

transportation corridors that new residents will use.

Figure 4 illustrates three options to address traffic safety concerns in the short-term. Option ___ is the preferred improvement by neighborhood residents.

Swanton Road

Approximately 8,600 vehicles travel daily on Swanton Road. Many motorists use this direct route to access Highway 30 (Commercial Avenue), East Towne Mall, and the neighborhoods to the north. Neighborhood residents are mainly concerned with the speed of traffic on this residential street. Swanton Road is posted for 25 mph, however, it is speculated that many motorists are exceeding the posted limit. Swanton Road is 44' wide with no parking or bicycle lane markings. Figure 5 illustrates an option to address one of the safety concerns.

North Thompson Drive

North Thompson Drive is the only neighborhood street that directly transverses through the neighborhood. It is accessible from Milwaukee Street on the far east side of the neighborhood. The 40' street is 2-lane with no parking or bicycle lane markings. There is no residential or commercial driveway access for most of its length with the exception of four driveways from The Meadow Apartment Complex (225 North Thompson Drive). Many motorists travel at a greater speed than the 35 mph posted limited because of the thoroughfare nature of the roadway. Figure 6 illustrates two options to address safety concerns.

Traffic Calming

Two roundabouts have been installed where Swanton Road and North Thompson Drive meet at the northern boundary of Hiestand. This busy area is the site of the Highway 30/North Thompson Drive off ramp (for eastbound vehicles) and the Thompson Drive/Commercial Avenue/County Trunk Highway T intersection. The roundabouts were installed as a solution to the problems of traffic congestion and pedestrian and bicycle deficiencies in this area. Presently both streets are characterized as collector roadways, but the future growth potential of the area will put them into the arterial roadway category. The roundabouts are used to 'control,' or process traffic through the intersection smoothly, safely and efficiently.



One of two roundabouts installed at the Swanton Road-Thompson Drive intersection.



Neighborhood residents would like to have traffic, bicycle, or parking lane marking on Milwaukee Street (as well as Swanton Road and North Thompson Drive) to help define the space for the users of the roadways.