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Drexel Avenue Improvement Project

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In regards to the Drexel Avenue Improvement Project, I am strongly in favor of Option A, the island boulevard concept. The main goals as stated previously for this project were to enhance the beauty of South Drexel, while also slowing down traffic in this high use area. Option A with its bump outs and use of medians is the clear choice to achieve those stated goals, while also maintaining parking on both sides along this corridor. While option B would provide bike lanes, this proposal would be a contradiction to the stated goals and provide undo hardships on S Drexel residences by eliminating parking on an entire side of the street. Option B would also have minimal effect on slowing traffic as it still provides a wide thoroughfare for cars to proceed at high rates of speed. Furthermore, this would lead to more foot traffic crossing Drexel as there would be no parking on an entire side of the street, exacerbating a dangerous situation. In conclusion, Option A is the clear and sensible choice to meet the goals of safety of our residents, beautification of the S Drexel corridor, and slowing down traffic along this stretch that is filled with many children.

Sincerely,
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