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**Mount Rushmore Road Corridor Study  
Public Comments Summary**

Issue (# of comments)	Comment
Utilities (11)	Bury overhead utility lines
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 outlot small mall Preserve historic district Preserve McGillycuddy 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

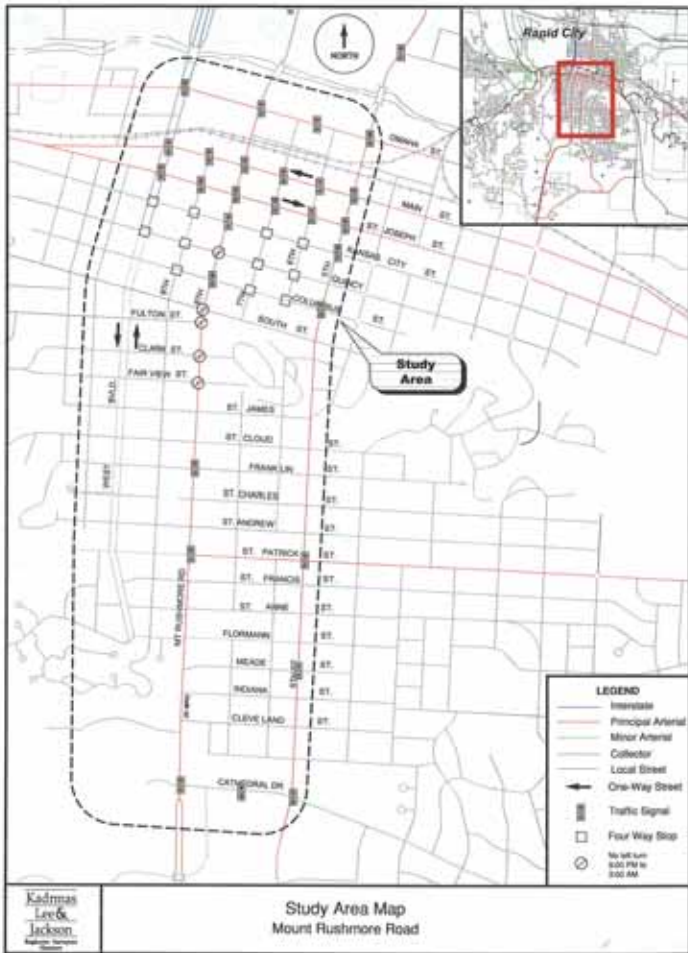


*Mr. Jefferson*  
*Co. J. Taylor*  
*Madame Bonwell*  
*A. Lincoln*  
*We're People*

# Public Meeting February 13, 2008


MOUNT RUSHMORE ROAD CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN







**MT. RUSHMORE ROAD/  
8TH STREET  
CORRIDOR STUDY**

CITY OF RAPID CITY RAPID CITY, SD





Public Input Meeting  
Open House

Wednesday February 13, 2008  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
City/School Administration Building  
Formal Presentation 5:00 p.m.

Rapid City Area Metropolitan  
Planning Organization

MT. RUSHMORE ROAD/8TH STREET CORRIDOR STUDY  
PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2008—4:30-6:30 P.M.  
CITY/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
RAPID CITY, SD

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Judy Dechels	The Local Estate Center	1235-1215-1211 1201 11th. Rushmore Rd	RC	57701	343-1810	JudyDechels@rushmore.com
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Janet Fabel	RC Chamber	444 Mt Rushmore Rd N	RC, SD	57701	78-8466	janet@rapidcitychamber.com
Curt Pochardt	SIF	314 7th St	RC	57701	381-4633	
Bob Shannon	Kadmes Lee & Jackson					



# 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. FEB 26 2008

PLEASE  
PRINT

Name: Debra Jensen, Black Hills Bagels  
Address: 913 Mt. Rushmore Rd. Rapid City 57701

You are most certainly on the right  
Track. Many of us who have BVS. on  
Mt. Rushmore Rd and many who live on  
either side and nearby neighborhoods  
would like to see the Rd be more  
pedestrian friendly. We would like to  
cross the road, possibly have a  
median of some sort in the middle where  
width allows - possibly with foliage +  
trees or shrubs? Is an overpass a  
possibility? Pedestrian subway? Can we  
widen sidewalks to include a ~~Bike~~ Bike  
lane of some sort? Power poles need  
to come down. If possible, we should  
market Mt. Rushmore Rd + downtown  
presidents, possibly Avenue of Flags - 50  
states or there has been a recommendation  
for an Avenue of Statues - Mini Mt.  
Rushmore, Crazy Horse etc. Another suggestion

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mail your comments by February 27, 2008 to:

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330 Knollwood Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57701-6611  
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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 LINE. LIGHT  
THE SKATING RINK ETC.

BILLBOARDS/SIGNS NEED TO BE  
RE-EVALUATED. PIONEER BANK HAS A  
GREAT MONUMENT SIGN ALONG WITH  
NICE LANDSCAPING.

THERE ARE HISTORIC STRUCTURES THAT  
NEED TO BE PRESERVED SOUTH STREET AREA  
IS PART OF ORIGINAL TOWN. THE MCGILHEW  
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. PLAQUES 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.

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Name: Jim Dowding 348-3021  
Address: 4010 CANYON LAKE DR RAPID CITY 57762

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 FOR OTHER  
BUSINESS.

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 BE HIRE MORE WORKERS.

3. NITE LIGHTS, NOT COMMERCIAL, SHOULD BE  
US TO MAKE MT RUSHMORE WALKER FRIENDLY  
OFFER SIDEWALK SERVICE - POP - ICECREAM  
HOT DOGS - MONIES COULD BE USED TO OFF SET  
COST. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION COULD OPERATE.

4. PLACES FOR TABLE + CHAIR DURING EVENTS: IE  
ARCADE NITE, BIKE WEEK, 4th of July. BUS STOP REOPENES.

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① TWO THOUGHTS: DESIGN WITH NATIVE  
FIGURES AND STATUES OR. PUT OUT  
THE PAINTED HORSES AND BUFFALO  
ALL SUMMER.

② DECORATE IN RED, WHITE, BLUE, FLOWERS  
SHRUBS AND SMALL STONE CARVINGS OF  
SOUTH DAKOTA HONORIES. IE SOUTH DAKOTA  
HALL OF FAME PEOPLE. GOVERNOR'S -  
MAYERS MAY BE 72 FLOOD INFO.  
WATER LINE MARKS?

WHAT EVER WE DO: IT MUST BE  
RAPID CITY OR BLACK HILLS  
COULD BE PARKING PADS TO DISPLAY  
AIRPLANE, MOTORCYCLE, HOT RODS, CLASSIC  
CARS ETC. PEDESTRIAN OVERPASSES COULD BE USED  
FOR FLOWERS, EVENT SIGNS, MEDIA USE. AND SAFETY FOR OUR  
CHILDREN.

\* NO BILL BOARDS!

NO BRANSON MO, WISCONSIN DELLS OR KEYSTONE  
HILL CITY IS MORE RELAXED.

Thanks  
Jim Dowd

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

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PLEASE  
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Name: Peggy Kelly dba Mostly Chocolates  
Address: 1919 Mt Rushmore Rd

I have a few wishes for  
Mt Rushmore Rd. —

#1 Underground utilities

#2 Nicer 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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FEB 15 2008

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Name: LISA Modnick - 605.342.2700  
Address: % Modnick's Travel 803 Saint Patrick St.  
(corner of Mt. Rushmore Rd & St Patrick) Rapid City, SD 57701  
LISA@Modnick.com

- - GO FOR IT - -

Street Scapes Statues, Flowers  
Welcome Signs  
Theme Signs - "Avenue of Flags"  
on the Highway to Mount Rushmore -  
Place State Signs along nicely placed  
lighting poles -

Bury the Electrical/Power Lines  
= (unsightly - old poles/lean) <sup>GET RID of Power</sup> Line Poles.  
BHP&L stated that Buryed power lines cost  
less to maintain - initial cost up front  
at approximately \$100,000 per 900' ft.

Side walks are extremely dangerous  
along the highway - A Bike Lane/wheelchair  
lane 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 Cross Walks  
Poor 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 Cant wait  
another 10 years -

The public expression is  
proof of support needed.

Just get it Done!

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Name: Tampered Pooch Grooming  
Address: 1227 MT RUSHMORE RD R.C. SD 57701

A- IT would be nice to have more  
tree's put in along the sidewalk

B- Slower traffic, so we can  
WALK our dog safely

c- 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 ~~annual~~ <sup>Perennial</sup> shrubs as possible as long as they are appropriately located to minimize conflicts with business driveways, legitimate business signing 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

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Name: Jay + Coralett Searist (Advanced Family Dental)  
Address: 1801 Mt. Rushmore Rd.

We agree landscaping would make a huge difference. We're already confined w/ 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~~ is to have possibly 2 skywalks. Because of the narrow streets + inability to cross streets safely to get to hotels, dining/restaurants they would be a great asset to downtown. One could use the skywalks to advertise events coming up + overall bring

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a new look to 8th St  
Hopefully this helps  
Then again we'd like  
anything to better 8th  
St.

Thanks for your time

- Coratell

## Rod Senn

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**From:** Jody Severson [jody@jhs.mailstreet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2008 7:49 AM  
**To:** rod.senn@kljeng.com  
**Subject:** Mt. Rushmore / 8th Street Corridor Public Input Meeting

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 "decrapping" 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  
Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc.  
330 Knollwood Drive  
Rapid City, SD 57701

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 McGillicuddy, on the southeast corner of Mount Rushmore Road and South Street. The house, marking its 120<sup>th</sup> 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. McGillicuddy 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 McGillicuddy 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 McGillicuddy'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 McGillicuddy 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 I own the McGillicuddy 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 (5<sup>th</sup> 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)

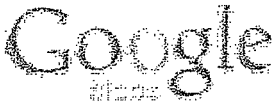
Sign laws

Power Lines

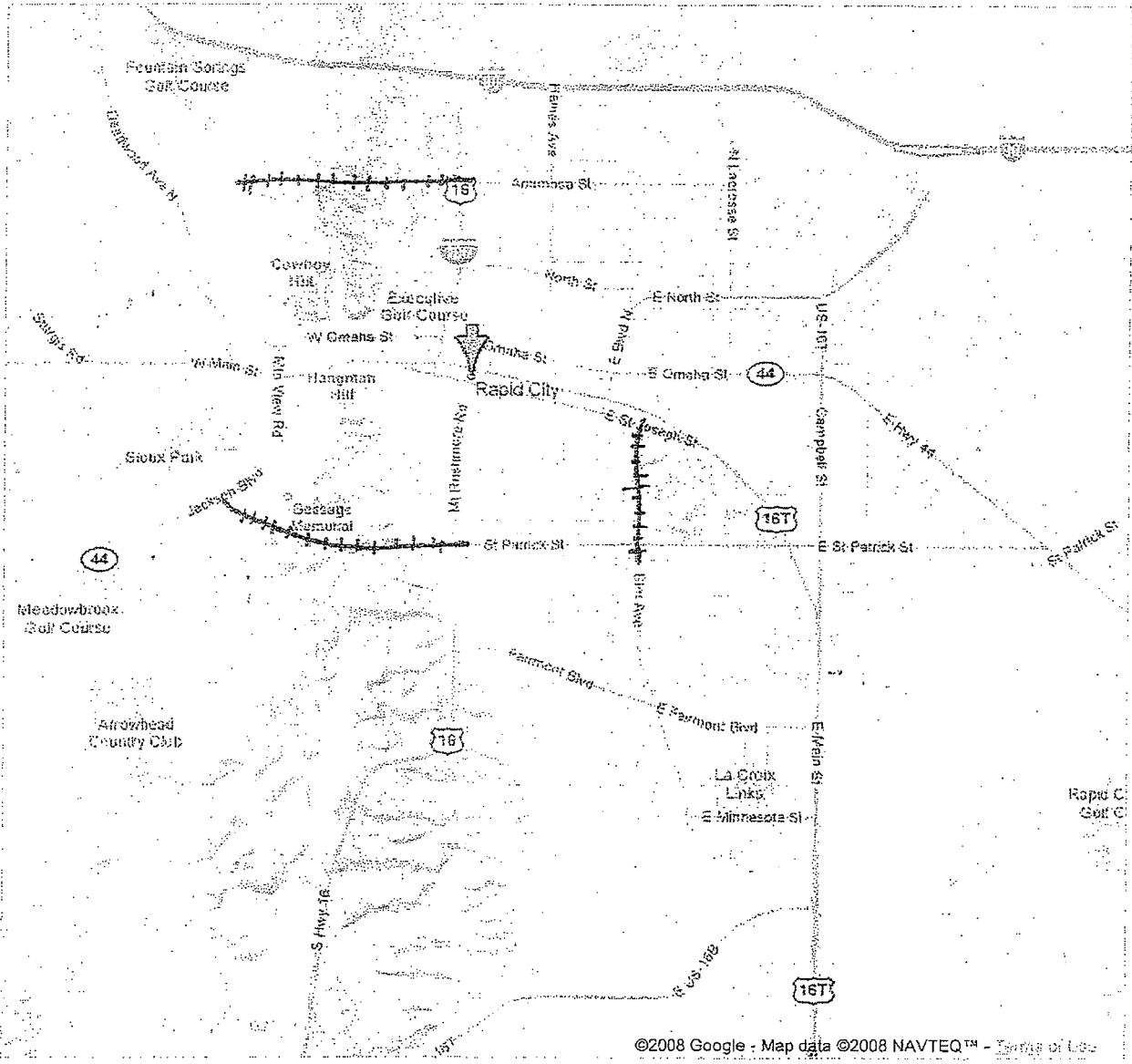
Incentives (property tax rebate)

Impact fees for parking structures based on square feet

No big boxes or I should say no proto types buildings.

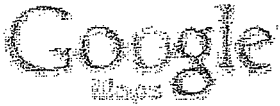


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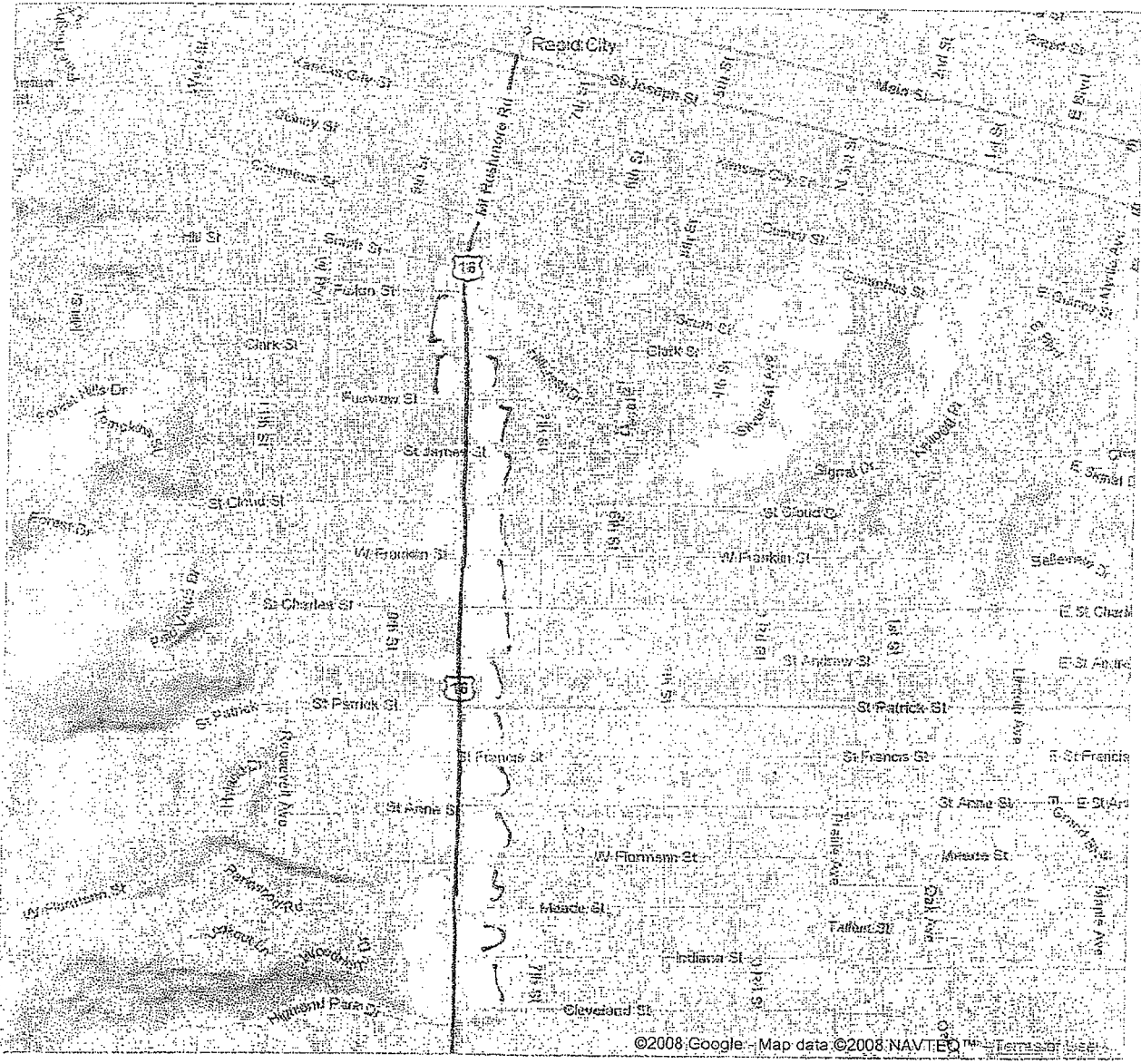
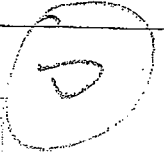


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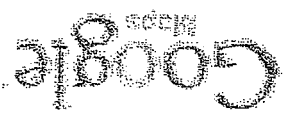
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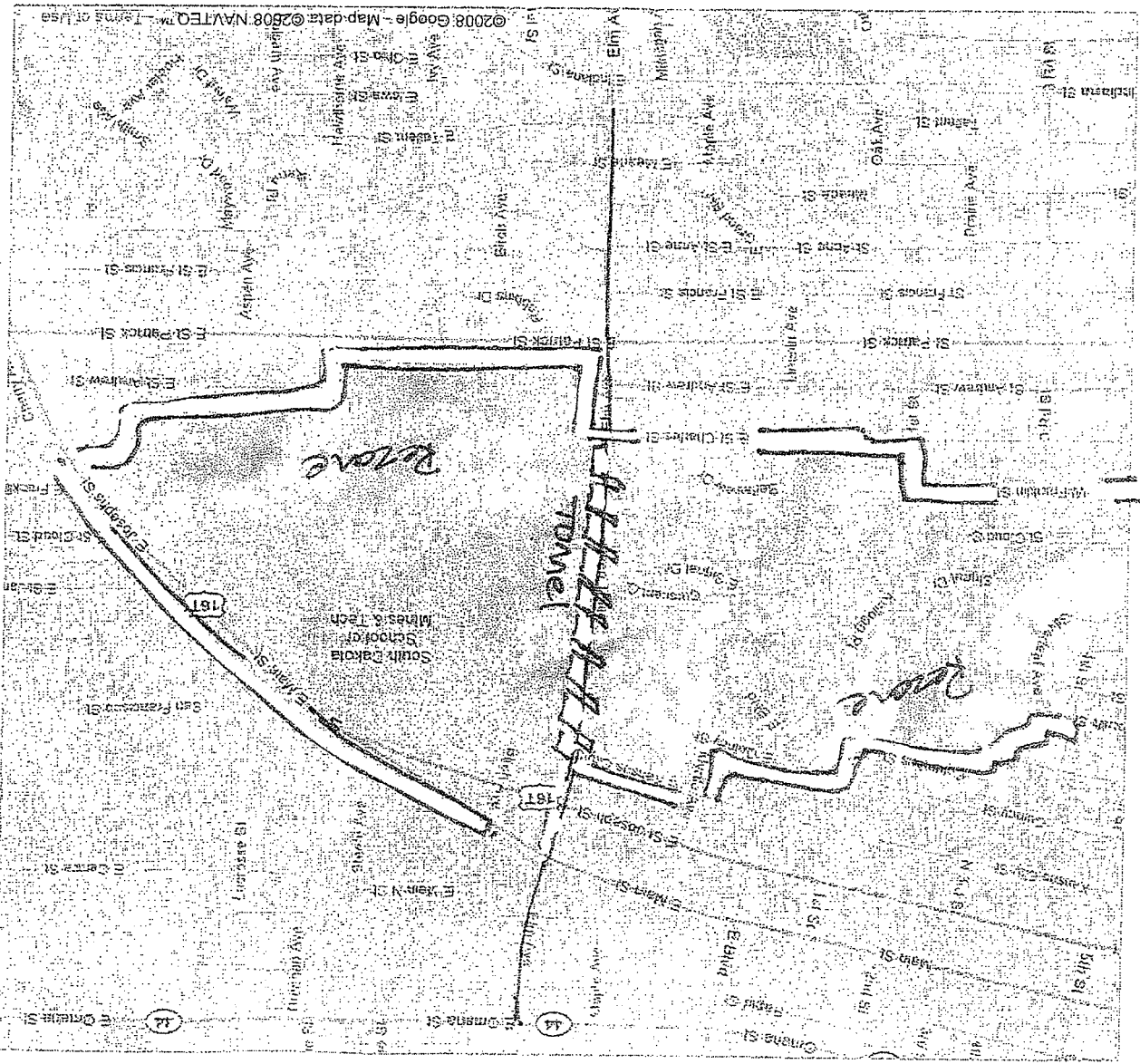
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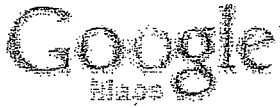
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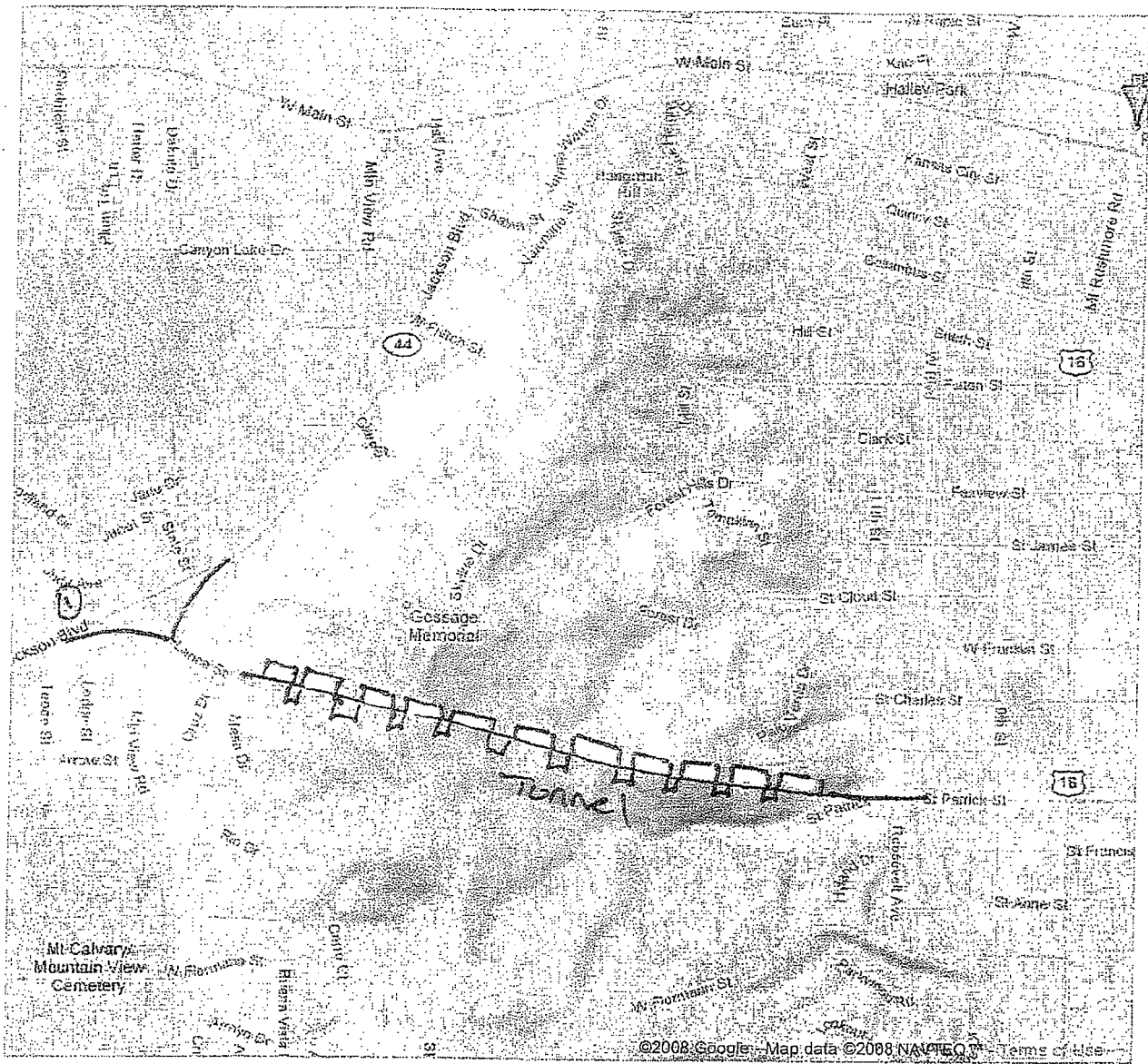
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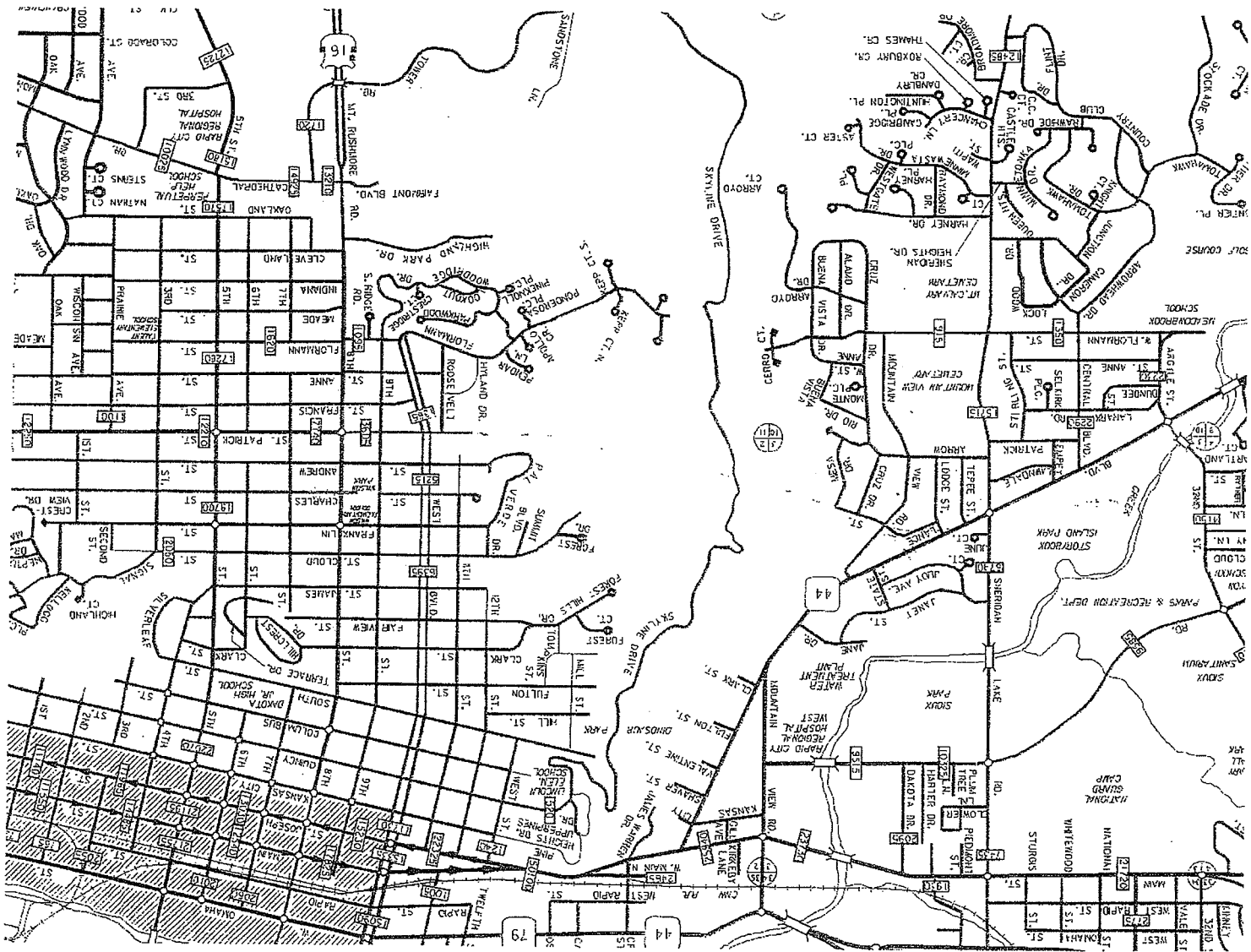
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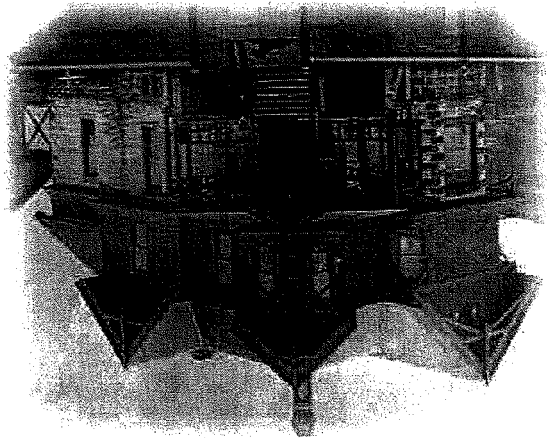


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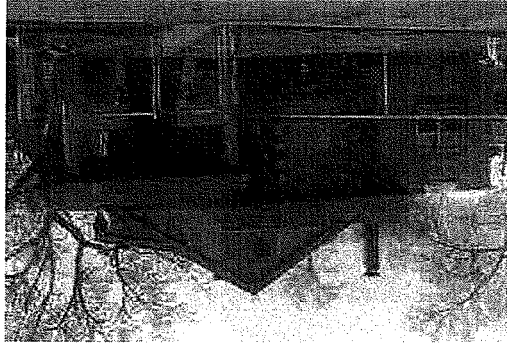




727 South Street, Circa 1888



727 South Street, 2007



# 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 <sup>FEB 26 2008</sup> Study Project.

PLEASE  
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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 Ave 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 small mall

4. Ave lined with  
Black Hills Spruce &  
Flowers & Flags

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

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Name: Pat Hamilton

Address: 1011 West Blvd

• add more "green" vegetation - not so ~~much~~  
much concrete

• use signage to advantage to route  
trucks, bikes, peds to best route

• reduce LED sign ~~boards~~ boards -  
they can be distracting, unsafe, +  
often gaudy.

• keep creep of non-residential ~~of~~ businesses  
from <sup>residential</sup> neighborhoods

+ Over

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Additional space for comments, if needed, Please print.

- need less motorized traffic in residential areas
- nice to have pedestrian mall areas
- pedestrians need safe easy way to cross 8th street + Omaha
- need safer way to get pedestrians + bicyclists around, esp No to So + vice versa
- add stop signs on West Blvd to slow + deter ~~the~~ cruising traffic
- keep historic nature of old Bldgs + houses + protect that history
- maybe consider <sup>sign ordinances or</sup> zoning modifications so signage isn't so " Vegas " like - of kind of assaults the eyes + is ugly + overloads driver
- maybe have lights better timed + longer if necessary to assist in flow
- when come down from <sup>traffic</sup> highway at night - 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

FOVER



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Name: RICH GABLE FEB 21 2008  
Address: 805 57. ROAD

W. ROAD,

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A  
BIKE LANE ADDED ALONG 8TH  
STREET IS TRENDING. RAPID CITY  
IS QUICKLY BECOMING A BIKING  
MECCA. I THINK WE SHOULD  
BE CAPITALIZE ON THE  
TREND WITH ONE OF THE  
MAJOR TOURIST ROUTES.  
THIS WOULD ALSO BE A GOOD  
TIME TO ADDRESS THE  
DECRIPIT SEWER LINE ISSUES  
IN THE WEST BOULEVARD AREA.  
R. Gable

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## Rod Senn

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**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

-----Original Message-----

**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

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Who's never won? [Biggest Grammy Award surprises of all time on AOL Music.](#)



The background features a faded portrait of a woman with a serene expression. Overlaid on this are several historical documents with cursive handwriting. Legible names include 'Mr. Sherman', 'C. W. Taylor', 'Theodore Roosevelt', and 'A. Lincoln'. At the bottom, the phrase 'We're People' is written in a large, elegant cursive font.

# Public Meeting March 25, 2008

MOUNT RUSHMORE ROAD CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN



# 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



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## 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

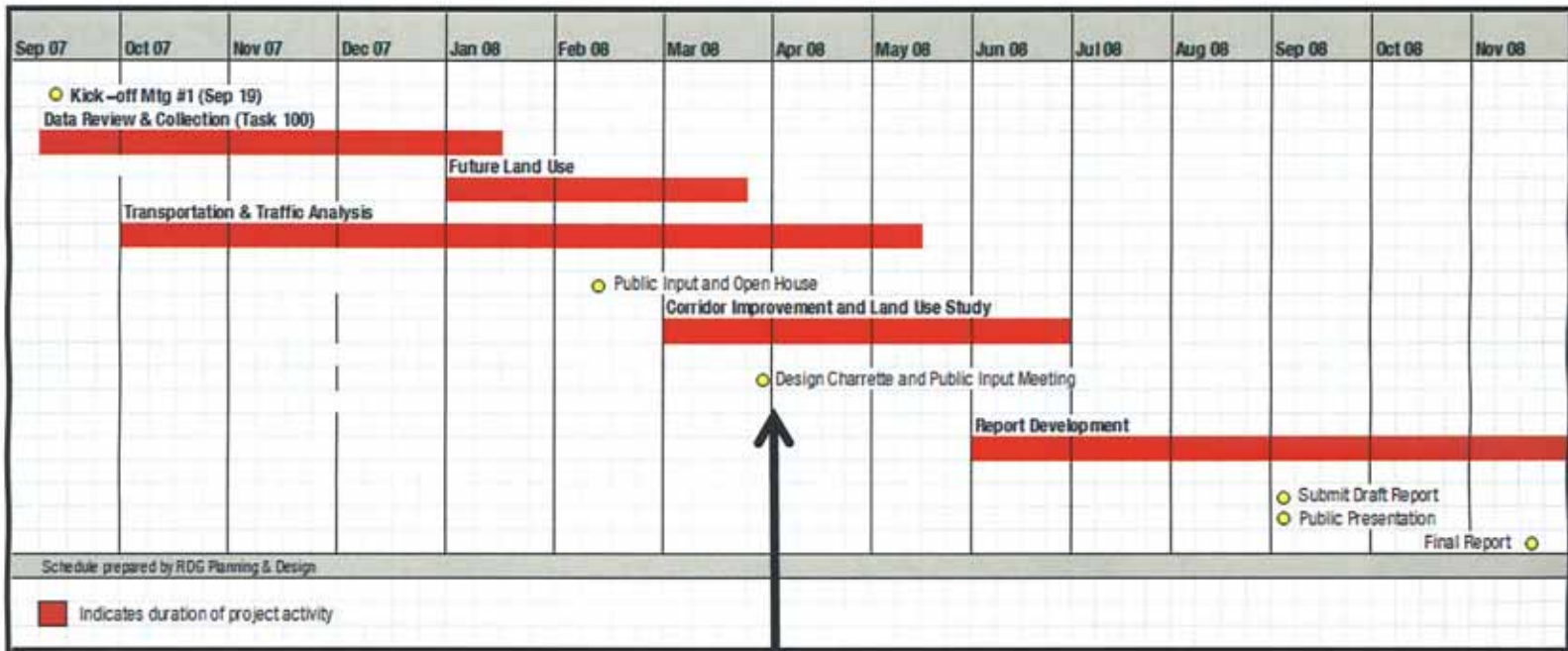
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# Schedule & Process



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## Project Scope

- Local Context and Study Area



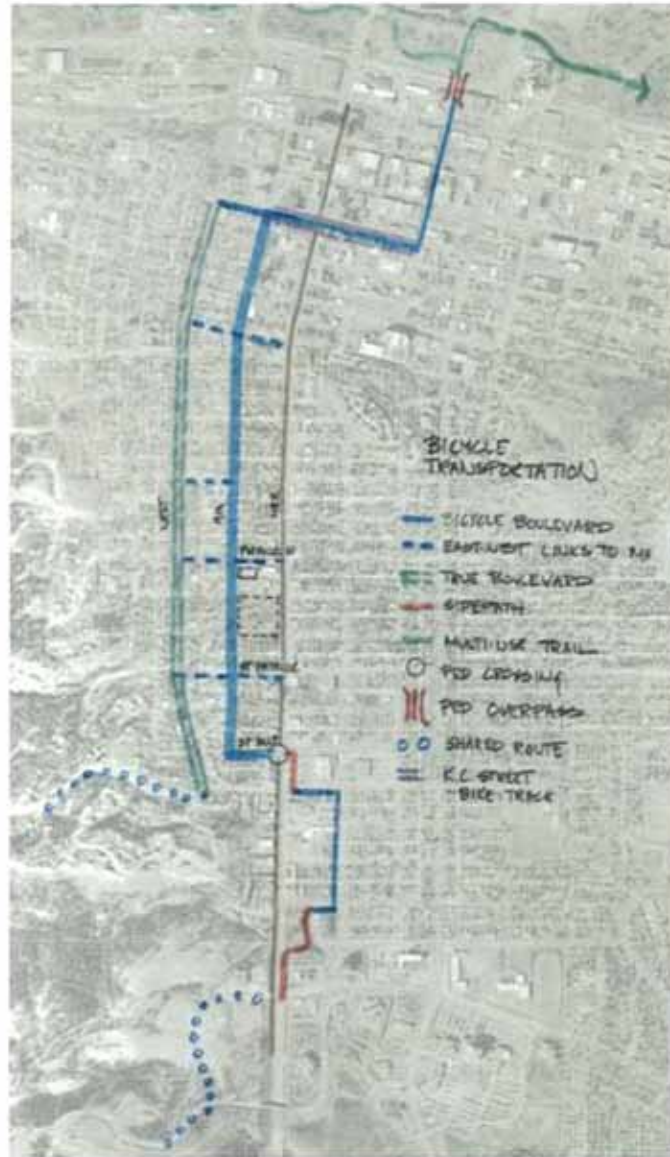




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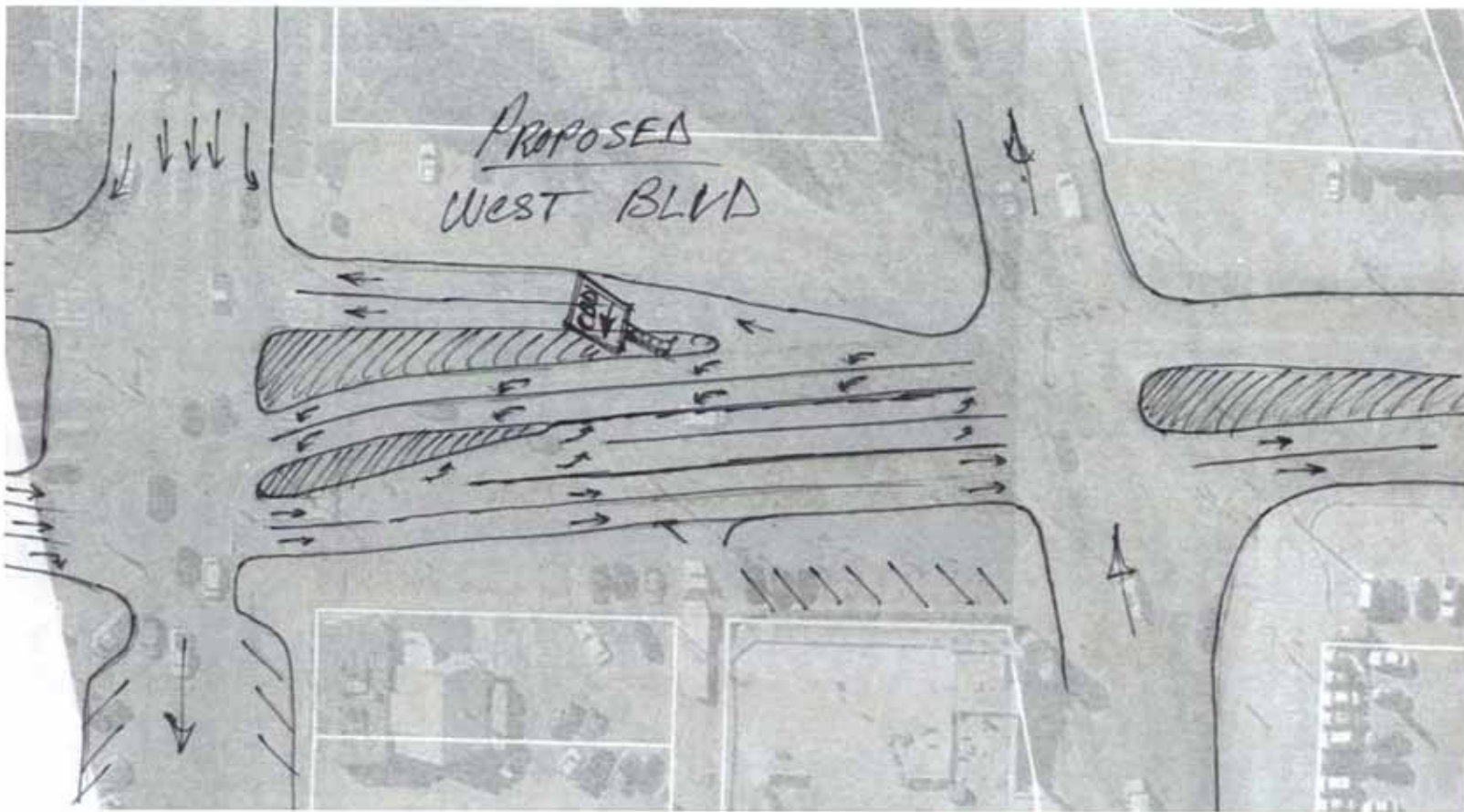
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# West Blvd – Omaha to St Joe



## West Blvd – Omaha to St Joe



# Mt Rushmore – Omaha to South



# Mt Rushmore – Omaha to South



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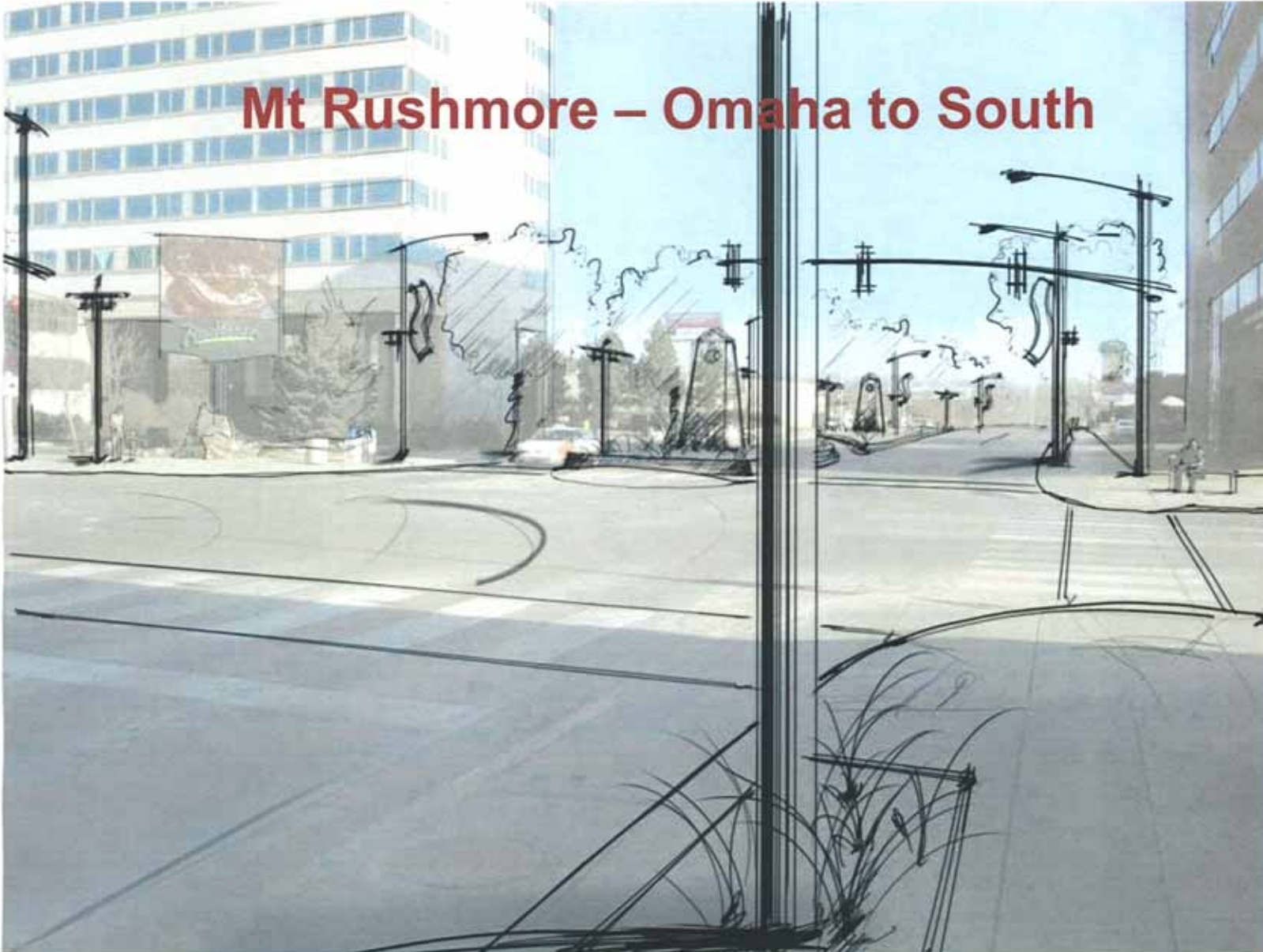
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**Mt Rushmore – Omaha to South**



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# Mill Rushmore – South St to Franklin



# Mt Rushmore – South St to Franklin



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## Mt Rushmore – Franklin to St Patrick

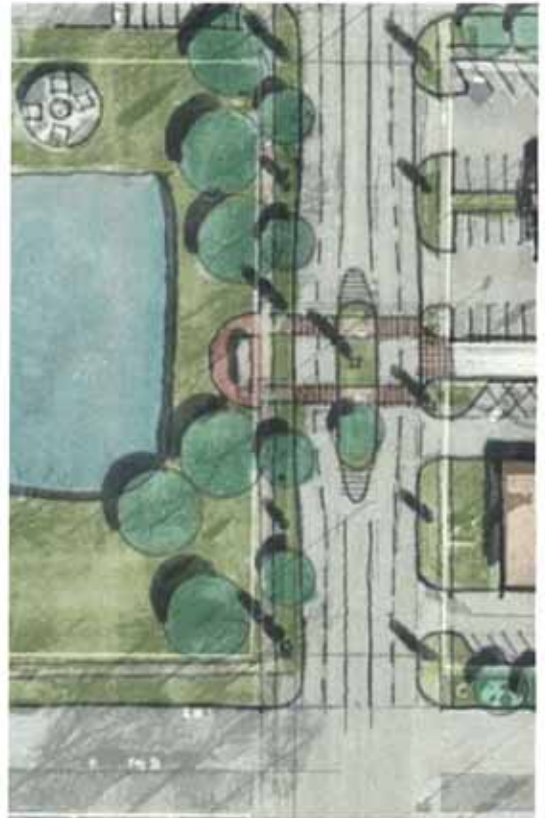


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## Mt Rushmore – St Patrick to Highland





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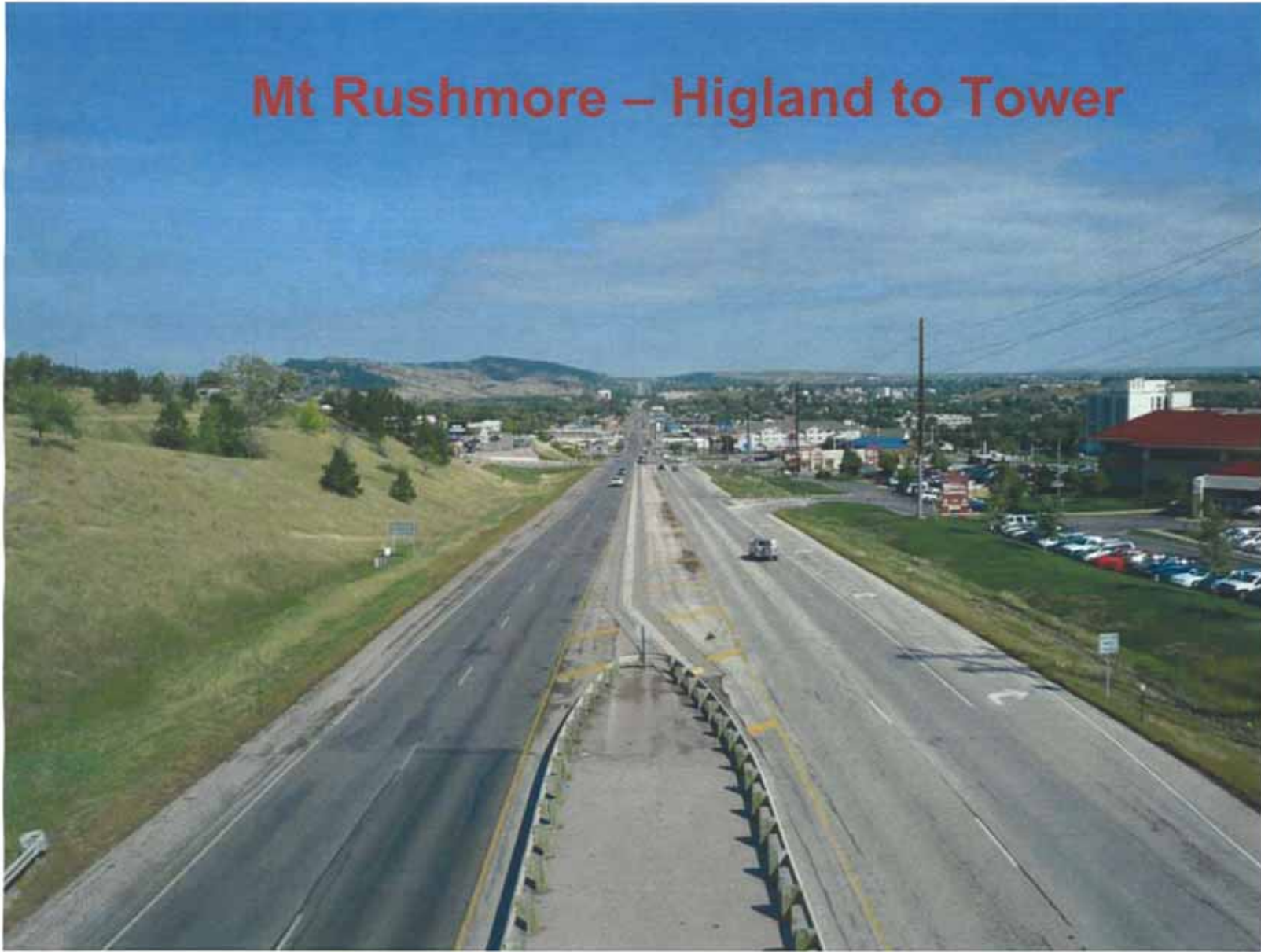
## Mt Rushmore – St Patrick to Highland

- 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

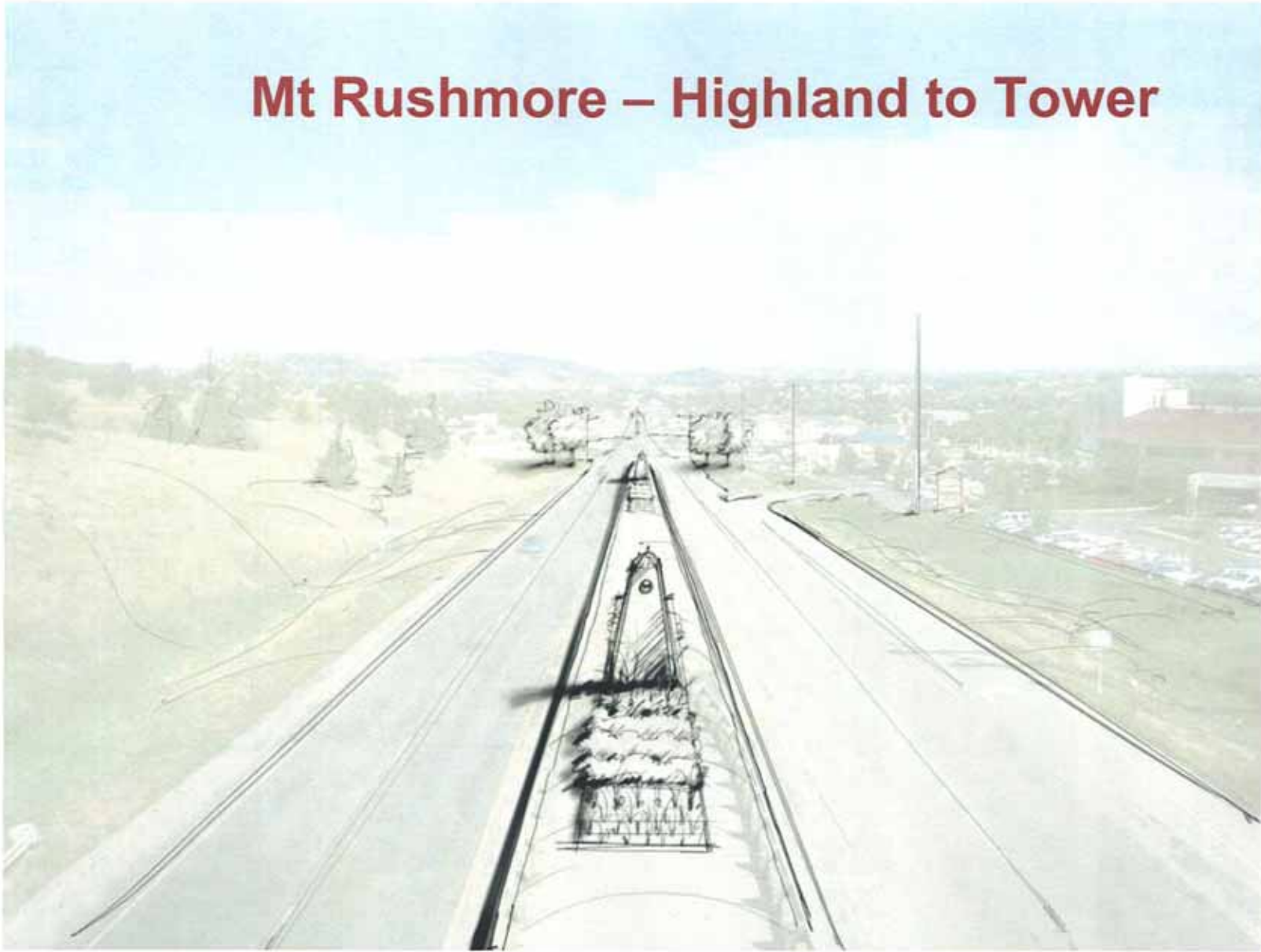
# Mt Rushmore – Highland to Tower



# Mt Rushmore – Highland to Tower



## **Mt Rushmore – Highland to Tower**





## Enhancement Considerations

- Use existing character in creative ways
- Draw ideas from corridor themes and context



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## Enhancement Concepts



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## Enhancement Concepts

George Washington

John Adams

Thomas Jefferson

James Madison

James Monroe

John Quincy Adams

Andrew Jackson

W. Van Buren

Wm. Harrison

John Tyler

Samuel Houston

John McKinley

Theodore Roosevelt

Woodrow Wilson

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Wm. Howard Taft

Calvin Coolidge

Herbert Hoover

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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## Enhancement Concepts

*A. Lincoln*

*George Washington*

*Th. Jefferson*

*John Adams*

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## Enhancement Concepts



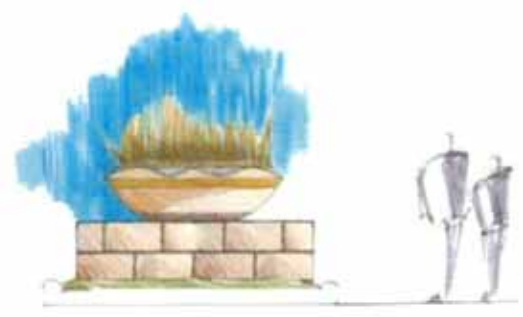
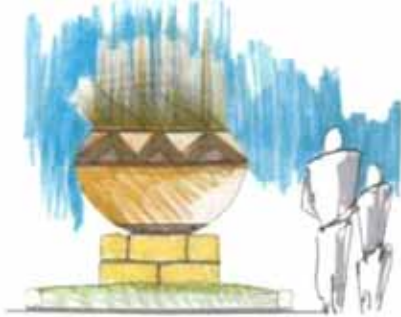
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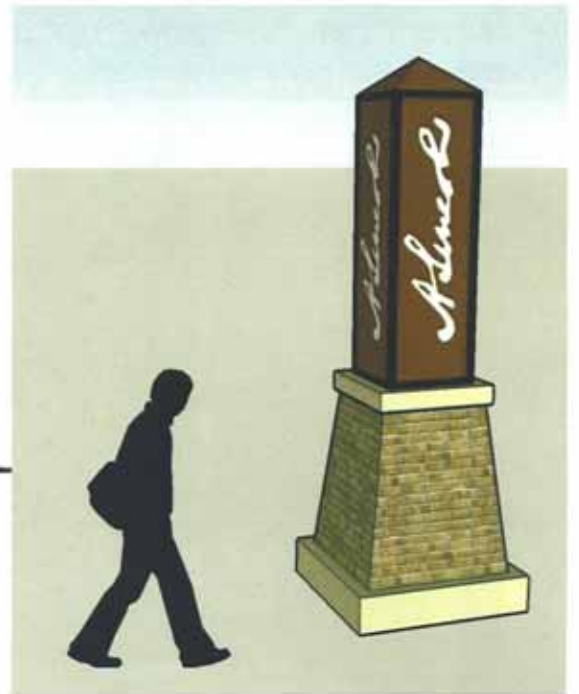


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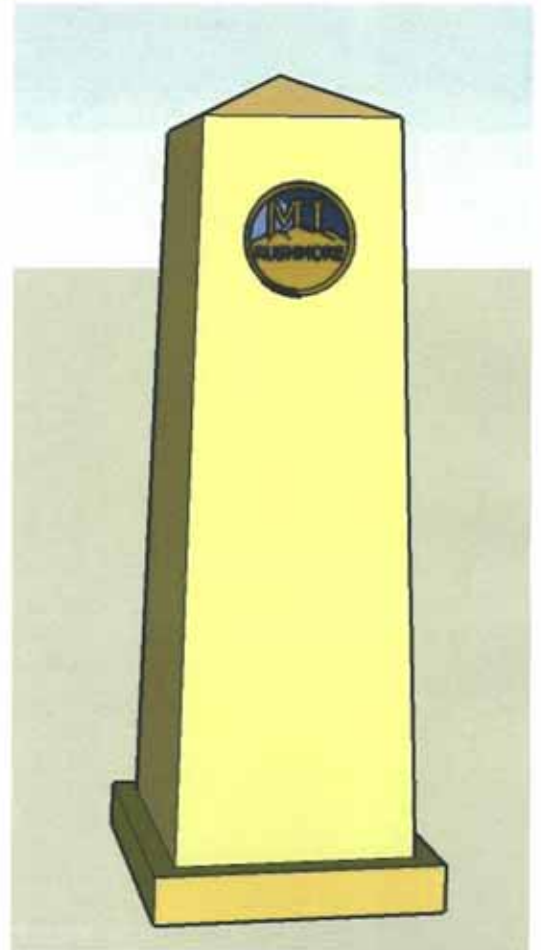


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Curt & Shirley Rising – The Medicine Shoppe  
1304 & 1308 Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City, SD 57701

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 a 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?

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Mr. Jenn,

As I often drive 8 a street, I see many people attempting to cross the street. If there is a dangerous street in R.C. - 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,  
Rafelle Clow



## Rod Senn

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**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  
2501 Mt. Rushmore Rd.



**From:** Rod Senn [rod.senn@kljeng.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2008 10:39 AM  
**To:** bob.shannon@kljeng.com; david.mayer@kljeng.com; pdunn@rdgusa.com;  
GLozano@rdgusa.com; mshukert@rdgusa.com  
**Subject:** FW: Mt. Rush.Rd/8th Street Corridor Study  
All:

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

Thanks,

Rod Senn, PE  
Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc.  
605-721-5553 Phone  
605-721-5575 FAX

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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



*Mr. Sherman*  
*Co. J. 1st Regt. N.Y. State Militia*  
*Theresa Brown*  
*A. Lincoln*  
*We're People*

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MOUNT RUSHMORE ROAD CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN



# Mt Rushmore – Omaha to South



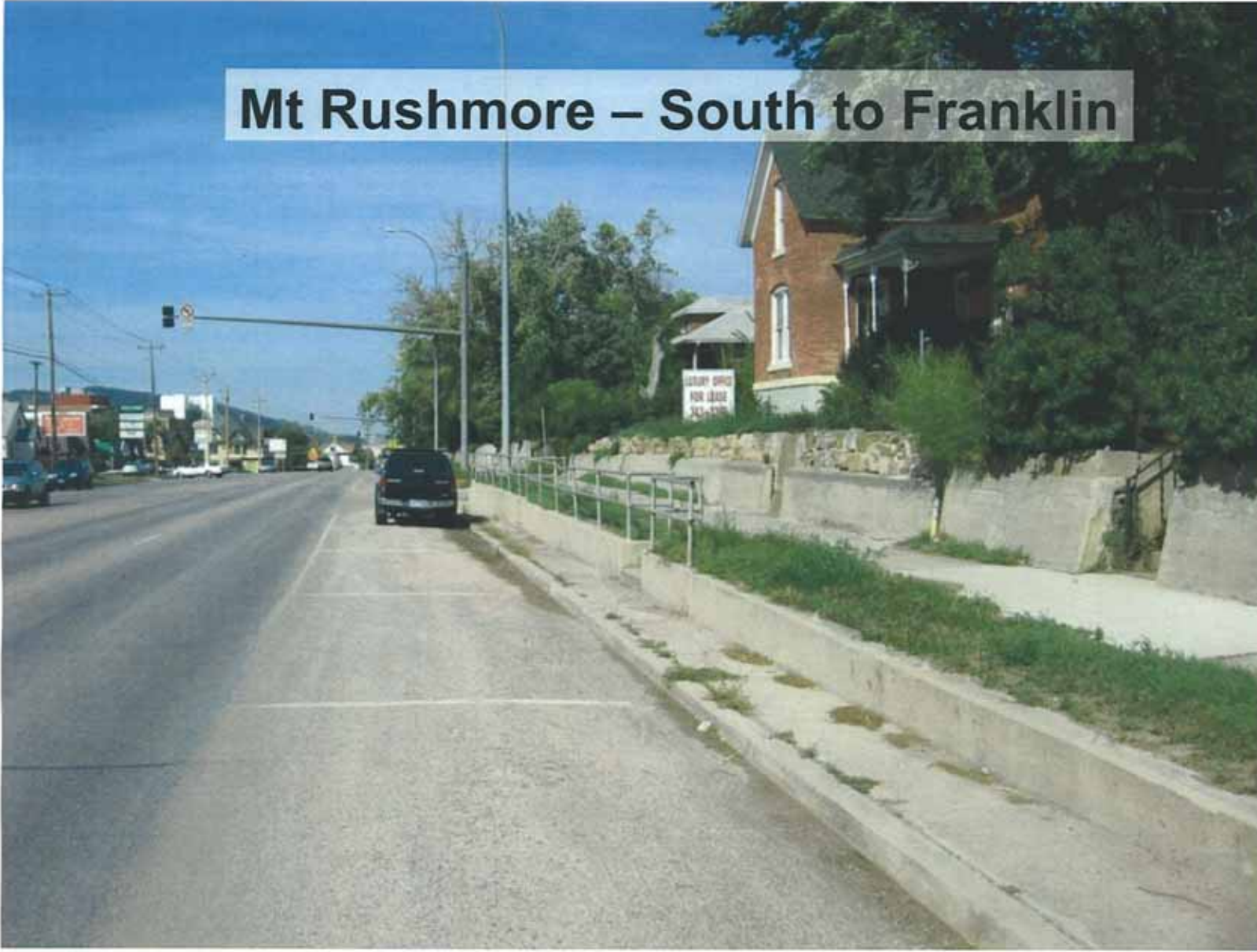
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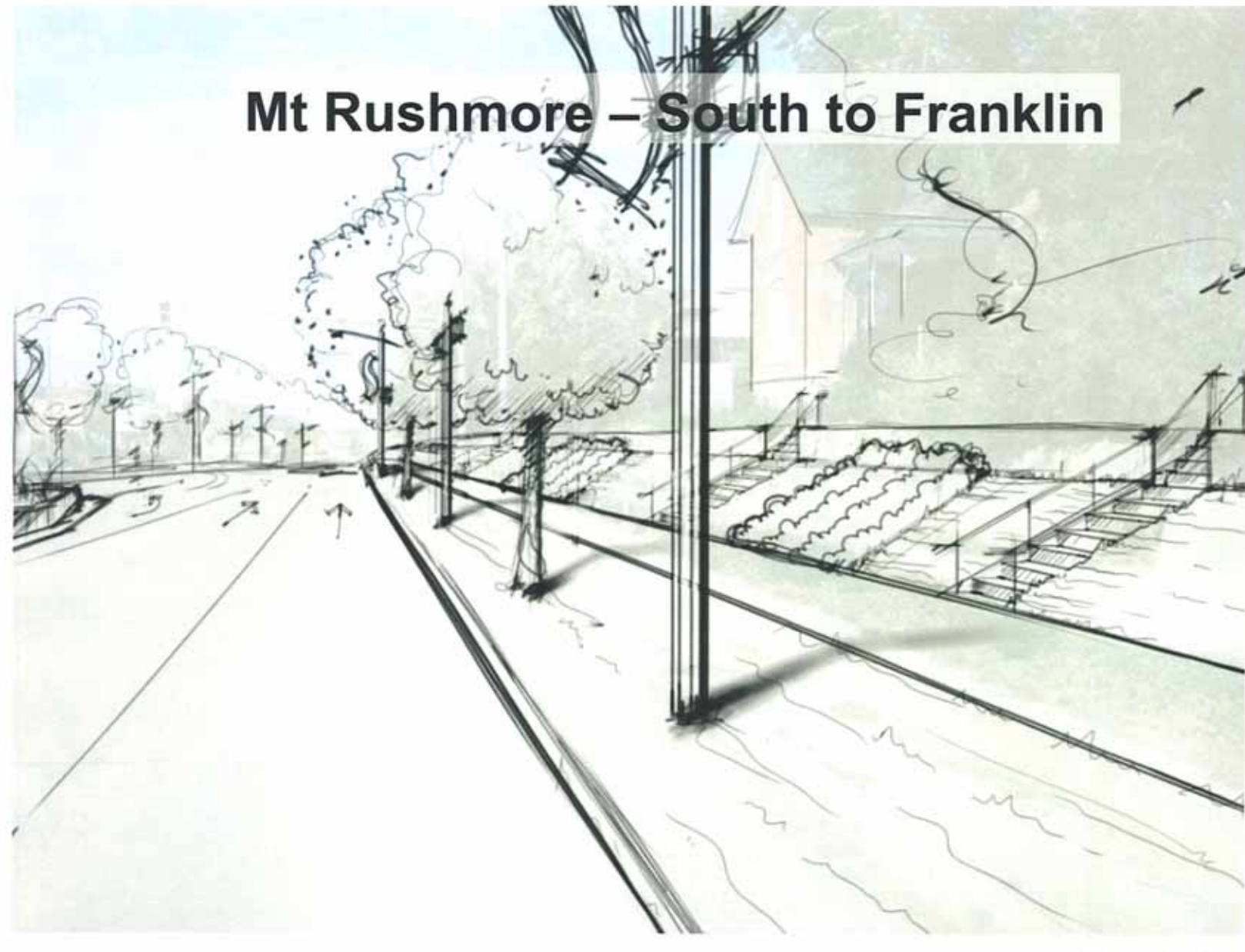
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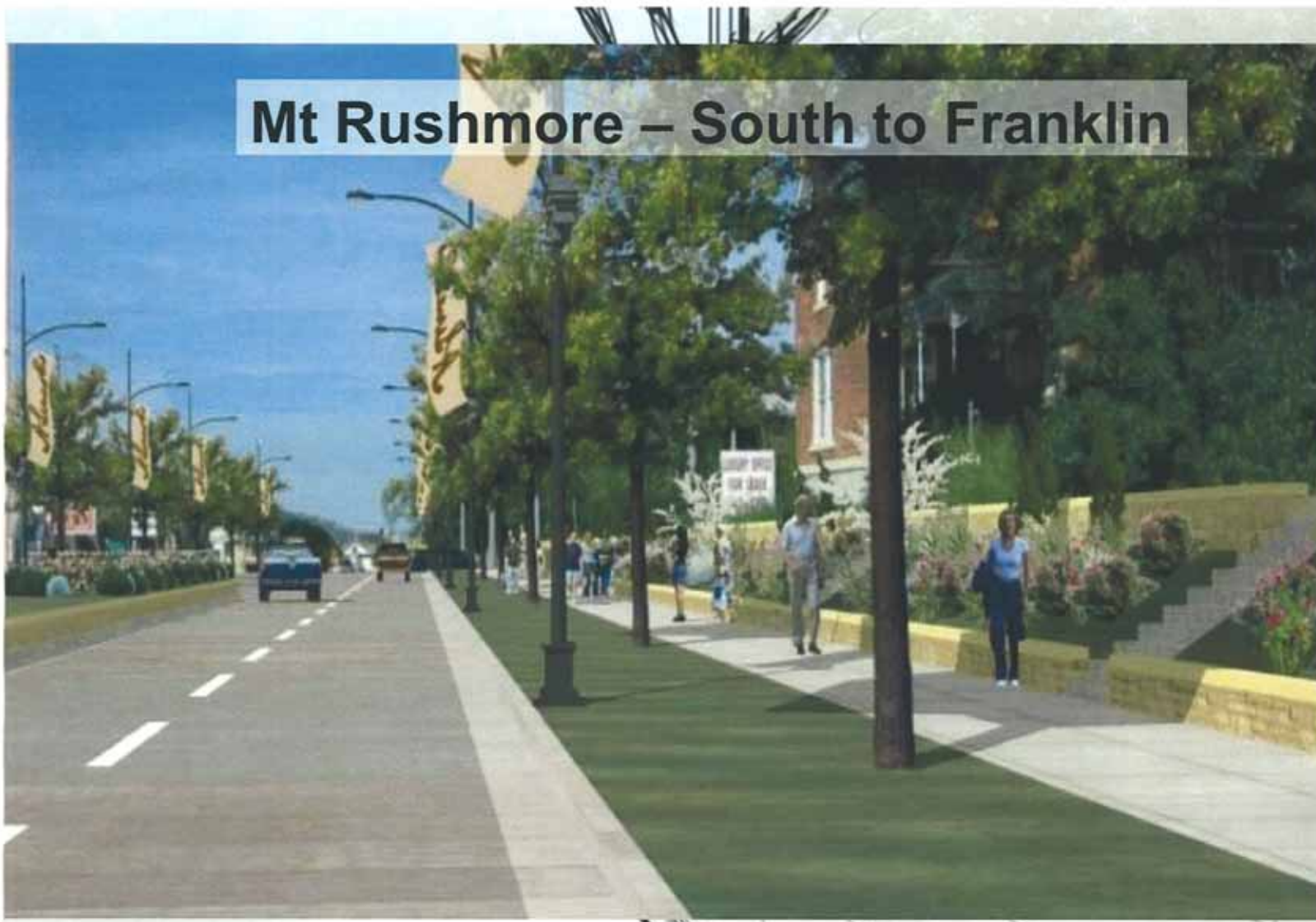
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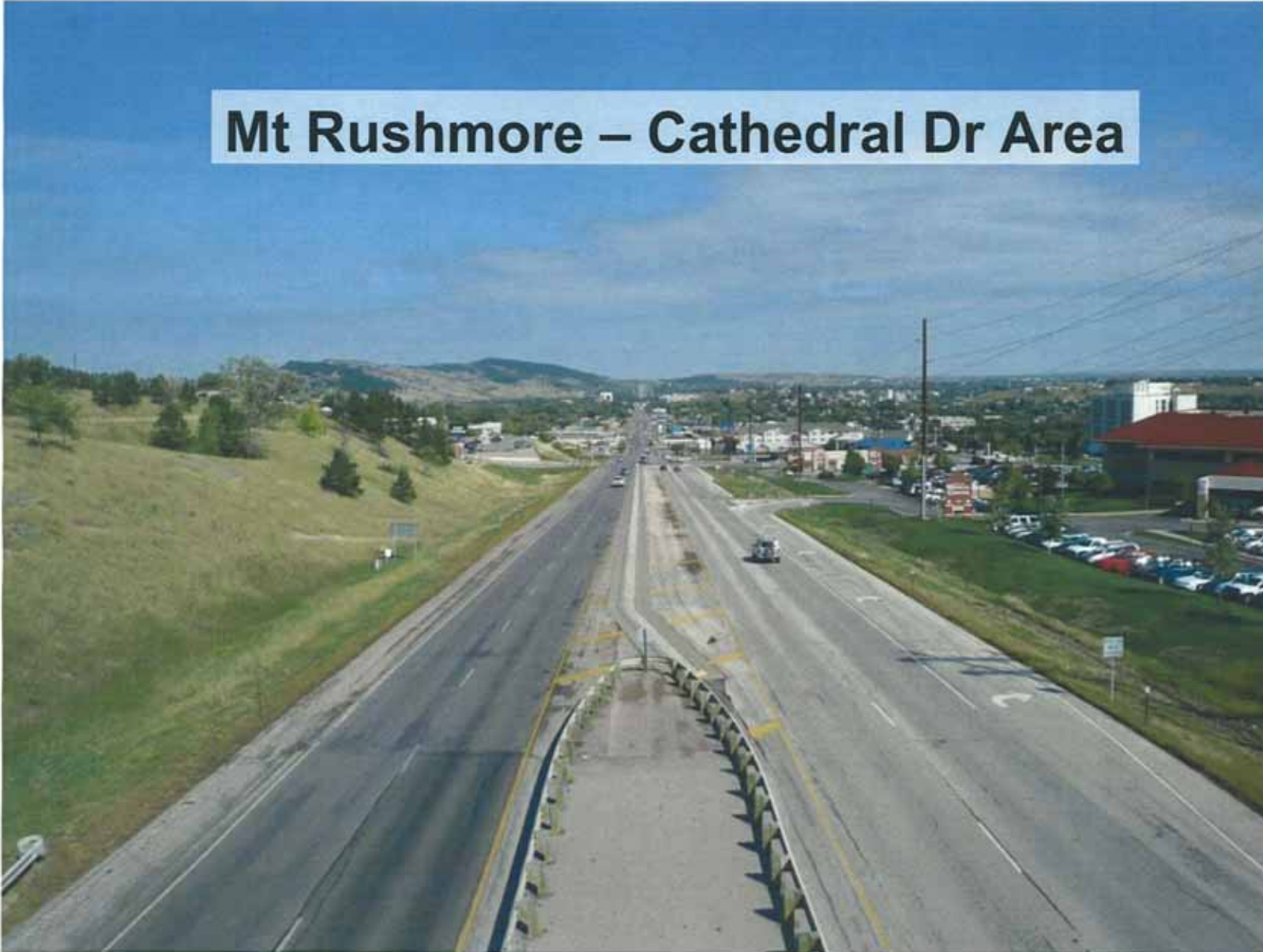
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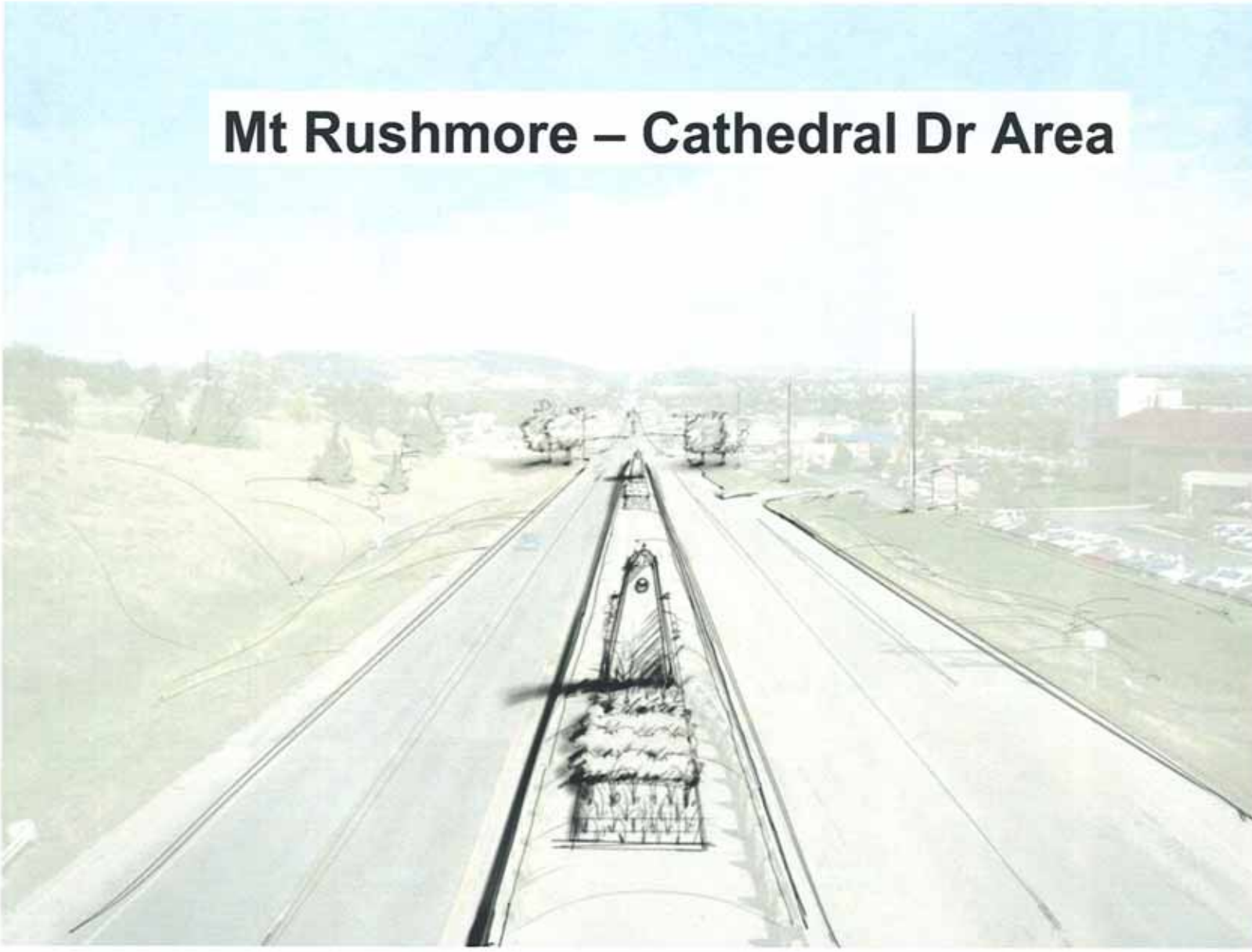
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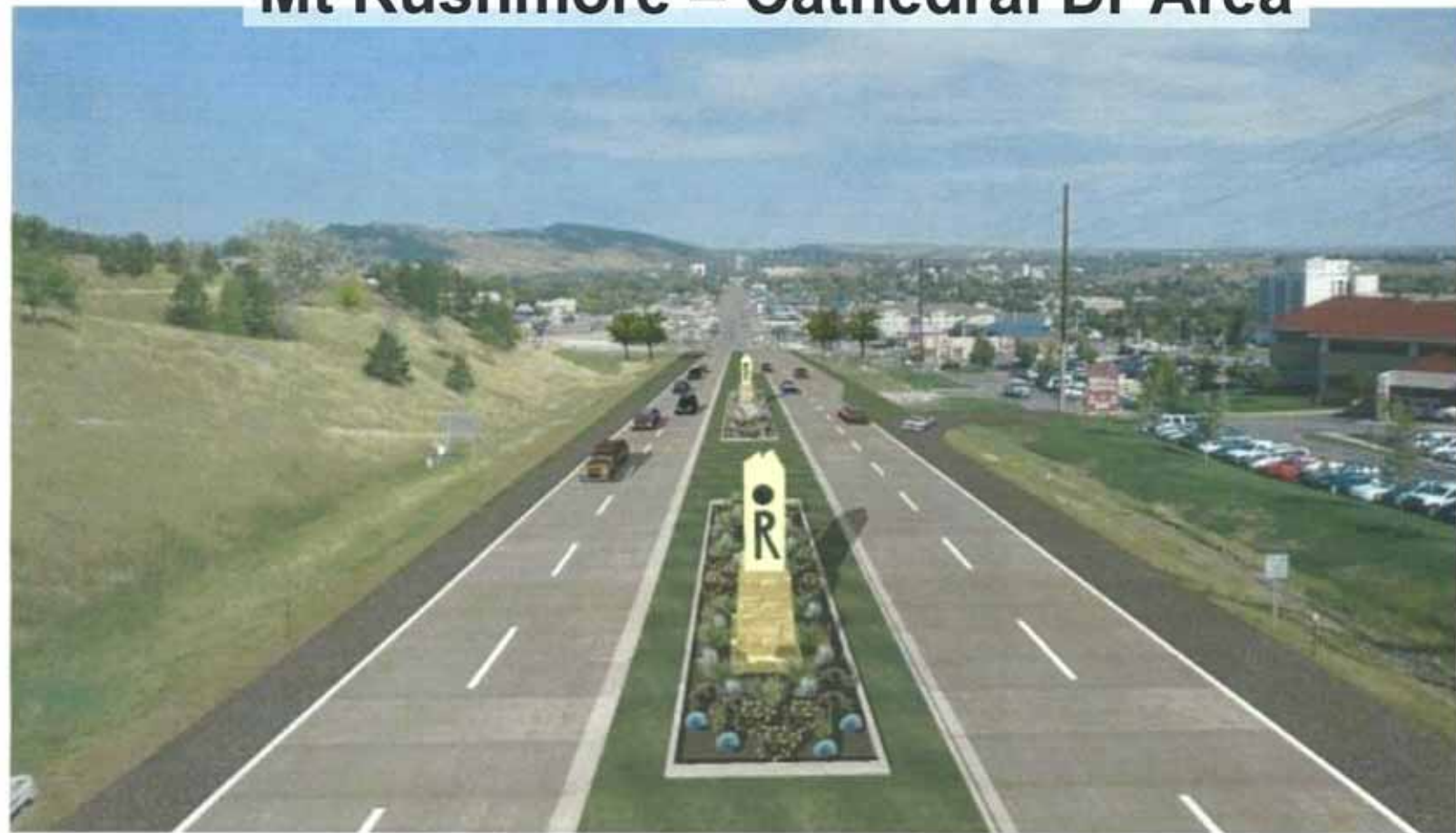
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MT. RUSHMORE ROAD/8TH STREET CORRIDOR STUDY  
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2009—4:30-6:30 P.M.  
CITY/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
RAPID CITY, SD

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Kobi Ebert-Miedel	660 Flannern St, Ste 100	76 New Rushmore Radio	RC SD	57701	381-1493	kebert@newrushmore.com
Bill Beach	Apartment 761 South St.	414 E. Denver St.	RC SD	01	341-0155	radio.com
Alan Williams	809 Farmers St	809 Fairview St	RC SD	57701	791-0647	
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Wm Stiller	Riddler Group	2707 Mt. Rushmore Rd	RC SD	57701	343-2226	WES.SHELTON@TEAMRICO.COM
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Name: Wes SHEETON  
Address: RIDDLE'S GROUP, INC.  
2707 MT. RUSHMORE RD.  
RC, SD 57701

GENERALLY I LIKE THE MT. RUSHMORE  
RD PLANS. I LIKE THE RAISED MEDIANS  
& IMPROVED SIDE WALKS.

I ALSO LIKE THE BANNERS WITH THE  
PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURES.

I WOULD SUGGEST CHANGING THE  
NAME TO MT. RUSHMORE AVENUE OR  
BULEVARD AS THIS SOUNDS MORE  
WELCOMING, SIGNIFICANT & IMPORTANT.

THOUGH ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL ROW  
DOES NOT APPEAR TO AFFECT RIDDLES  
I THINK THE AFFECT ON SOME PROPERTY  
OWNERS NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY

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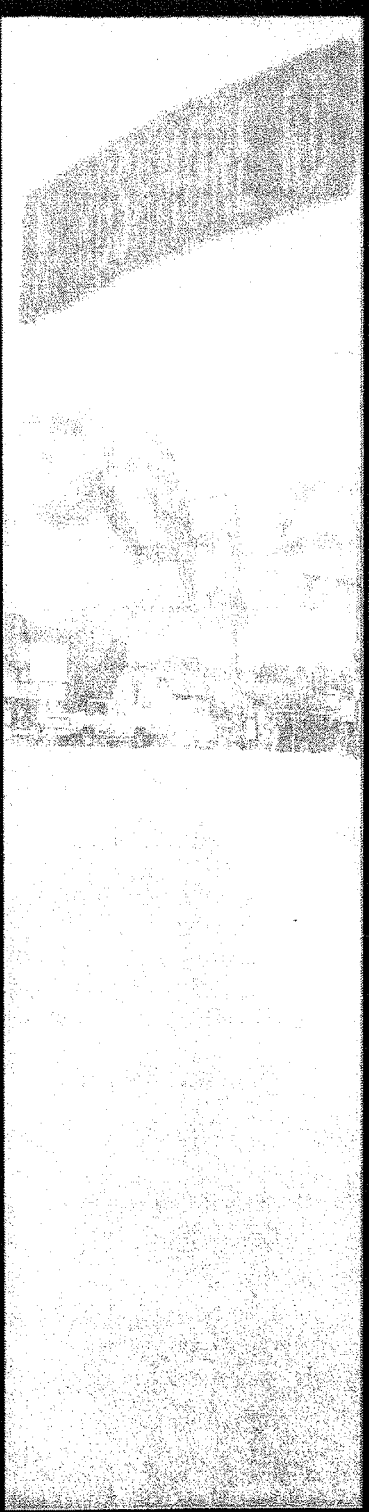
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CONSIDERED. IF LOSING SOME OF  
THEIR PROPERTY AFFECTS THE FUTURE  
VALUE OF THEIR PROPERTY I FEEL  
THE CITY SHOULD CONSIDER SOME  
CONCESSION OR VARIANCE FROM  
PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

I ALSO RECOMMEND A "FENCE" OR  
OTHER SECURITY MEASURES ON THE  
TOWER RD BRIDGE OVER MT. R. RD.  
VANDALS HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS  
DROPPED MELONS FROM THE  
BRIDGE ONTO THE ROAD BELOW.



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Name: Zephi Curry  
Address: 1118 Mt. Rushmore Rd.

▶ 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. So in order for anyone leaving my house

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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 6 ft 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-owneroccupied houses/duplexes.

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 ~~at~~ Clark St. is never plowed!

Speaking of the crosswalks, why are 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~~ Will the light posts provide more light on the street than what's there currently? If so, you are attracting people who ~~would~~ would like to loiter in the summer time, possibly keeping me awake. And what if they're selling drugs or drinking or dropping 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 forget, 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.

-Zephri

(308)383-2489 cell

grzleigh@hotmail.com

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Name: STEVE COLGAN, NORTHWESTERN EMB.  
Address: PO BOX 2624, RC SD 57709

LOVE THE TRAFFIC LIGHT AT

FLORMANN STREET AND THE  
CHANGES TO THE SAFEWAY PARKING  
LOT

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Name: Roger Gallimore  
Address: 815 Kansas City

Magnificent! The plan incorporates principles of barriers to improve pedestrian traffic; aesthetics to improve (slow down) traffic flow & 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.

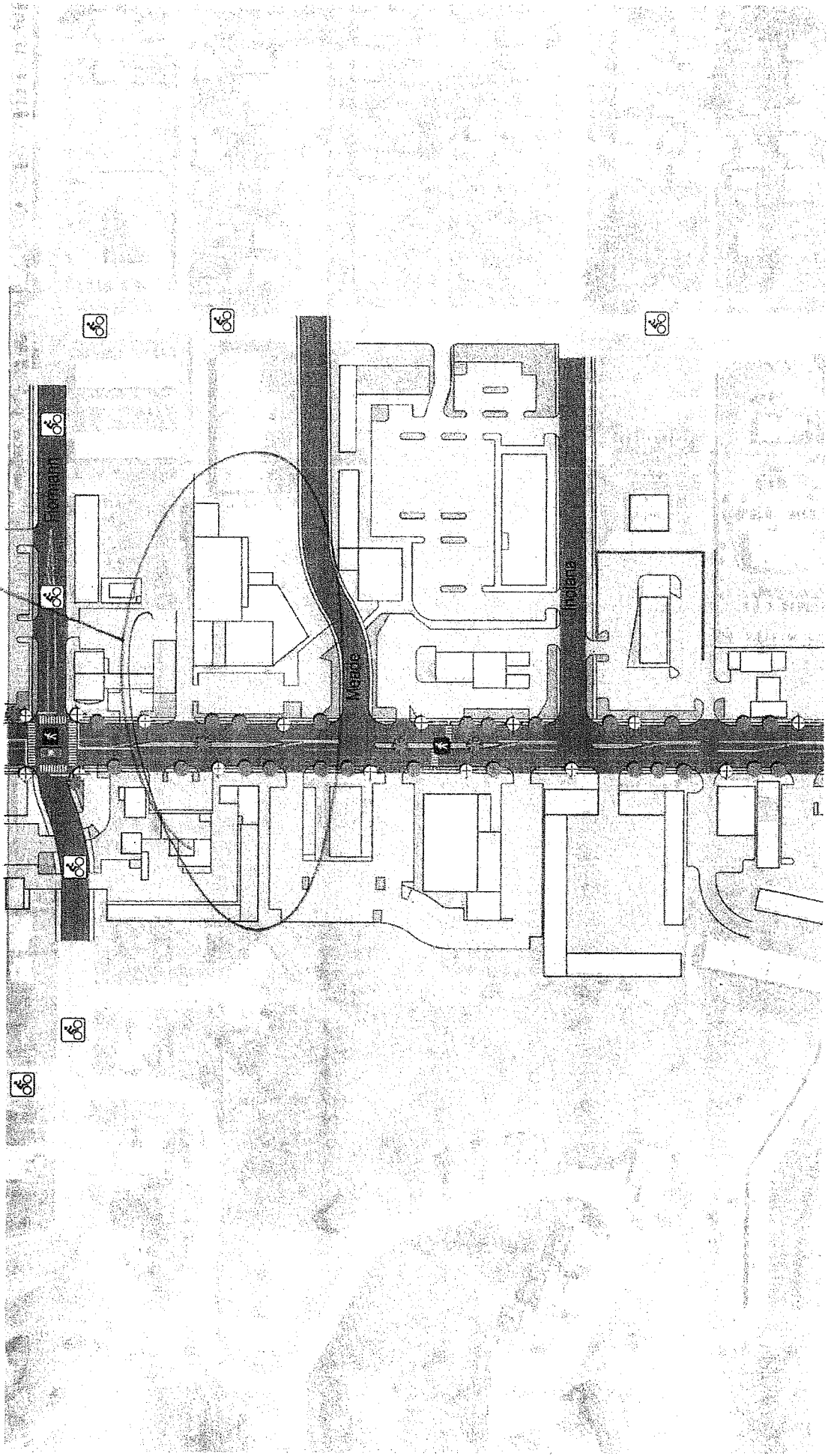
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Fischer", written over a horizontal line.

Sam Fischer  
Vice President

ATTACHMENT A

AREA OF CONCERN



ATTACHMENT B

NECESSARY SOUTH BOUND  
LEFT TURN LANE TO  
ACCESS LEGAL ENTRANCE  
TO ZZZZ MT. RUSHMORE RD.

LEGAL ACCESS OFF  
MT. RUSHMORE ROAD  
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