

Big Beaver Corridor Study
Vision Fair
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Topic: Lighting, Landscaping, and Maintenance

1. Please identify features and/or characteristics of the lighting and landscaping within the Big Beaver Corridor that you consider to be positive and that should be maintained in the future.
 - Flowers and shrubs
 - Maintenance of existing landscaping is one positive
 - Light poles as they are today are monumental in scale. They scream to drive fast. There's nothing to slow down for, besides a red light.
 - Troy banners are a positive. They aid in the community character/feel – just put them on shorter poles.
 - Current lighting is excellent. Retain this type of lighting in the changes.
 - Lighting is effective, but extremely unattractive
 - Lighting should be “pedestrian in scale,” even if only for appearance
 - Big Beaver landscaping that was planted as part of the road improvement is not maintained – let's maintain the existing vegetation before we plant more to be neglected
 - Establish an “endowment” for the preservation and maintenance of all improvements
 - The large, heavily landscaped medians are nice in breaking up the busy road. Also, the brick pavers at the crosswalks add a nice feature, large plantings of color in the summer are also very effective in making the area look nice and enjoyable.
 - Median plantings
 - We have very attractive landscaping. I don't think it needs to get “fancy.” Keep what exists trimmed and neat.
 - Lighting is good
 - I'd like to keep the medians – lights are high and bright, banners make a powerful statement. Landscaping is beautiful.
 - The flowers on the islands are wonderful. Lighting is good on islands, but sidewalks need more light.

2. With respect to lighting and landscaping, what improvements and/or changes do you believe are needed to transform the Big Beaver Corridor into a World Class Boulevard?
 - More landscaping and lights on pedestrians' side rather than in boulevard
 - More shade trees in the boulevard
 - Bring the lighting down to a pedestrian scale
 - Narrow the road, widen the sidewalk
 - Add more buffer space between walk and parking/walk and curb, with landscaping
 - Median landscaping would make L-turns impossible
 - Existing landscaping is fabulous!
 - Eliminate annual flowers. They are too expensive to maintain.
 - Plant evergreens, ornamental grasses, perennial flowers, etc.
 - The more landscaping the better!!

- Replace the industrial-type lighting fixtures with more people-friendly lampposts closer to the sidewalks. All down the corridor, the sidewalks border parking lots; they need to be next to the buildings in the future, with the parking lots behind the buildings.
- I agree that smaller lighting along pedestrian walkways would add to the cosmetic beautification of the corridor
- Add some small pocket parks, appropriately landscaped, and even some sculptures
- Lower the speed limits between I-75 and Coolidge as the area becomes more pedestrian-friendly
- As stated on the boards, the road is well lit, but the lights have no architectural interest whatsoever. Replacing the existing lighting with more “detailed” architectural lighting would create great improvement.
- As much landscaping as possible
- Distinctive “Troy” lighting with a motif
- Keep it simple, attractive, neat and as cheap as possible!!
- We need some beauty. Every landscape along 16 Mile is quite utilitarian and practical.
- Consistent, attractive landscaping – a unifying look to the entire corridor
- If more pedestrians were drawn to shops or outdoor eating along the street, it would be nice to cover some trees with twinkling lights and to have some other side lighting
- Attractive gateway features to welcome people into the corridor
- Many trees
- Attractive lighting features
- When plantings are in, they need to be weeded much better, and litter needs to be picked up more
- Closer attention to sprinkler heads and watering patterns
- Pull weeds in brick pavers
- Sweep cigarette butts near curbs more often
- Trees, trees and more trees. Lighting that fits into surroundings. No tall bright lights.