this probably too late but I wanted you all to know how impressed I was at viewing some of the proposals for this project. I saw this at the West. Blvd. Fair.
We here in Rapid are truly the gateway to the West and because of that and the fact that Mr. Rush Rd. is that path to the West I believe there should be some serious attention paid to the project. I think we have ignored the importance of our location to the West.
so, with that being said I would love to see you do something about Billboards (don't groan) along this stretch. for instance, one business, one billboard and not miles high in the sky. That businesses that are fast food etc. have decor on the their bldgs. fitting to the West. That huge parking lots i.e. Safeway have trees interspersed with blacktop. That the city is diligent about fixing the road - like at Subway, hair salon entrance- there is always a water filled hole near the curbcut or curbing. that the City Planning is more diligent with an eye to curb cuts to enter Mt. Rush road -so there is smooth transition and less harrowing turns.
Good luck on this project and hopefully you will get full cooperation from everyone. By the way I drive Highway 16 at least twice a day as I live at Hart Ranch but I have lived in Rapid for 37 years and have seen the development of that road.
Thank you for listening to me and I will watch for news on this project.

Sincerely,
Kay K. Riter
Public Meeting
February 18, 2009
Mt Rushmore – South to Franklin
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**MT. RUSHMORE ROAD/8TH STREET CORRIDOR STUDY**
**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009—6:30-8:00 P.M.**
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Name: Wes Shepton
Address: Riddle's Group, Inc.

2707 Mt. Rushmore Rd.
R.C. SD 57701

Generally I like the Mt. Rushmore Rd plans. I like the raised medians & improved sidewalks.

I also like the banners with the Presidential signatures.

I would suggest changing the name to Mt. Rushmore Avenue or Boulevard as this sounds more welcoming, significant & important.

Though acquiring additional ROW does not appear to affect Riddle's, I think the affect on some property owners needs to be carefully considered.

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(Please include "Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study" in the subject line)
Considering, if losing some of their property affects the future value of their property. I feel the city should consider some concession or variance from parking space requirements.

I also recommend a "fence" or other security measures on the Tower Rd bridge over Mt. B. Rd. Vandalism has on several occasions dropped melons from the bridge onto the road below.

[Signature]
Parking: If developed as proposed, there will be no parking on the streets anymore. I have a problem with this because at least an entire block would have no parking (1200 block, east side). They have no alley currently and to do as the supposed plan you'd have to rip out a house.

* If sometime in the future you would redo the alley as planned in my block, you would be shortening my yard by several feet.

* Turns out of my alley parking: on South Street currently, there is no left turn (due to the hill). On Clark Street (the other one that I can turn out of) there is no left turn on the proposed plan.

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that wants to go south, they'd have to
go all the way around the 1000 block to
do so. I also noticed that there
are several adjustments that need to
be made as far as turning lanes in
the center islands. Bottom line is,
there aren't enough and there are a few
where it turns into a parking lot, but
not one into a street.
I assume that these proposals are
meant to attract more people to Rapid City
and for it to be a more desirable part
of town to live in, raising property
values, the like. But no parking on
certain blocks means you don't want to
live there. Also, take into consideration
the types of neighborhoods you're talking
about. Only a couple weeks ago, there was
a shooting at the house next door to me
and incidentally our houses are only about
left from each other. Random question: are
there regularly spaced fire hydrants on
your plan?
Back to the issues: The majority of
the residential property on Mt. Rushmore Rd. is
rental property. Non-owner occupied houses/duplex
tend to attract people who have no interest in the upkeep or appearances of the property. Who is going to shovel that much walkway? Who is responsible for upkeep on the shrubs & bushes along the sidewalk?

Which brings me to another question: which do snowplow drivers prefer, a street with or without an island? And what happens to the crosswalks when they're piled full of snow? And Clark St. is never plowed!

Speaking of the crosswalks, why aren't they diagonal? What if my destination on the other side of the street is the other direction? In my mind, it'd still be easiest to cut across the grass & shrubs. And the crosswalks should definitely be at the intersection. Much easier for passing motorists to see the pedestrians.

Will the light posts provide more light on the street than what's there currently? If so, you are attracting people who would like to linger later in the summer time possibly keeping me awake. And what if they're selling drugs or drinking or drooping cigarette butts all over? In this neighborhood it's not uncommon you know.

I would not want my lilac bush taken away, nor for the tree in front of my house (between sidewalk & street) to disappear. Will the speed limits stay the same or be reduced?

Personally, I kinda like the way the
concrete wall looks now. Especially the layers of stone at the top. I don't like the ultra-modern big city look to it.

But I do like the fact that you're trying to improve this road and make it prettier. I did like the big center monument thing up by the Radisson.

I just have a lot of concerns. There are a lot of things you haven't thought about in depth.

I hope all of my comments will help you. Oh, by the way, I am a homeowner and my little duplex is owner-occupied. I care and will do what I can for the neighborhood. To a point. I don't plan on shoveling twice as much walkway and taking care of your shrubs. I sure wouldn't like you taking away half my parking or cutting into my property to expand your aesthetic space. I prefer practicality over beauty parking over shoveling snow.

Oh, before I forgot, you didn't have a good picture of across-the-street, where it's flat. You're not going to build it up, I hope?

Call, write, or email anytime. Thanks.

Zephyr

(308) 383-2489 cell
gryzleigh@hotmail.com
Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street
Corridor Study Public Input Meeting

Please use the space below to provide us with your comments regarding the proposed Mt. Rushmore Road/8th Street Corridor Study Project.

Name: Signe Colgan, Northwestern ENG.
Address: PO Box 2624, Rapid City, SD 57709

Love the traffic light at Florman Street and the changes to the Safeway parking lot.

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Name: Roger Callimore
Address: 815 Kansas City

Magnificent! The plan incorporates principles of barriers to improve pedestrian traffic, aesthetics to improve (slow down) traffic flow, and makes the corridor an inviting drive! Great job.

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February 18, 2009

Transportation Planning Division
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing concerning the Mt. Rushmore Road Corridor Study as it relates to my property located at 2222 Mt. Rushmore Road where I operate 2 retail stores - Carpetmart Carpet One and Simply Sleep Better (see Attachment A to this letter). Specifically, the Mt. Rushmore Road Central Corridor Analysis depiction prepared by Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson omits a legal access to my property.

On March 20, 2006, the Rapid City Council approved a direct legal access to my property off of Mt. Rushmore Rd. This legal access is in addition to the two legal accesses to the property from Meade Street on the south side of the property and the legal access from the service alley along the north of the property. The Mt. Rushmore Rd. access was granted via a specific vote by the City Council. Furthermore, a full legal access was approved, not a mere right-in, right-out access. This full legal access requires that south-bound Mt. Rushmore Road traffic be able to utilize the access.

Therefore, please consider this letter a formal request to revise the Mt. Rushmore Road Central Corridor Analysis depiction to reflect the legal access granted by the City Council and a south-bound left turn lane to the access as shown on Attachment B to this letter.

Sincerely,

Sam Fischer
Vice President
NECESSARY SOUTH BOUND
LEFT TURN LANE TO
ACCESS LEGAL ENTRANCE
TO 2222 MT. RUSHMORE RD.

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