

## Cottonwood Street and Locarno Drive Highway Safety Improvements Project

Public Meeting

May 14, 2008

Roger's Park Elementary



### Introductions

- Municipality of Anchorage
  - Bob Kniefel, Municipal Traffic Engineer
  - Jennifer Satterfield, Assistant Traffic Engineer
- State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
  - Kevin Jackson, Project Manager
- DOWL Engineers
  - Steve Noble, Project Manager
  - Brad Doggett, Project Engineer
  - Adam McGill, Civil Engineer
  - Kristi Stuller, Public Involvement Coordinator



## Meeting Purpose

- Solicit comments on current traffic issues in the area
- Brainstorm solutions



## Project Overview

- Two projects, one common theme
- Cottonwood Street/Locarno Drive project goals:
  - Alleviate the rate of rear-end collisions on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - Reduce angle collisions related to left turns at the intersection
- Green Acres Traffic Study
  - Address traffic circulation, speed concerns, congestion, and arterial access
- Other projects in the area
  - LaTouche Street
  - E 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue Extension
  - Tudor Road/Lake Otis Intersection Improvements

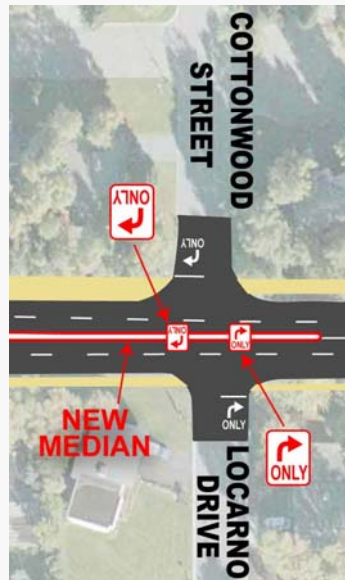


## Existing Conditions


- Access to 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue is difficult due to traffic volumes and speed on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Elevated collision rates at Locarno/Cottonwood

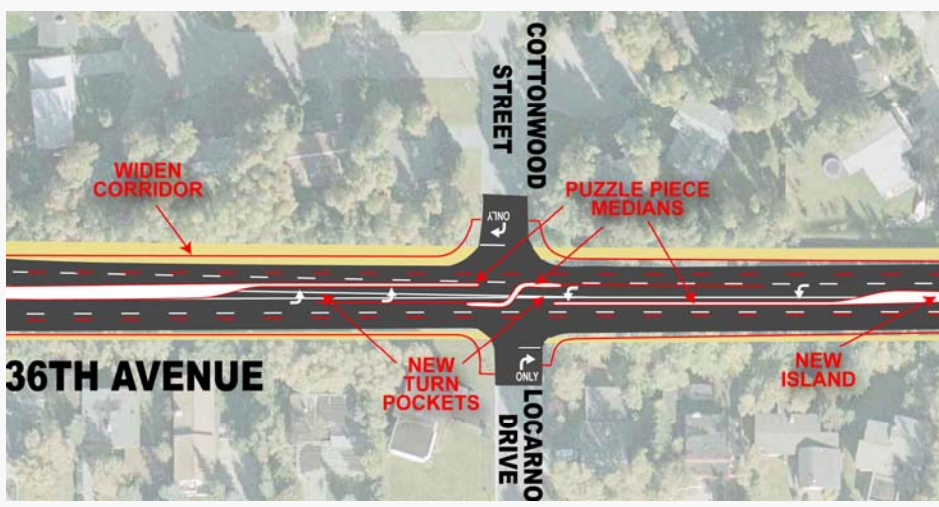


## Cottonwood/Locarno Option 1




Restrict turning movements to only allow right-in and right-out movements


 **Cottonwood/Locarno Option 2**



- Separate east and westbound left turns from through traffic

 **Green Acres Traffic Study**

- Evaluate traffic circulation and arterial access





## What you've told us

- A traffic signal is needed at MacInnes
- Speeds are too high & speed limits are inconsistent on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- The hill on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue obstructs sight distance
- Reducing access at Locarno/Cottonwood will increase traffic in the neighborhood & adversely impact emergency vehicle access
- Pedestrian refuge area needed at the intersection



## Schedule

- ✓ Preliminary Traffic Analysis – November 2007
- ✓ Public Meeting # 1 – May 14, 2008
- Final Traffic Analysis/Recommendations– Summer 2008
- Final Design – Fall/Winter 2008
- Construction – 2009 +



## Comments & Questions

We want to hear your comments!

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Written comments  
can be submitted  
at this meeting