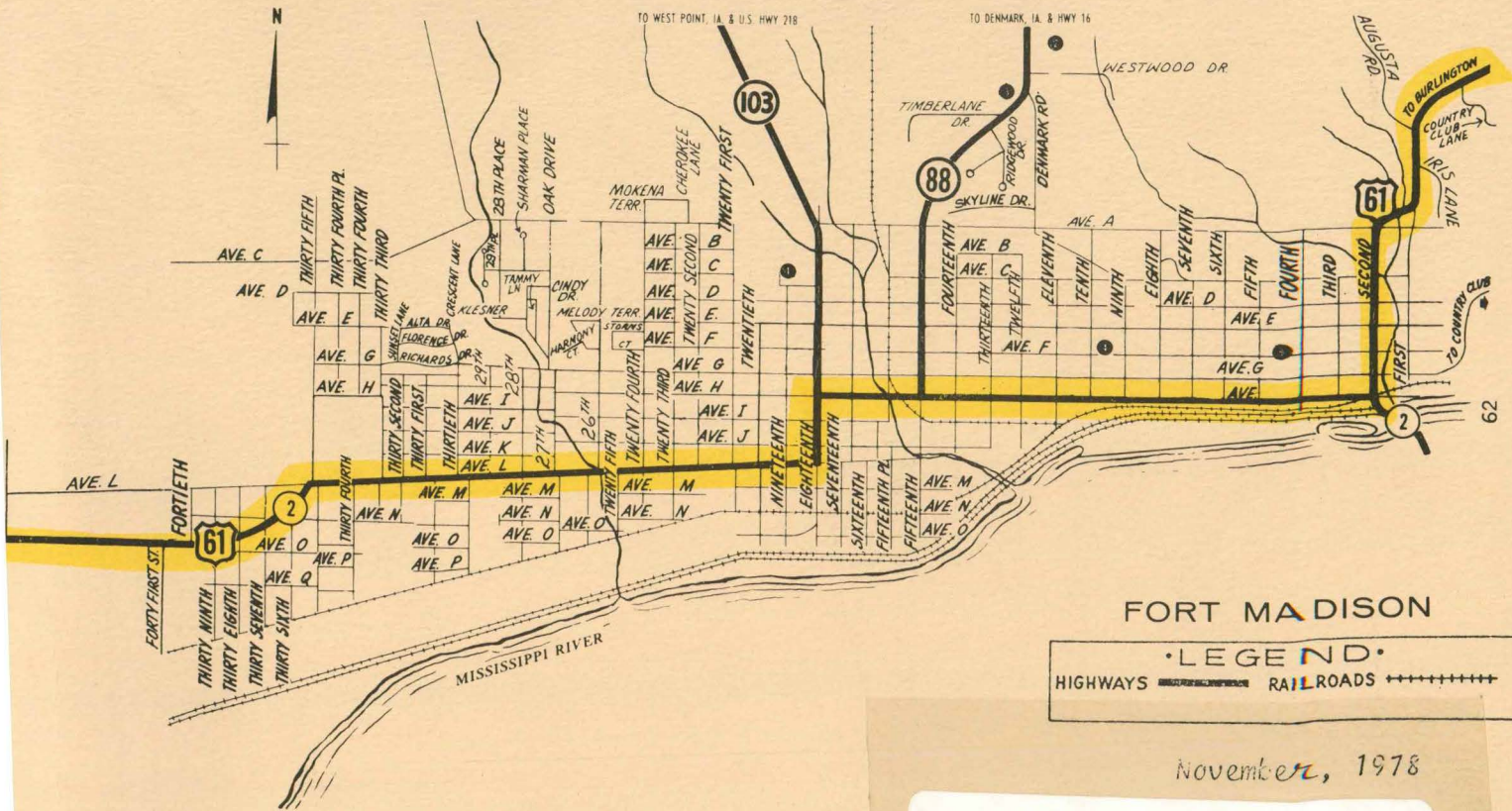


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PREFACE

How This Survey Was Taken And Why

This survey represents the efforts of many starting with the first person who by constructive conversation with others having the community of Fort Madison and surrounding area as their prime concern for years to come, commenced to find out if others were as concerned as they were. The first step was in taking the concept to active organizations within the community for input and backing to insure that the survey accomplished the intent and received the necessary support of the voting residents.

Once the questions had been agreed upon by the sponsoring organizations, being the Fort Madison Jaycees and the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, the information was placed along with the Ballot of Questions into the supporting local newspaper, the Fort Madison Evening Democrat on Wednesday, November 1, 1978. The Survey forms were to be deposited in appropriate containers at Fort Madison banks, supermarkets and/or industry. These containers were placed on November 1 to be picked up on or before November 7 allowing the five days from date of publication for the residents to return the Survey forms. On the 7th day of November the containers were collected and arrangements were made to sort, tabulate and type the results.

First, the Survey forms were sorted into two categories, resident and non-resident as indicated in question #7. (Do you live in Fort Madison? Yes No). Upon the completion of this sorting by location, the forms were counted which gave us how many voters at each collection location were residents and non-residents. This information can be found in Part I of this book.

Second, now that the Survey forms were identified as resident and non-resident, the tabulation could be started. (To take just a second, I would like to explain why the separation between resident/non-resident. We didn't feel it would be right for the non-resident to tell the resident what should be done in Fort Madison and vice-versa). In tabulating the forms, each item on each Survey form was transferred to composite tabulation forms which were once again totaled by location in order that the information would be kept in as self explanatory and usable form as possible. This information can be found in Part II of this book.

Third, the composite tabulation of residents Survey forms from the banks, supermarkets and industry were placed together in order that the total opinion of all residents could be established. This same procedure was followed on the non-resident Survey information. This information can be found in Part III of this book.

Fourth, after many long hours of tabulation, the Xi Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority commenced with the task of typing each and every comment made by both resident and non-resident. This was typed by location in order that the time spent by a very generous and fantastic response showed that we, the citizens of both the City and the County care and are very concerned for the well-being of our Southeast corner of Iowa.

Fifth, a grand total tabulation of all Survey forms received was compiled by percentages from the composite tabulation information found in Part II. This grand total tabulation represents the desires of the residents of the Southeast corner of Iowa.

During the last few years, our traffic problem has grown out of proportion to the place where it is very obvious to the average citizen. Realizing that there is more than one solution to any problem, we felt that rather than trying to tell someone how to solve the problem, we would ask the citizens to express their opinion on a series of questions which would allow us to place that information on a form that would indicate the citizens desires.

The traffic problem coupled with the desires of the citizens will give direction and backing to our City, County and State Officials in solving this problem and continuing the growth and development of this, our Southeast corner of Iowa.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

FORT MADISON JAYCEES & FORT MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. Is there a problem with traffic flow (congestion) in the city of Fort Madison? YES NO

2. Do you want something done about it now? YES NO

3. Are you willing to pay for it with a bond issue or special tax if necessary? YES NO

4. Are you willing to have a state funded 4-lane improvement of the existing Highway 61 route? YES NO

5. Should the city extend other streets past the far west end shopping district to provide more than one way to get through the city? YES NO

6. Should the state and federal departments of transportation build a highway by-pass around the city of Fort Madison? YES NO

7. Do you live in Fort Madison? YES NO

8. Write any additional comments in the space below (please type or print legibly).

PART I DIVISION 1

Ballot Separation
Fort Madison Residents Ballots

1A.	Bank & P. O. Box	1A-1
1B.	Supermarkets	1B-1
1C.	Industry	1C-1

PART I DIVISION 1

Fort Madison Resident

1A. Bank & P.O. Box

Location	Bank & P.O. Box Ballots	Fort Madison Residents Sub Totals
Central States Investment Company	18	18
Fort Madison Bank & Trust Co.	201	219
Fort Madison Savings & Loan	42	261
Iowa State Bank	81	342
Jaycee P.O. Box	70	412
Lee County Bank	101	513
Midwest Federal Savings & Loan	38	551
	Total	551

PART I DIVISION 1

Fort Madison Resident

1B. Supermarkets

Location	Supermarket Ballots	Fort Madison Resident Sub Total
Abels	18	18
Aldi Foods	32	50
Easter Foods	284	334
Greenwalds Red Fox	373	707
Handy Corner	56	763
Huetts Grocery	22	785
HyVee	573	1358
Naifeh	16	1374
Ron's Market	50	1424
Seven-Eleven	29	1453
	Total	1453

PART I DIVISION 1

Fort Madison Resident

1C. Industry

Location	Industry Ballots	Fort Madison Residents Sub Totals
Amax	20	20
Armour-Dial	109	129
DuPont	86	215
First Miss	149	364
Fruehauf	73	437
Midwest Wax	40	477
Sheaffer-Eaton	199	676
	Total	676

PART I DIVISION 2

Ballot Separation

County and Other Ballots

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PART I DIVISION 2

County and Other

2A. Bank & P.O. Box

Location	Bank & P.O. Box Ballots . . .	County & Other Sub Totals
Central States Investment Company	0	0
Fort Madison Bank & Trust Co.	22	22
Fort Madison Savings & Loan Assn.	8	30
Iowa State Bank	6	36
Jaycee P.O. Box	21	57
Lee County Bank	21	78
Midwest Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	4	82
	Total	82

PART I DIVISION 2

County and Other

2B. Supermarkets

Location	Supermarket Ballots	County & Other Sub Totals
Abels	1	1
Aldi	3	4
Easter Foods	43	47
Greenwalds Red Fox	62	109
Handy Corner	3	112
Huetts Grocery	2	114
HyVee	188	302
Naifeh	3	305
Ron's Market	4	309
Seven-Eleven	7	316
	Total	316

PART I DIVISION 2

County and Other

2C. Industry

Location	Industry Ballots	County & Other Sub Totals
Amax	26	26
Armour-Dial	55	81
DuPont	24	105
First Miss	68	173
Fruehauf	39	212
Midwest Wax	8	220
Sheaffer-Eaton	100	320
	Total	320

PART II DIVISION 1

Ballot Tabulation

Fort Madison Resident Tabulation

1A.	Bank & P. O. Box	1A-1
1B.	Supermarkets	1B-1
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PART II DIVISION 1

Fort Madison Resident

1A. Bank & P.O. Box

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	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Central States	18	0	18	0	8	10	6	13	11	5	18	0	18	0	5	13
Ft. Madison Bank & Trust	196	4	195	5	103	91	70	125	107	87	176	21	200	2	80	120
Ft. Madison Sav. & Loan	35	2	36	1	23	11	29	7	32	3	26	10	36	0	15	18
Iowa State Bank	81	0	78	0	44	35	44	0	58	0	73	8	81	0	36	43
Jaycee P. O. Box	67	1	65	2	33	28	27	40	42	17	63	7	70	0	50	20
Lee County Bank	111	1	111	1	52	56	52	56	83	26	102	7	112	0	42	0
Midwest Fed. Sav. & Loan	38	1	38	1	22	18	27	9	28	9	31	10	36	1	12	27
TOTAL	546	9	541	10	285	249	255	250	361	147	499	63	553	3	240	241
%	98	2	98	2	53	46	50	50	71	29	89	11	99	1	50	50

PART II DIVISION 1
Fort Madison Resident
1B. Supermarkets

	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Abels Groc	18	1	16	1	0	16	13	6	14	3	12	6	13	0	3	10
Easters	284	1	276	7	155	113	152	135	210	56	208	77	285	0	101	186
Greenwalds	360	12	353	14	184	177	192	160	261	85	334	28	364	3	110	86
Handy Corner	55	3	54	4	24	31	33	24	45	12	50	2	54	1	14	42
Huetts	20	2	19	3	7	15	6	17	11	10	20	1	20	0	6	16
Hy-Vee	590	17	572	10	311	249	313	274	438	131	539	41	590	4	200	342
Naifehs	17	0	14	0	5	11	7	8	11	5	13	2	16	0	8	0
Rons Market	48	2	48	2	14	31	29	19	39	10	49	1	49	0	8	0
7-Eleven	27	1	27	1	18	9	17	10	20	7	25	2	29	0	5	24
TOTAL	1419	39	1379	46	718	652	762	653	1049	319	1252	160	1425	8	460	706
$\frac{1}{2}$	97	3	97	3	52	48	54	46	77	23	89	11	99	1	39	61

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PART II DIVISION 1
Fort Madison Resident

1C. Industry

	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Amax	20	0	20	0	11	8	13	6	16	3	18	2	19	0	5	14
Armour-Dial	89	0	87	12	45	40	51	34	55	31	83	5	87	0	24	62
DuPont	85	2	82	4	32	53	42	41	46	37	80	4	83	1	36	49
First Miss	145	0	144	0	72	80	72	79	88	64	144	4	155	0	28	0
Fruehauf	49	1	54	2	27	21	29	16	34	11	64	8	72	0	11	62
Midwest Wax	39	1	39	0	31	8	39	5	32	1	36	3	38	0	0	0
Sheaffer	196	4	192	7	64	125	124	66	152	43	175	18	197	1	60	136
TOTAL	623	8	618	25	282	335	370	247	423	190	600	44	651	2	164	323
%	99	1	96	4	46	54	60	40	69	31	93	7	100	0	34	66

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PART II DIVISION 2

Ballot Tabulation

County & Other Tabulation

2A.	Bank & P. O. Box	2A-1
2B.	Supermarkets	2B-1
2C.	Industry	2C-1

PART II DIVISION 2

County & Others

2A. Bank & P. O. Box

	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Central States																
Ft Madison Bank & Trust	22	0	22	0	12	6	11	8	14	5	20	2	0	22	11	12
Ft. Madison Sav. & Loan	4	0	4	0	3	1	2	2	1	3	4	0	0	4	3	1
Iowa State Bank	6	0	6	0	3	3	3	1	5	0	6	0	0	6	5	1
Jaycee P.O. Box	34	1	35	0	11	13	10	24	17	9	34	2	7	31	28	12
Lee County Bank	20	0	20	0	11	8	8	12	14	5	20	0	0	20	8	10
Midwest Fed. Sav. & Loan	8	0	8	0	2	5	4	4	8	0	6	2	0	8	3	5
TOTAL	94	1	95	0	42	36	38	51	59	22	90	6	7	91	58	41
%	99	1	100	0	54	46	43	57	73	27	94	6	7	93	59	41

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PART II DIVISION 2

County & Others

2B. Supermarkets

	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	Yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Abels Groc.	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Easters	41	0	41	0	14	21	27	13	29	5	39	3	8	35	27	17
Greenwalds	61	3	61	2	33	20	36	19	47	11	49	9	0	63	20	44
Handy Corner	4	0	4	0	2	2	3	1	4	0	4	0	0	4	2	2
Huetts	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2
Hy-Vee	186	3	185	3	105	61	121	63	148	34	172	18	0	191	75	113
Naifeh	3	0	3	0	1	2	0	3	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	3
Rons Market	4	0	4	0	0	3	3	1	2	1	4	0	0	4	2	2
7-Eleven	7	0	7	0	3	4	5	2	5	2	5	2	0	7	2	5
TOTAL	339	6	308	5	159	115	196	104	239	54	278	33	8	310	128	189
%	98	2	98	2	58	42	65	35	82	18	89	11	3	97	40	60

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PART II DIVISION 2

County & Others

2C. Industry

	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Amax	26	0	25	0	12	13	14	13	23	3	25	0	0	26	10	12
Armour Dial	55	1	55	1	26	26	37	17	48	7	53	3	0	57	29	25
DuPont	24	1	24	1	19	10	12	12	16	9	20	5	0	25	9	15
First Miss	63	1	63	1	37	23	35	26	38	23	64	0	0	64	26	38
Fruehauf	23	0	31	0	10	9	12	5	15	2	39	0	0	39	9	26
Midwest Wax	7	1	6	1	4	3	4	3	7	0	7	1	0	8	2	6
Sheaffers	100	0	98	1	41	46	70	22	89	8	98	1	0	99	29	72
TOTAL	298	4	302	5	149	130	184	98	236	52	306	10	0	318	114	194
%	99	1	98	2	53	47	65	35	82	18	97	3	0	100	37	63

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PART III DIVISION 1

General Comparison

Fort Madison Resident Comparison

1A - Banks, Supermarkets & Industry

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(Totals & Percentages)

PART III DIVISION 1

Fort Madison Residents

1A. Bank, Supermarkets & Industry

	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1A Bank & P.O. Box	546	9	541	10	285	249	255	250	361	147	499	63	553	3	240	241
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1A Bank & P.O. Box	% 98	2	98	2	53	46	50	50	71	29	89	11	99	1	50	50
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1B Supermarkets	1491	39	1379	42	718	652	762	653	1049	319	1252	160	1425	8	460	706
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1B Supermarkets	% 97	3	97	3	52	48	54	46	77	23	89	11	99	1	39	61
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1C Industry	623	8	618	25	282	335	370	247	423	190	600	44	651	2	164	323
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1C Industry	% 99	1	96	4	46	54	60	40	69	31	93	7	100	0	34	66
F. M. Resident Total	2660	56	2538	77	1285	1236	1387	1150	1833	656	2351	267	2629	13	864	1270
F. M. Resident %	98	2	97	3	51	49	55	45	72	28	90	10	99	1	41	59

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PART III DIVISION 2

General Comparison

County & Other Comparison

2A - Banks, Supermarkets & Industry

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PART III DIVISION 2

County & Other

2A. Bank, Supermarket & Industry

	total	#1		#2		#3		#4		#5		#6		#7		#8	
		yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2A Bank & P.O. Box	94	1	95	0	42	36	38	51	59	22	90	6	7	91	58	41	
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2A Bank & P.O. Box	%	99	1	100	0	54	46	43	57	73	27	94	6	7	93	59	41
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2B Supermarkets	339	6	308	5	159	115	196	104	239	54	278	33	8	310	128	189	
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2B Supermarkets	&	98	2	98	2	58	42	65	35	82	18	89	11	3	97	40	60
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2C Industry	298	4	302	5	149	130	184	98	236	52	306	10	0	318	114	194	
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2C Industry	%	99	1	98	2	53	47	65	35	82	18	97	3	0	100	37	63
County & Other Total	731	11	705	10	350	281	418	253	534	128	674	49	15	719	300	424	
County & Other %	99	1	99	1	55	45	58	42	79	21	93	7	3	97	45	55	

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PART IV DIVISION 1

1A Banks & P.O. Box

Central States Investment Co.	1A1
Fort Madison Bank & Trust Co.	1A2-1A6
Fort Madison Savings & Loan	1A7-1A8
Iowa State Bank	1A9-1A11
Jaycee P.O. Box	1A12-1A16
Lee County Bank	1A17-1A19
Midwest Federal Savings & Loan	1A20-1A21

Central States

They put all traffic on Ave. H by putting these one way streets in town. They have no traffic at all on them so why have F - G - D - C

They put all the traffic on Ave. H because they made all one way streets.

By-pass is the only way to go.

Fort Madison is too narrow of a town to put a 4 lane through it. Use by-pass.

4&6 contridict each other--lets just widen hiway 61 a little.

Installation of stop lights, left hand turn lanes, at west end 48th st., etc.

Gentlemen; Concerning the traffic through Fort Madison, may I say that it isn't as bad as folks say and I hope that the highways go through Fort Madison. May I also say that Fort Madison is the finest city of any in the United States, with a great deal of historic behind it.

May I say that Fort Madison is honored to have the greatest family of Industries of any city in the U.S. These Industries are of the most top grade and my Hat is off to them. It is my hope that these industries would try harder to hire workers from our imediate city rather than those out of the city. These local Workers would help the banks and also Savings and Loan Organizations that have been here the past twenty years or more, by their savings or loan accounts.

May I also say the my hat is off to Mr. C. E. Richards for the great job he is doing to increase our family of Industrial Organizations here in Fort Madison.

May God bless each and every one that trys just a little harder to bring about the items mentioned. Fort Madison is not a great city of our state and nation, "It is the greatest". Thanks

By-pass please

By. pass only answer

by pass only way

Widen and H & L to 4 lanes. Later on put in a by pass north of city

by pass only

NEED BY PASS

by pass only

by pass only

the only answer is by pass

By pass.

A by pass is needed but won't solve city problem through city from local traffic to heavy on 61 from busines & factory on west end

By pass is the only reasonable solution. It is impossible to go to West end shopping area without driving problem.--Quicker to drive to Burlington now than to drive out to Fort Plaza area, & safer too.

There has been enough talk about this its time some action was taken

In my opinion the through traffic problem has gotten to the point that most any solution would help. Have lived here 3 years and have seen it get worse & worse
Please do something!!

There should be a by-pass put around this city by all means this should have been done a long time ago.

Ft. Madison Bank Trust

The in-town traffic problem should be dealt with before a determination is made to build a by-pass.

We need some improvements on some of the street that are in poor conditions

We need bus transportation thru Ft. Mad.

Please do something in the near-future. I lived away from this city and recently moved back and can see a great growing problem with traffic during the two years away from Ft. Madison!

Rt 61 in Ft. Madison is much worse than many much larger cities in congestion. We need a straight through st w/ no or few stops.

35th & L needs more traffic control. Can't see around Humbirds

THE STATE AND FED HAVE PUT OFF ACTION FOR MANY YEARS __LET'S GET BUSY AND GET SOME RESULTS

Lets get moving or something

When are you gonning to fit the street 1135 G

Local traffis is big problem. All big trucks a safety hazard
By-pass ok eventually but local improvement first.

Going thru Ft. Madison is a night mare.

HURRY!

Anything will be a step in the right direction. A by-pass will reduce out of town traffic.

Bye Pass

By pass

I think the by-pass is the best way to go but if that wouldn't b the 4 lane highway would be best, in the long run.

Run H61 NORTH OF CITY

Traffic is horrible in town especially Ave H and G

#6 Yes, but not until a city route has been establishes and or improved. All traffic surveys have shown local traffic generates our problems so a city route must come first. Left turn lanes are vital. The two 90 degree turns at 18th street should be eliminated, if possible.

If a by-pass is done now, local traffic will be reduced very little and we'll still have serious problems that will get worse, for years to come.

The traffic load and lack of control and turn lanes onthe present high way west of town borders on the criminal! Do we have to wait for a fatality before we get action?

What we have now will do. People in F.M. aren't rich.

On# I do believe that parking will be needed at eating places

Ft. Madison Bank Trust

If there was a Hwy 61 bypass around the city of Ft. Madison I believe this would solve our traffic problem. There is only congestion on Ave L

#5 is the key to the city traffic problem. The existing streets should be extended and they should remain parallel and perpendicular to each other. In this way city residents could & would travel on all the streets and leave highway 61 freer for out of town people who need to pass through. All new subdivisions should be required to be laid out in the same parallel perpendicular pattern as the rest of the city*. It would also help if they were required to use the existing Ave ABC etc. & 1st, 2nd 3rd etc. for naming rather than switching to odd names.
*Dead end streets should be avoided if possible.

At last someone in Fort Madison is getting a brain in his head and letting the people of this town say what they want. I say by-pass

We need the new shopping Center near TG&Y

4 I favor a 4 lane highway along hwy 61 west to ease congestion in the west end shopping area not in the east end of town.

Prime importance is to get trucks carrying inflammable products out of the congested downtown area. The present route is extremely hazardous.

If Hwy 61 stays as is there should be "No Parking" on it all the way thru town.

It's important that the intown improvements be made before a by-pass is considered.

Every day I drive 50 mo more or les in Fort Madison every were so I know what the big traffic problem is. A man from Florida told me this fall after 2 week here, that this is the worst place he ever drove in.

This is a state job and invarous way our tax have paid and nothing done. It is to hard for traffic to get from one side of 61 to other. The city fathers has let to many builders cut off all throught streets to west end of town. Ave D & E could of went north of Dupont to 48st or farther west

#6 Yrs. after hiways within the city has been taken care of.
#3 State and Federal government should pay except for those streets within city and for city on lg (no5)

LCTI is no good unless it includes downtown parking to replace the parking it eliminates and also gets rid of the two sharp turns on 18th st.

If they have a 4 lane highway going through Fort Madison How do they think people would ever get across the street. We have a hard time getting across now.

The highway commission of Iowa has bypassed Keokuk and now will by-pass the little town of wever, yes, so why not Ft. Madison, which is a bottle neck to through traffic. Anyone wanting to to to Keokuk will go. we do same for Ft. Madison.

Ft. Madison Bank Trust

I am strongly in favor of by-pass

Lets start right now.

Please give us some consideration before someone gets killed!!!!

State highway ----state should fund all rework of H61W HURRY!

Build a bypass to reduce the congestion, then, work on the highway 61 in town.

A by-pass would sure help.

Congratulation on this presentation. An Excellent idea & long overdue. It is a good start.

Some of these question are not black & white & it is difficult to answer yes or no.

#3 I would be willing to pay for a part of it with bond issue or special tax. #4 I am not sure this would be feasible it depends on available land.

#6 I think we need to be looking at a period of time 20 to 40 yrs. area change. Would it effect business downtown- all sorts of questions.

Bypass

bypass only

It is impossible to drive out to the shops at west edge of town without a real hazard to life & limb.

Much in need of a by-pass.

Need a by-pass.

Constructing a by-pass around the city would definitely be the best solution to the traffic problem. It is a ridiculous waste of time when it takes at least 30 minutes to drive through a city the size of Fort Madison. As for the argument that a by-pass would be a threat to the so called 'Business District', it is high time THAT WE FACE THE fact that it has been DEAD for a long time and it is past time to remedy that situation. Now is the time to deal with the traffic problem before it gets any further out of hand and also becomes a lost cause.

We should go around any city----by-pass

By pass Fort Madison

By pass onlyneed a by pass

need a bypass

Do it now

By pass only

By pass only

Fort Madison Bank & Trust

The city and state should hire a public relations man from different locality who is not interested in personal gain to visit with people now living in path and right away of original route suggested by the city and Dot. to see if these people have a different attitude toward this location. If so, perhaps the original route suggested could be used.

City Council stupidly refusing to cooperate has kept us from having a decent hi-way system. Let the Dept of transportation give us what they will. Now

Put the "D" Highway out of town too much traffic in town the truck are ruining the STREETS

Take care of the city traffic & congestion Highway 61 & 48th FIRST then to by-Pass. Please-do something before a fatal accident

To make Ft Madison a progresive town and a better place to live all of the items should be done , at least in the next year to Five years.

We need a by-pass around the city of Fort Madison.

At least there should be more stop and go lihts at the proper heavy traffic areas

#6 a must!

Despite the number of new industries that Ft. Madison has attracted in recent years, our population has remained the same. One way to make our city more convenient and attractive to newcomers would be to eliminate the bottleneck that is Hwy 61. We need more through streets as well as a safer and more direct rt. 61. 18th street from H to L is a hazard as well as an inconvenience. And I do not view a by-pass as a threat to business if this other improvements are made as well. Thank you Jaycees, Chamber, Evening Democrat and KBKB for promoting this survey.

The local businesspersons are of one mind as to the by-pass - it would hurt the town. It is already dead. I have lived here all my life. The by-pass didn't hurt Montrose. It made it a better place to raise a family and the peace that the older persons like. If you have ever lived on the local #61 in town and tried to get on to the street from a side street you can spend any length of time trying to move into traffic. A by-pass north would not hurt the town. If trucks and etc. had to come, they would

(#6) This should have been done several years ago. Too many influential people are afraid of losing a nickel... The truckers all call this the worst mess around. It takes longer to cross town that to drive to Burlington or Keokuk.

Should be states obligation to meet the cost (rather than bond issue).

15-20 years is too long to play games. The people want changes in traffic plan but no alternatives have been given. Ave H & G should have been developed long ago. Instead, the city has battled itself in letting housing areas be built with no east/west streets. You are doing it again in Golden Acres and the new area west of it. Lets do some planning with foresight. Don't let DuPont block you in anymore. The by-pass would move more traffic around the city than you think. When you can go 5 miles in 7 minutes that beats 30 minutes in a traffic hassel any day. Lets get a by-pass from hwy 2 & 61 to the north. But we already screwed up the DOT at that newly regraded area. Now we can spend another million on another intersection 10 yrs. from now.

I think the State should pay for it.

I work in Fort Madison. I've never seen a mess like this. Los Angeles is easier to get through.

I feel the State should be responsible for any action on the matter.

Let's get the present 61 improved at once. Eliminate the corners on 18th & Ave H and 18th & Ave. L.

I think the State should pay for it.

Ft. Madison Savings & Loan (Downtown)

By pass can come later.

We need both.

Let us decide what is good for Ft. Madison as a community and let us leave the racial issue out of this.

Get the by-pass first! Some of the congestion should be gone. Then worry about improving the other road.

I think D.O.T. is responsible for upgrading the highway and they are dragging their feet in this part of the State.

I have a business on Ave. H and strongly object to the "No Parking" along Ave. H. I know I speak for the majority of businessmen there.

Just use the tax dollars wisely and get something for your dollar and you will have plenty of funds.

I think the by-pass is the only feasible solution to the traffic congestion problem. However I also feel that the only feasible location is along the tracks of south Ft. Madison following the river. There isn't that much that would be displaced and the people (Minorities or whatever) would be much better off and have much nicer housing than the shantys they live in now. I do not want to see a by-pass north of Fort Madison.

There would be less traffic and accidents if we had an adequate bus service. Not just a bus service, but one that could take passengers as far as Fruehauf and students to the schools. Then these people could leave their cars at home. I would.

One thing the Jaycees have failed to tell the people of Ft. Madison & the surrounding area is that the by-pass will not correct the immediate needs of a solution to the problem. Also, that past studies have shown that most of the traffic begins and ends within the city and that the by-pass will not solve this problem. The by-pass will only benefit the minority portion of the traffic that would otherwise come through the city. By not being aware of all the facts makes it impossible to answer this survey with any accuracy what-so-ever.

The highway system through and around Ft. Madison is 20 years behind the times. Cuty fathers - the council must be much more aggressive about seeing that our needs are taken care of now. They cannot stop with threats and suits by minority or anyone. All agencies of the local community must push hard for it now.

I feel the only way we can get any results toward our traffic problem is to get some political backing, like the situation was at Burlington up to this point we are just being pushed around. Again I say, let's get some of these politicians on our side, after 20 years of bickering. Good luck Jaycees - we need it.

It takes as long to get through the city of Ft. Madison as it does to drive to Wever from the city limits. Especially when factory workers at Sheaffers Plant #1 and when school children use the lights provided. Some children just push the light to see traffic stop. At some of the intersections, cars park too close to the stop signs and block the view of traffic trying to get on the highway.

We need our truckers to get in Madison, consider them, they could boycott this town.

We need something done in this town; and this sounds like a solution to the problem! Let's go!

Do it now while we can still afford it.

#3 - I feel it is a state obligation, but if necessary yes I feel we are getting the short end of the stick as far as being taken care of by the state. I think we should consider proposition 13.

Stop fooling around and do something! 10 years of haggling is enough.

Hurry Up!

Favor by-pass after 4 lane improvement.

Some traffic lights should be installed on the present hwy 61 thru city for the benefit of local drivers, especially on hwy at HyVee. It is almost impossible to enter Ave H or Ave. L during heavy traffic.

Needed by-pass 30 years ago.

If a by-pass doesn't clear up congestion west of town, I'd change this answer. Gas taxes should handle it, not a bond issue. Perhaps a 4 lane would be appropriate from the Cove to Armour Dial.

This city is about the only city that doesn't have a by-pass and the truckers and travelers don't want to stop here. A by-pass would put all that traffic outside the city and make safer and less congested streets for the residents.

We need a light at 8th & H or 9th & H or both.

What could help what we have if people would pull to the side that they are going to turn instead of stopping in the middle of the street, it would help and stop parking on the curve. That could help the flow of traffic. I thought it's against the law for someone to do that anyway but it doesn't seem to be that way in Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Let's consider our area for a change instead of Iowa City, Des Moines, Davenport or Cedar Rapids.

First take care of traffic on Ave. H and highway 61 - it's disgraceful and hazardous. Then after that, the by-pass. For a town as progressive as Fort Madison, it's disgusting something hasn't been done before this. A firm stand must be taken soon!

Replace traffic signals on 18th and Ave. H. Have police direct traffic at busy times around schools. Limit parking on 34th St to one side by school.

Put the highway around town, get rid of traffic.

They don't build highways through towns. That was back in horse and buggy days. Let's try getting with the times.

I would like to see a by-pass of the city just to the north of Burlington hill with a 48th St., highways 103 and possibly Hwy. 88 accessible. Work on this starting as soon as possible.

The traffic is so bad that we can't hardly get on the road or off, and something should be done soon. We should have a four lane highway, plus a by-pass around the city, to keep the traffic moving.

Expedite now

1. eliminate all parking on hwy 61 in city.
2. correct to best degree, turning radius at 35th St. - 18th and L - 18th and H - 20th and L - 20th and H.
3. Make 18th St. one way east bound from L to H with no parking.
4. make 20th st. one way west bound from H to L with no parking.
5. Widen as needed, using both sides of parking to make uniform with now widest part - from 35th st to 2nd st.
6. Coarse Ave. H from 18th to 20th would be a new part of hwy 61.

There should be regulated traffic lights from 18th st west clear out to the Ford Co.

Anything that is done will help. This is highway and state should foot the cost.

Most communities build new highways around towns or buy up large access to insure no one needs live close to a highway. An example of the latter is the freeway in Burlington. I favor a by-pass, but a freeway such as in Burlington is acceptable.

~~#4 - Only if we don't get a better route. #6 - A by-pass will not relieve our present traffic flow during peek hours. The City Council should vote to pay our fair share.~~

Why tear the city of Ft. Madison up to put a highway through the heart of the city, which would not help the congestion. The city of Keokuk and also Burlington is by-passed by highway 61, so why not Ft. Madison?

We are about 20 years late for moving traffic in this city.

I already pay 40% of my income for taxes. If the money is used right by our elected officials, there should be enough money for highways without further taxing or a bond issue. Something desperately needs to be done about the traffic flow through Ft. Madison.

Why should the highway come through town. Why should there be a bond issue even considered by the Council, especially when the government offered to pay 90% and the State 10%. All we would have to pay for the by-pass is 10%. I think that this whole hassle is for special interest groups instead of for the people. We need that by-pass. Displace cows, not taxpaying people.

This should have been done ten years ago. What about stoplights?

They don't generally put through highways through cities, and I don't think we should.

City officials' refusal to accept proposals of highway engineers is the reason this highway has not been built. The highway department wanted to improve it 20 years ago. See what has happened in Keokuk? We want to park on the highway. I don't know of any 4-lane highway where you can park on half of it. Change their minds or change the officials.

What consideration is being given to the pedestrians? It means taking your life in your hands now to cross Avenue H to get to Riverview Park, the Museum and places of business. Also, are you considering the bottleneck created by the bridge which would only increase if the highway is widened.

Build the by-pass now. We are 15 years behind.

I would like to have some kind of transportation in our city for people like myself that don't have cars. I would like to be able to go to town at least once a month.

Please quit listening to the city father cry babies: "What was good enough for us." Progress is important and progress means change.

If a by-pass of the city is built, traffic in the city would be easier for industrial workers to get to and from work. If people traveling want to shop in Ft. Madison, they will. Most highways today by-pass cities, which makes it much easier for everyone concerned to travel.

If a by-pass is the answer, then highways 2, 88 and 103 must be improved to provide access to Ft. Madison. Re question #5 - It is a solution if a by-pass is not accomplished.

A north by-pass around the city is the answer to the city of Ft. Madison, or the 4A route.

Proponents of improving the existing highway 61 route should make a head count of the obvious through traffic units that travel the route in a given period without intent or purpose to stop within the city limits. Questioning the destination of every vehicle would provide greater accuracy, however, just the number of semis, campers and passenger cars (other than Iowa and Illinois) would confirm the need for a by-pass highway. In further consideration, it is only a matter of time before a serious accident with loss of life will occur in the area of the far west shopping facility. You take your life in your hands every time you exit from or enter highway 61 from the ever-increasing shopping and commercial units. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Question #3 is absurd. We already pay gasoline tax for the purpose of building by-passes and road improvements. Why should even the question of a bond issue or special tax even come up? Any attempt to build a monumental 4-lane race track for highway 61 truck traffic through the heart of our old city would be to commit logistical hari-kari and would be a mortal blow to the retention of any historic values of our city and would kill our downtown commercial area.

I would like to see a by-pass build soon. Some people in Ft. Madison call highway 61 through and west of Ft. Madison 'suicide alley.' Let's do something about it.

The traffic situation into and through Ft. Madison is abominable and a disgrace for a fine, growing community such as ours. I think we should have both #4 and #6. Even with a by-pass, we would still have a traffic problem in the city. We have tolerated this poor situation long enough, so let's get on with it!

A by-pass around the city would solve any existing traffic problem for the city of Ft. Madison and would be paid for by the DOT. An example of a 4-lane highway put through a city is Muscatine, Iowa. It is terrible and they are now building a by-pass because it did not solve a traffic problem.

I think most of the existing highway 61 route is in pretty good condition. I would like to see the bad parts improved, especially the section that goes by TGY, Jacks, etc. If there is a by-pass built there will really be no need for improving the existing 61.

By-pass is the best way to go. Who needs the big trucks and through tourists bottling up our long, narrow town? If they want to come into town, they will take an off-lane from the by-pass.

Why shouldn't they by-pass around the city of Ft. Madison. They are not missing a thing by by-passing. Why don't you do something for the elderly so they can get around, and get a bus or taxi in this town. You seem to have money to spend for everything else. Do you think that some day you are going to live to be old? Did you or your wife ever walk to a grocery store and carry your groceries home? Just try it sometime. Maybe you will think what it's like and get a bus or taxi in this town. Our taxes and cost of living are going up the same as you, but we don't get a raise in Social Security like you do working, or go on strike to get it. I believe in 'Do unto others as you want them to do unto you.' Think it over.

Congestion can be relieved immediately by removal of the kinks in the present 61 such as the 18th Street turn, through local financing. Opposition by the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce and other special interests to long range relief by a by-pass for through and east to west end traffic will permit State and Federal assistance. Some form of public transportation to east and west shopping and industry areas is essential for those who do not have cars and those who can be encouraged to bus to work and shopping.

It is impossible to get on Avenue H and L during some periods of the day. We are going to have accidents and more people killed if something isn't done very soon about the traffic problem. Why hasn't the city done something before it got so bad?

Re question 3 - I feel that the town of Ft. Madison already has in their funds and plus the funds of the State, that we shouldn't have to pay for a bond issue or a special tax to pay for an improvement of the congestion of traffic.

Traffic congestion on Avenues H and L is terrible and gets worse all the time. The State proposal should have been accepted by the City Council. The traffic problem is critical.

Traffic tieups in the TGY area as well as on Avenue H could be eliminated if the highway were rerouted around Ft. Madison.

Present highway 61 route through the city is basic cause of 98% of congestion problems. Through by-pass arrangement. Financed via road (State/Federal) tax system.

Extend 48th Street from Avenue L to the Bluff Road. Also Crescent Lane, which is all paved except for about 100 feet.

I live on the present route through the city. What we need is a by-pass about five miles out to the north of town. Let us keep our peaceful little city to itself. Bigness is not necessarily goodness or greatness. Quality of life in our town should count for more than dollars from tourists.

Do something before some people get killed.

With 4-lane improvement of the existing highway 61 route, you are taking the parking area of property, thus bringing traffic closer to homes, reducing the value of property and in some instances endangering lives. Our backyard is already useless to us as it is hardly useful for cookouts in the summer with cattle trucks going by and constant emission of diesel fuel.

A by-pass of Highway 61 to the north of Ft. Madison should have been made a long time ago. I never could understand why the city fathers kept pushing for it to continue through the heart of Ft. Madison, a narrow valley lying between the hills and the river, when always the large majority of its citizens have wanted it to by-pass. Increasingly other cities are trying to get rid of in-town highways. So why should we, instead, keep trying to get ours enlarged, thereby destroying many private and commercial properties by chopping off their frontages or destroying their property completely? Any thinking that it would help the economy here has been proven to be wrong. Many years ago the Evening Democrat carried an item saying that contrary to what had been heretofore thought, by-passing of cities with highways had been found to improve the economy of cities, through the building up between the highways and the city proper. Also, it has become increasingly more dangerous to have trucks passing through towns because of the dangerous materials often transported by them. Living in the east end of Ft. Madison (2 blocks from highway 61) I am aware that those who live in, or have businesses in this area, are very vulnerable what with three modes of transportation going through (trains, barges and trucks-and-autos), all of which apparently carry dangerous substances. We were lucky that the overturned train at the bridge recently was carrying nothing dangerous, thus necessitating a quick evacuation by at least us east-enders. Highway 61 would have been impassable for a long time, judging by the experience of such catastrophes elsewhere. And they are happening more frequently. So this convergence of several types of transportation along this vale (of fears?) presents real hazards for this crowded area, and even the whole area. Furthermore, we hear now of how small children are getting lead poisoning from the polluting of the dirt, etc. by heavy traffic through their neighborhoods. Please, let's give the same concern to the hazards on the outside as is now being given, environment-wise, inside the industries all about us.

This traffic problem didn't happen overnight. Someone should have been working on this ten or fifteen years ago.

I think far too much money and time has been spent on the highway project with nothing being decided. We should by-pass Ft. Madison. Anyone wishing to shop in Ft. Madison can use the route for that purpose, but travelers wish to continue on their way.

With a new development back of Madison Baptist Church and at Hillview Village, it is imperative something be done at Avenue L and highway 61. After 3:30 p.m. it takes 15 to 20 minutes to go from 23rd Street to 41st Street. If we go the other way (east) we have to cross the cemetery to get on highway 61. This is not a through street.

We have local traffic problems which the local authorities could correct if they would. Illegal parking, speeding, stop sign violations. Should have one side street parking on the narrow streets - if it passed Council action and was actually enforced. In other words, all of our traffic problems are not necessarily route 61.

We need a by-pass very badly. When we travel to other places, we use the by-passes unless we have a specific reason to go into the city. Local merchants do not benefit from cross-country traffic.

We may not need an extension once we get 61 traffic out of the city.

I would very much like to see something done about the parking on both sides of narrow streets here in the city of Ft. Madison. Some cities have parking only on one side to allow more room for passing cars. One city I was in had parking on one side of the street on even numbered days and on the opposite side on odd numbered days of the month. There were times last winter when driving was especially hazardous due to accumulation of snow left along sides of streets when motorists left cars standing and the plow had to plow around these parked cars. Shouldn't there be a winter parking ban?

Ft. Madison is the only town in the area without a by-pass. With Keokuk and Burlington more progressive than we are, why would anyone in their right mind come here. It is downright disgusting to have such a bunch of backward people holding up such progress. What will our new industries think of the town?

We could use a by-pass, but only after we eliminate the congestion problem in the city first.

Please consider building a by-pass to the north of town. We do not need through traffic in town. Can you promote some city bus service?

If there is a by-pass built around Ft. Madison, we won't have to have a bond issue or extra taxes. They have fought over this by-pass for at least ten years and I think it is time to settle this road argument without tearing up the streets in town. I also think it is a disgrace that the town of Ft. Madison has no buses.

Enough of our highway taxes have been spent around Des Moines, Ames and Iowa City. I think that it is time we get some good of it in southeast Iowa.

We need a 4-lane highway through Ft. Madison now.

We need something done in town now.

Let's do something for our city except sit on our duff. Instead of surveys, spend the money on paving and acquiring a by-pass. It is really needed.

A by-pass would be the best solution to the problem.

Lee County Bank
No 6 can come later

Either #6 or #4 not both

Downtown Ft. Madison cannot afford to lose the parking on Ave. H for its existing businesses and clubs and tenants without alternate parking provided!

~~We need a shopping district other than downtown to help the shoppers and better facilities than we have down town~~

Depends how hard issue or tax was used

I believe we should put pressure on the DOT to get started right away on LOW cost plan on 61.

They have "hassled" this long enough Do Something

The city has created its own problem by insisting that the highway go through the city and their stupid one way streets

If they went back to two way streets and a by-pass around this one horse town they wouldnt have traffic problem.

Should take action as soon as possible.

The only solution to traffic in Ft. Madison is a highway by-pass to reroute this traffic around Ft. Madison not through the town.

City Council should quit fooling around and let the state ge started immediately.

Why should the taxpayers have to pay for a decent highway when the money should already be there. I marked yes, but it should be explained---

We definitely need a by-pass. The DOT survey taken was the biggest farce I have ever seen. If we had a by-pass we would need a couple roads leading into Ft. Madison for local deliveries. This would definitely eliminate Traffic on our city streets.

Get the highway out of Town.

Truck traffic is not only a traffic and noise nuisance, but is also a serious danger to our community with the highly toxic & conbustible loads that they carry.

#3 question--property taxes are high enough!

"Rt 61" should be an interstate from Davenport to St. Louis. This is a dangerous route thru Ft. Madison. Trucks with Propand gas, guels, Chemicals, etc. pass homes and schools. Ft. Madison Council wake up! Do something about it now! This problem is not going away, it only gets worse.

Most traffic is either headed north or South on Highway 61 The Illinois Highways are mostly local traffic. A By-pass is the answer people traveling dont care to sight see in our city. I can't see were our situation is any different from Keokuk and they have had a by-pass for years.

A by-pass of Fort Madison is definitely needed. Some improvement is alsoneeded for inter city traffic flow.

Any place they try to run through Fort Madison some one is going

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I feel the state should improve the existing Highway 61 not necessarily 4-lane all the way through town & also help build a by-pass.

Fort Madison should get in the 20th century The merchants are afraid of losing business with a by pass but I think they would gain

The By pass should have been built when the 4 lane was put in to top of Burlington hill

It is almost an impossibility to get on or off of hi-way 61 any time of the day.

Although the speed limit is 30 it isn't unusual to crawl along at 20, because of bumper to bumper traffic. Something needs to be done NOW!!

If they would quit listening to the Chamber of Commerce & J.C.'s & Sheaffers they would get something done

Not with Bond Issue

Need immediate relief of traffic on highway in Fort Madison

I think there should be a turck Route

Taxes are so high now. Won't our taxes pay.

It seems as though the city can pave alleys and make other seemingly unnecessary repairs & yet it won't repair 34th south of ave L. It is dangerous in the winter and a hazard to drive on. We that live on that street have often wondered why nothing is done to repair it.

It would make entrance and exiting to the highway easier and develop less of chance of a rear end collision accident

We need a shopping Center

Trucks by-pass

If traveling people don't like going thru a city. They don't stop to shop as they will drive to a town by pass & go in to shop. Have traveled with a trailer & talked to a good many people & this is their opinion. If they by-pass the city

Do away with the stop light at 26th & L, have for cross walk only, not for the cars coming up 26th as this keeps tripping the light holding up traffic on 61. No other solution is found

Lets build the By-pass first and then see if we have the congestion or if it goes away

Need for last several years catch up state & local authorities.

Do Something Now

Only solution by-pass

Too much major traffic going through town. Should be a By-pass

#6 Only after the existing 61 is improved.

#3 This should not be necessary 1A18

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to put up a stink like they did on the so called southern route first suggested. Put a bypass around the town and eliminate parking during rush hours on existing highway, there will be no problem.

I think the west end beautification is wonderful. That way when you wait 20 min to get on the highway from a side street you have some thing pretty to look at.

Something Must be done about the traffic problem. We are driving business to other towns. Nothing is going to satisfy everybody. JUST DO SOMETHING!

But only if #6 bypass is positively no possible. #6 is what we need and my guess is that Ft. Madison residents favor this by a wide majority.

Keep up the good work.

Note on #4 & #6 on #4 cut a sweep curve from about 16th to about 19th & L

On #4 & #6 Whichever can be done first and "fastest" we've been in this traffic bind for too long to permit further procrastination & dilly dally.

This is a joint return husband & wife 2 'votes' agree.

No! you'd ruin a good residence street regardless of which you modified, and cluttered it with trucks on hispeed rush thru town

I think the improvement program should involve 3 action.

1. Ask state & federal highway depts. to build a bypass.
2. Ask city to extend ave. L as far west as H&M Chevrolet, and bulld a frontage street on south side of hwy 61 from nursing care center west to Buzant's cycle shop.

Should use the proposed south route. It must not go north of the city. South route originally held up by 5 families?

Do it now.

Speed up slow drivers.

Does the City Council need to be told about question number six?

If something isn't done soon, we're going to be faced with fatalities.

Use the south route along Burlington Northern tracks -- shy? Should all of Ft. Madison suffer and loose out because of misplacement of 5 families.

Use the south route along the tracks. Do not go north of town. We'll die like other by-passed towns have.

Use south route for detour or by-pass.

If you wait any longer to get the 61 muddle straightened out, it will cost more and more. Had you done this before when you first started, it would have been at least one-third cheaper -- taxpayer's money.

Do something about more traffic lights at 27th & L, 15th & H, 35th & L.

It's high time something is done about the traffic problem on Avenue L. This should have been done 20 years ago. Now it costs 3 times more.

A light or other form of traffic control should be erected at Avenue L where the highway comes into the city. There is often a wait of ten minutes or more for Avenue L traffic to continue east.

The town of Ft. Madison does not get its fair share of Federal money. I think we should get enough Federal money to take care of this problem.

It's about time. It's too dangerous.

We need a by-pass around this town badly.

Use south route for by-pass.

If the City Council would have enforced the law of no dead end streets in Ft. Madison, we wouldn't have some of the problems we have. Instead of building a by-pass around Wever and Ft. Madison, why not incorporate it all into one and make it sweep around Ft. Madison and go between Ft. Madison and West Point and bring it out up by the junction of Highways 61 and 16. It wouldn't be costing so much if you would have done this 10 years ago and built a by-pass, instead of fighting between the City and D.O.T. It costs us taxpayers more money when the City guys go to a meeting with D.O.T., whether you go to them or they come to you. Get your stuff together and build a by-pass now before inflation doubles the cost of what it is now.

The D.O.T. has given us the wrong kind of run around much too long.

Make Avenue E a one-way street east. Straighten the Bluff road to alleviate much of the traffic traveling from southwest Ft. Madison to the north central sections. I think even taking parking off Highway 61 and making special lanes for turning left and right would help the traffic flow.

PART IV DIVISION 1

1B Supermarkets

Abels	1B1
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Abel Grocery

By-Pass

Get rid of the traffic inside the city by building a road south of the existing highway. The only way.

Do it as soon as possible. Please.

Do something to Ave. L to stop wrecks.

Big truck traffic on route 61 is very dangerous. Bypass the city.

By pass by all means.

Its absolutely dangerous on Ave. L - those big trucks.

Make the present highway 4 lane no parking.

Aldi's

Extending the streets past the far West limits would be a waste of money if they put a 61 bypass in. Otherwise, it might not be a bad idea. Bypass should go off from Burlington hill and come back and connect with 61 out somewhere by hwy 2.

Ft. Madison should oil some of its gravel streets before paving alleys. Like Ave. A in the East End.

Believe #5 to be most important.

What is our gutless council waiting for. All it would take is for them to give the ok to the State. The council cannot design roads or much of anything else.

If buses were brought back, I would not have to drive 4 to 5 times a day to town. I have to get my relatives to town to pay bills & etc. I would rather ride than drive. My father, mother, mother-in-law and daughter would ride the bus also. I always enjoyed riding the bus. Our city is in bad need of some.

Most people go to Burlington to shop anyway.

It's disgraceful the way the city has failed to cope with these traffic problems for two decades. The State will take care of the highway situation, so let them. It's to Ft. Madison's advantage. If the human circulatory system were in the same condition as Ft. Madison's traffic system, death would be inevitable, and our town is very nearly blocked that badly. Without a solution to the horrendous traffic situation, any growth of population and industry would be catastrophic.

The traffic situation is highly dangerous. Do something now.

I am a Fort Madison citizen and property owner and I am strongly against a four lane highway going thru Ft. Madison. The expense would be in the millions and what would the property owners do with all their homes along Rt. 61 when they widened the streets it would be right in their front door - also what would be done to the cemeteries along the 61 route??? When I travel on trips I am always relieved when I would not have to drive thru cities or towns (they would be by passes) when you want to shop or go into one of these towns you can always take the exit to do so - if they change this now to 4 lane - don't see how it could be done now - you see in 5 years from now they would go around Ft. Madison and all this expense would be for NOTHING NOW.

We've talked about it long enough, it's time to do something.

Aldi's

We desperately need to do something soon in Ft. Madison. Not give the people a target date of 2 or 3 years away as they've been dragging everything along. NOW is the word.

A by pass is necessary.

Get with it now.

I feel a highway by-pass of Ft. Madison would help greatly by eliminating a lot of the truck traffic. If a by-pass isn't done, something should be done about intersections at 18th and H and 18th and L before there is a serious accident. Also, frontage roads along the far west shopping areas might help traffic flow.

Easter Foods

Go Back to 4A for an improved Route Thru town & Fight the Discrimination charges

Highway 61 is terrible. We live on Florence Dr. You can hardly get on Ave. L. at any time. 61 past TG&Y is terrible and should be made wider. I think its the big trucks that is causing all the trouble.

I think this hiway 61 sucks to the max.

Something has to be done

Put stop lights on Ave H downtown and Ave. L

6. by all means.

A by pass should have been placed in existence at an much earlier date.

Put the Highway North of town where it be longs.

It seemes to me the people running this town has spent to much time and money, checking and looking at this thing. If they just put in the 61 by pass in there wouldnt be any traffic problem.

Wake up cancel time are changing-----

1. but only at times when workers go & come from work
2. put up stop signs at intervals so traffic from side streets can get through the lines of solid cars coming on 61 & going
3. Why would it be necessary to pay for it if it was properly-controlled by traffic signs to stop that woulnd cost much to city or highway sommission.
4. Its the wrong way to solve our problem. It is not necessary to have a 4 lane highway in a small town
6. I would prefer that. so parking on 61 would not be prohibited.
8. I live on Ave. L 3000 Block and I do not approve of 150 ft at each end of the blocks to bar car parking. That is too far. The traffic on Ave. L. is only congested at the morning and evening hours when people are going or coming home from work. Sonething could be done for those hours, such as stop lights for E&W traffic but not for all day or night. We have been getting along for years with our highway as is - but the best thing to do is a by pass & extend Streets to west to give people other ways to get to their destinations

Why can't we have a stop light or two on "61" - to check traffic so that cars coming onto "61" from North or South don't have to wait so long. We're supposed to save gas - and waste more by standing still than we burn the whole trip. We're all concerned about the noise and pollution caused by the "semis" going thru town. Everyone I have talked to wants a by-pass. Definitely not if it were to allow heavy traffic on other streets.

A by-pass is the only real long term answer to the Ft. Madison traffic problem.

Yes I live on Ave H. and The congestion is so bad that if you try to go somewhere when people get off work its worse than a jungle. 4 Lanes on 61 isn't going to help. It needs to By Pass this town. So truckers & travelers can get thru. If people want to shop or spend teme here they'll come on into town. But there is really nothing here in this town but work & grocery shopping.

Easter Foods

Please do something to relieve the congestion

Less Jawbone more Plans Please. If you get on Highway where do you park up town with New Beautification of Ave. G

Since street not repaired this year there should be money to improve 48th St North of Ave. L to Bluff Road. That would give to roads West to 48th St.

South of Highway Add $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr. to travel time to work or shopping. If going West in Town you must use Highway or private lane to get 48th St.

Bridge creek about 2500 - N.
Save survey monies to do work instead of Politicing.
Traffic patterns seem same as 20yrs ago. Use highway or Donot go westerly in Ft. Madison.

Complete 48th Street North of Ave. L to Bluff Road.
More East - West thru streets

Complete 48 St North of Ave L to Bluff Road

How about a Bridge over creek about 2500 Ave N

Spend money for street instead of surveys

Don't worry so much about Highway, what about thru street East & West
How about Bridge over creek about 2500 Ave. N

Less politics & surveys would leave money enough to do needed thru streets

Put a signal light at 27th & Ave. L

the By-Pass is the ONLY WAY to Go

A Bypass should have been built 15yrs, s ago

5. Might help

Enough has been spent on survey after survey to apply quite a lot of Money on a by-pass or a suitable solution to the problem. Why tear up the town when eventually we will have to have a by-pass? I wish people would get their hands out of our pockets.

A bypass should of been built 15 yrs. ago.

It's absolutely unnecessary to prolong doing some-thing about the traffic. No-one will listen until there are more accidents

Mate 1. Item #3. I voted no because Highway #61 is a State problem also and Fort Madison should not be burden with any manetary investment in a state problem.

Mate#2: The by-pass in my opinion has always been the most practical solution.

A stoplight at 48th St & Highway 61 intersection should be installed immediately.

Easter Foods

Move highway out of town.

Change 26th & L Signal light to 27th St. & Ave. L

I hate Driving in this Town!!!

In reference to question (3). We feel this is an obligation of the state. If necessary we would vote Yes to the bond issue or Special tax.

Additional Stop lites should be provided on those streets which are heavily traveled by School children Jefferson, Aquinas primary are a good example

We don't feel that it should be assessed againts the property owers.

We are loosing Business in Fort Madison because of the Poor Traffic Pattern.

Get Going ---- It has been on Discussion status for 10 YRS--¹₀
Time to Build -----

In reference to question (3). We feel this is an obligation of the state. If necessary we would vote yes to the bond issue or Special Tax

Work on Snow Removal this winter a little more. Thanks

Get this town Straightened out¹

I think that we need a better planning board in town, we waste money on down town beauty projects We have TG&Y and Jack when we could have had a shopping center or Mall. take a look at Richardson School the children have to cross HiWAY 61 to Go home. Traffic Backs up one Half mile or more, Question NO. three says pay for HiWAY 61 with special tax Why it is a state HiWAY. gas.tax allraedy payed. WAKE UP GO around town. or the town will DIE

I think Fort Madison should have some Kind of public transportation System.

BY-PASS IS THE ONLY ANSWER

Why should we have to wait any longer this program started in 1961 5. Let the people who have business there pay for this

ALL STREEETS Should be extended to Hiway #2 before some developer Closes off the Possibility of extending them. At Least Purchase the right of way For Furture use.

4A

It about time they do something about it instead of just talking about it.

Easter Foods

At present it is difficult to get on Highway 61 at anytime of day, from 3:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. it is nearly impossible, Cannot see how a bypass would make a great improvement in relieving congestion. The Councils have been at this for twenty years. Let's take the State's recommendations and get something done now.

This town is very biased, as it is run by bigshots in high-paying office positions instead of people who work for a living.

More stoplights on Highway 61.

I travel all the time, and Ft. Madison is the only town that has the highway through town. I live on Avenue L and the congestion is so bad, I can't even get out to go shopping.

The taxpayers of Ft. Madison have helped highway improvements in other communities all over the State. It is time the taxpayers in their communities reciprocate payment for improvement of highways in and around Ft. Madison.

We need more stoplights or something to break the traffic.

When are you going to do something about it?

We have a very serious problem in Ft. Madison with traffic, from 1st Street to at least the 'Y' on 61 and 2.

Five miles long and only one east-west through street? Get the Council off surveys and on to actual plans.

Even County roads are only one mile apart. Guess Ft. Madison is less important than the County.

Put a stoplight at 48th Street and Highway 61 (Hy-Vee intersection.)

There is no 'family store' downtown since Penneys burned. With all new stores to the west, we need more streets to get out there. Kesslers and the other women's stores are so high priced, the average person can't afford to shop there. The stores downtown are not large enough to carry large inventories. There is nothing to go downtown for since Penneys is no longer there.

The city should build a road to connect with 35th Street and Avenue L, or old Highway 61 to move local traffic off of Highway 61 to other streets through the city.

No one in their right mind or with a love for mankind pollutes a city by running a super-highway through a river valley.

We need a bypass, such as Keokuk, Burlington and Mt. Pleasant have. If we had a by-pass there would not be a problem on our city streets. Tourists who want to stop in Ft. Madison will; those who do not, won't.

The alleys should be checked more often for speed violators. Children have come close to being run down.

Help!

Provide better and safer access to Avenue H in town and also 48th and Avenue L. It behooves us to encourage industries to enter this area as congested as our traffic is.

Current Route 61 should be made a four-lane highway before a by-pass is built. The City Council should stop dragging their feet and see that traffic relief is obtained for current Route 61.

Let us have long-reaching farsight into the long range problem and view the alternatives objectively.

The highway should not go through Ft. Madison. The town is too narrow for the traffic. Pedestrians can't get across Avenue H and Avenue L. It would be as bad if it came in further up Avenue H. As far as making the streets wider, people wouldn't have any front yards.

Need action now.

Traffic is terrible, and things aren't getting any cheaper.

A by-pass is very much needed.

It would be cheaper to listen to the people of Ft. Madison than to hire out-of-town survey crews that know nothing of the town. Whoever heard of a town with no through streets. To go west, it is use the highway or stay home. If you live south of the highway, add 1/2 hour travel time each way to work or store.

We need a by-pass, and 4-lane from the junction of highways 2 and 61 West, to 2nd street, at the Santa Fe Bridge. But, also I think that the major portion should be relocated to the south of the present route from 38th to about 10th Street.

From what I understand, a by-pass around Ft. Madison would be an immense help. It will provide through traffic as an alternative to driving through the City and also would provide a second route for local traffic. Highway 61 through town is drastically in need of traffic control and regulation. The only place possible to make a relatively safe entrance onto 61 is at the intersection of highways 61 and 103.

We need stop signals on Highway 61 at Avenues H and L for access from a few side streets, preferably 15th, 10th and 23rd.

If people want to stop in Ft. Madison, they will come in and stop. A new highway is not getting any cheaper.

Let the State and Federal Departments pay. They have the money. Burlington has somebody to represent all of them.

We feel there is enough money in the road fund to do the necessary by-pass work. We live in the middle of town.

Stop light is needed at 48th Street and Highway 61.

Ten years or so ago a by-pass was considered but no action. Why not? Almost all other towns by-pass. Let's do it.

Put a traffic signal on Avenue H at 14th instead of a school light. Often to get on Avenue H making a left turn, your best bet would be to make a right turn and thus go two blocks out of your way.

There should be laws against parking too close to corners, causing several dangerous blind spots.

To use Avenue L for a through highway would be a disaster. By-passing would be much better. If tourists want to shop in the town, they will stop.

Re #3 -- The folks of Ft. Madison pay through the nose for outsiders.

The State has made a proposal that will solve 75% of our city traffic problem. Let's back the highway's proposal regardless of our so-called city 'do-gooders' who do not seem interested in solving our city traffic problems. Let's urge the City Council to 'get on the ball,' and do something.

By-pass is the only solution. It is impossible to cross Avenue L or to get back on L or 61 when shopping at Hy-Vee, Jacks or T.G.Y.

By-pass is by far the best solution.

We don't need a highway through town. We don't need the traffic problem a highway through town would make.

If we need the highway through town, why don't they run it right down Avenue G so the travelers could stop and shop?

Move stoplights from 26th and L to 27th and L.

I think it would be a disaster to put in a four-lane street through the city. It certainly would not help any traffic flow. If there were only some way to put some clout behind the demand for a by-pass immediately, not 20 years hence. Perhaps the only way is to get our local legislatures to hound the DOT until we get results.

Build east-west through streets. Build a bridge over the creek about 25th and N. Spend money for streets instead of surveys of the surveys. Get out of politics and into road and street work.

Make more east-west through streets. Use our own money and surveys for the above. Put bridge over creek at 25th and N.

Basic Roads

We should accept #4 only if we are assured of #6 at a later date. Improvement of the city route is only a stop-gap. I don't feel that a by-pass would hurt the merchants of the city. If they are good stores people will seek them out regardless of a circle route. In fact, it would be easier for out-of-town shoppers.

Ask any truck driver and he will say he would rather drive ten miles around Ft. Madison than go through it. Somebody in Ft. Madison wants the town to be a one-horse town. For safety, only a by-pass should be built. Get the big trucks off our streets. I have been a property taxpayer for 50 years. These dumbheads who want the highway to go through town should live on the highway. They would change their minds and ask for a by-pass.

I drive most of the way through Ft. Madison every day. The problem is bad and steadily getting worse. If the problem was fixed next week, you would still be five years late. Let's work on the inner-city traffic problem now. As the State develops the highway network, they will probably build a by-pass anyway.

Problem on Avenue L from 35th west. One-way west. Need light on 48th and 61 as in Burlington. Downtown, Avenue H traffic lights at 6th and 10th Streets. Three lanes in front of Post Office. One slow lane by mail box, right turn only to Avenue G. Avenue D, one-way west to east, four lanes to 10th Street. Take traffic off Avenue E coming from Highways 103 and 88.

Greenwalds
they have the money

There is a bad traffic problem all the way down Hiway 61

#6 but could hurt business A few stop lights could help temporarily
Soon!

Need badly

I think its about time something was done-- instead of just talk!

All the time in the past we have put this and the margin of this street down the

The existing non important streets such as Avenues C,D, B, etc should be worked on. They are too narrow and they disgust me. The security and safety of your car rests only in the hands of the driver Some thing should be done immediately.

I favor a by-pass

We definitely should get some thing done. Now!

Lets get started Now on #4 and #5 and #6 Please make a decision
#4 should go east on Ave H to 18th south to Ave L west on L Round widen corners at H and L on 18th St No parking on 4 lane at anytime
#6 Decide Now --we've wasted many years, get trucks with chemicals and other dangerous materials out of town before a major problem is upon us.

Should have been done years ago

The city should improve 61 and a by pass would only hurt existing businesses in F.M.

It takes 20 mins to get out of town at 2;30 to 4:00 in the afternoon
7 5 min to get to work after you get out of town

#6 anybody please!! We need frontage roads by Jacks, Hy Vee and Holiday Inn etc. We need a by pass highway around Ft. Madison now. A member of a past city council told me "the city wants the state to fix up our streets (highway) in T. Madison and then we will push hard for a by pass" This is a dirty, wasteful trick. It is a general feeling the poll of the majority of trucks stopped for business in Ft. Madison was rigged. If only a large group of people would follow the west bound trucks that pass Sheaffer Pen in 1 day, they would immediately see 95% to 98% do not stop in Ft. Madison. This has been done by a group of interested people and the moving vans, gas transport trucks, car transports etc etc. etc. do not stop in Ft. Madison. /The majority of people want one thing now==not ten years from now!! We want a by-pass highway around Ft. Madison.

Can't get on ave to get to work

a by pass around the city of Fort Madison is the only sane plan

Greenwalds

Avenues H & L (Hiway 61) are nearly impossible to gain access to from side streets especially during peak traffic hours.

In the last 40 yrs. there has been almost nothing done to move additional traffic in spite of an enormous increase in the number of vehicles using our streets. If a count was taken of traffic using avenues H & L you would find that it is not transient vehicles that is causing the problem but rather it is local traffic. Poor engineering and lack of knowledge of ways to move traffic is evident from 2nd street to the junction of hiways 2 & 61. It is time our city Council has intestinal fortitude enough to forget petty personal special interest,, and do something about a very bad situation. Other cities can do it. Why can't we? Maybe other cities do not have a stagnant city council. Why not listen to the DOT? They have experience in the field

Please Hurry

Hurry

By-Pass

Sooner the better

The traffic is terrible!

You better fix the streets you've got first

Make sure it gets done too

It's totally impossible to keep your sanity and still get thru town during rush hour
DO SOMETHIN! AMEN

How about a decent shopping center.

#4 improved yes but we need something else like a by pass

This city says that it is growing but the traffic situation is worse than ever .. Also we need a shopping Center!

Get off our A---es and do Something!

I feel Ft Madison has it fairly good compared to some but a 4 lane would be helpful. However if its done I hope it goes through instead of around the city.

Put traffic light back on Ave H

Also more one way streets would be helpful. Especially ave E and H

The Traffic problem is one hell of a mess

#8 There is none

This has gone on too long because of petty bickering

Get something done

Highway should have went around town 20 years ago

1B12

Greenwalds

#1 Not yes, but "Hell" yes!

Everyone I know, just "Hates" to come to Ft. Mad. Because of all the congestion. All you have to do is try to drive thru this damn town & you, can see the problem/ we "Need" a by-pass!

Why dont you do somthing about it and quit talking

Better get something done wright away we can not hardly get out on ave L

3 It all depends on how the money is used.

get going -- not so much chit chat do it now

At present the only town on hwy 61 between Hannibal an Burlington that isn't by passed is Fort Madison. The conjestion on hwy 61 now is intolerable, If the attempt is made to 4 lane the present route it will mean chaotic conditions and judging by the time taken for projects on Hwy218 and Hwy 2 this condition would last for 2 or 3 years. Every person I have talked to since arriving in Fort Madison 17 years ago agrees that a northern by pass around the city is the only practical solution!

Who is causing the delay?????

Do it now---Not 20 years later your stunting growth

Please

#1 ? #2 of course if it exists #5 if they are going to allow the shopping center Come on! we can bypass the city-- how about using hwy 61 w-- as an alternate to keokuk-- I can't see that the traffic "thru" town aids anything truckers hate it

Town is too long too much traffic. Listen on CB to truckers

Get 34th st fixed that has been torn up for over 2 yr when water line froze

by pass hwy 61

Hope Something is done

We definetly need something done!

I hate Highway 61

How bad does it have to be before something is done? The traffic is rediculous and lets get it done now!

We could have had this along time ago had the by pass reute been accepted

Also we shoud have a nice shopping Center all the way from Muscatine, to Hannibal Mo, they have one but Ft Madison has lost its Cab service, its buss service, and its air service, looks like we are at a stand still, Poepel have to drive to Burlington, or Keokuk to shop this dosen't look rite to a lot of us, we have plenty of Factorys which this is good but a lot of money could be spent rite here in Ft. Madison and could employ a lot of poepel, and competition so they say is good for buisness, why not let the poepel of Ft Madison vote on this.

State should provide way fo through traffic to pass through town--

1B13

Greenwalds

Bypass is the best for Fort Madison
with the river beside the highway now to many driver like to look
instead of drive
by-pass please?

There should be a one way street going completely through town one
for each direction

Traffic on 61 hiway is two heavy cross street traffic hasnt got a chance
to get across

There is too much traffic in this town, for a town this size.
Something has got to be done. Highway 61 is almost impossible to drive
on during 2 to 6 o'clock!

Get DOT off their rears & get going

I think the State should pay for it because their the ones that are
using it the most!

Please the traffic is dangerous

With the property tax and sales tax that we in Ft. Madison pay the
State could well afford to pay for and otherwise fund these traffic
improvements

Ave G No right turn on a red lite is stupid should allow turns on any
red lights

I don't want to be late to WORK!

Ave A & bluff road improved to Highway#2

I thank Ft. Madison should have a by-pass like most city & towns.

Why not a northern by pass?????????

It is almost impossible to cross Ave H & Ave L certain times of the
day Need a stop & go sign or lights to change at Hardee's (West)
or 35th & Ave L (King-Link Funeral Home) corner.
would shop more in West End if it was easier to cross highway.

By all means build a highway that will by-pass Ft. Madison.

We dont need, acid, gases, exsposives etc. hauled through town. We
sure dont need jcs to tell us what to do.

There is need for a by pass for the truck traffic, and also thru traffic
that doesnt stop in the city. It seems to me that if a town the size
of Weaver rates a by pass the city of Ft Madison should at least be
considered for one. That is if you can convince the people in this town
that think we need a four lane thru town that if you routed all the
thru traffic around town your streets would probably be adequate for
the local traffic

How many More must be killed be for this traffic problem on "61" thru
& in Ft. Madison is solved.

Greenwalds

I hate the traffic

By pass is the only thing get traffic out of town. Build by pass
First before building 4 lanes south or north

No6 best way

I don't think it should come thru the town.

I would appreciate a stop light somewhere in the East End (East of 18th
St.) to allow me to enter Ave. H safely!

#6 would be preferable over #4 .

61 stinks

More stop lights along highway 61 at Jacks 4 way stop

I think they whould extend a street down 48 to the bluff road as an
alternate route from the west end

Main hiway should be north of city!

Why wait ten more years?

The traffic here is ridiculous!!!!

A few traffic lights with turn signals would help persons get on and
off of Avenue "L" This could possibly get some of the traffic to use
other streets. Compared with larger cities I think Fort Madison does
not have much of a traffic problem.

Fix the street you got

Needmore traffic lights on highway 61 in Fort Mad

s
I favor a route like the once proposed 4A. Also the route should
continue west - south of sacred heart cemetary south of TGY stores
and connect at athe junction 2 & 61

Please!!!A four lanehighway would only help if it by passed the city

High speed route through city

We need less pollution from traffic-- take route around town NOT through
it.

The traffic problem is???????? I believe the way it is now initates
people enough that they wouldn't pationize downtown anyway!

Get going_on this project

Handy Corner

Hurry please!

Hurry and build a new highway and a mall.

~~I think there should be a traffic light at the intersection of 61 and Ave. L.~~

Make no parking on no left turn on highway 61.

There should definitely be a by-pass around F.M. It's the only intelligent way to solve the traffic problem around F.M. Many, many cities are by-passes and if you want to go into them, you can very easily go by an exit. Also if you run out of project for the city, come up with some transportation for people that can't drive or come in by train or bus.

Some of the streets are too narrow.

Should have a by-pass around the city as soon as possible.

Build a decent highway this time and make them smooth.

I think the police department should help in moving traffic at rush hours.

We, city of Ft. Madison, need 4 lane highway.

I feel it is past time to do something about this matter.

Have a highway go around the city.

I think the state and federal departments of Transportation build a highway by-pass around the city of F.M.

Huetts

Getting rid of parking meters is a step in the right direction.
Now get rid of one way streets and we will be advanced way up to
where we were 25 years ago.

HyVee

I live on the east end of Ft. Madison and work in Keokuk. It takes 45 minutes to get to work, fifteen of which is spent getting through town. Anything would be an improvement, preferably a by-pass.

The answer to #6 could be no, depending on the extent of the proposals for #5. The highway situation in Ft. Madison is a joke. Something should have been started years ago. The biggest bottleneck on Highway 61 between St. Louis and the Quad Cities is Ft. Madison, Iowa. That's ridiculous for a town of only 15,000. Every time a new business or industry locates on the west end, the problem gets worse and worse. I answered yes to all questions because I feel that eventually all of the mentioned options will need to become realities. The obvious place to begin, however, is on the existing Highway 61 route.

Something should be done about the corner at Avenue H and 2nd Street. So many persons work in our surrounding factories, it is hard for those going to Burlington, etc. At least that part of Highway 61 could be re-routed.

I think the highway should by-pass Ft. Madison to get trucks and thru traffic out of the city. Also, when they started planning where to build the highway, the D.O.T. said within 5 to 10 years it would be necessary to by-pass our city. They have been planning now for 5 years and traffic has increased, so why waste more tax dollars to build through our city.

The traffic situation on Highway 61 is ludicrous and would have been alleviated long ago by the State in the form of a by-pass if the downtown merchants had not interfered in their desperate quest to force people to shop in Ft. Madison. The downtown merchants need to face reality. People don't shop there, regardless of the highway solution because the selection is poor, prices are not competitive, and service is non-existent.

By-pass.

Why is the Government so tight with our money? Why should we pay twice?

As an Avenue L resident, I would encourage a by-pass. East end residents would use east end exit and west end residents would use west end exit. Ridiculous to consider routing highway through the city. All new highways by-pass towns, especially long sprawled out towns such as our own.

I would like something done about the dirt roads.

If a four lane highway is built through town on the existing highway 61 route, pedestrian over-passes will be a must. Also, all the traffic in the world is not going to help the downtown businesses. There are not enough services downtown to draw local business, much less any out of town people who are passing through town. Highway 61 is a real mess, whether it's to be the main highway or not.

We need city buses.

HyVee

Thru downtown (Ave. G) two way traffic might help. The streets should not be extended because of quiet residential areas (Esp. Ave. G-it would run into DuPont and there would be too many jogs) A stop light at HyVee and Jacks would help ther especially at busy times - A stop light that is timed.

We need a by-pass. Its is terrible. We need some through streets through the city.

Long over due.

We should improve the existing highway to 4 lanes.

If I were a truck driver I would hate to drive through this town. Those turns from Ave. H down 18th & Ave. L are hazards.

We are paying for it now. The have a freeway in Burlington to relieve congestion.

All your congested Ft. Madison traffic is from the city. If believe it would really help if we have a two lane road from East end to west end and a two lane roal from West end to East end. That would be a neat improvement for people going to and from work. Also have a stop and go lite on Ave. L, so people could cross to go the the Sante Fe.

With the largest part or most of the Industrial Business being, and the expansion of the shopping, Restaurants, and Motels locating to the west of Ft. Madison. There have to be a way to relieve the traffic on Ave. L or the present Highway 61.

Get something done about it.

The traffic situation in Ft. Madison is terrible. We need to do something quickly before more people are killed or injured. A town this size should not be burdened with traffic congestion worthy of New York City.

Something has to be done before it becomes a problem that will stop our growth of our city. I was born and raised here.

Answer to question 4. If a 4 lane improvement would exist the traffic wou not move to the inside lane so oncoming traffic could get on the highway, is this could be done it would be nice. I live right off the 61 Highway & also a scholl stop sign, and we have one heck of a time getting on the highway to work, etc.

HyVee

Highway 61 in Ft. Madison can be improved. But any four lane highway should by-pass north over the Bluff.

We've needed this for at least 10 years, a four lane highway around the City.

Our already paid-in taxes for many years past should be accumulated enough to pay for a by-pass. If downtown businessmen keep people from having a by-pass, let them pay for it.

You've got the ball -- now go.

(Re Question #4) Not as the only route through town.

Bad place to pull out at Hy-Vee.

Stop messing around. Highway by-pass is the only solution.

Something must be done.

It's about time.

Traffic is totally horrible for this size of city.

I'm tired of waiting 10 minutes to get out on the highway.

The by-pass would not be much help to traffic. Most industry is in the West of town, and 20% of workers from Illinois. Sheaffer's workers go west. Five or six trucking companies in Ft. Madison.

Impossible to get on Avenue L from Avenue K, or any other place.

Do something now.

For nearly three years we made two trips a day each way, three days a week to the Ft. Madison Nursing Care Center. It was very difficult and dangerous, especially in the late afternoons. Even now to get to and from Hy-Vee, Jack's and TG&Y is nearly impossible, except in the evening. Please do something.

Do No. 6 (By-pass)

HyVee

A bypass will not hurt the normal businessman in Ft. Madison. It will help the traffic problem/

We need a 4 lane by-pass now - Please hurry.

The state gas tax should pay for a state hiway. School children should not cross a state hiway. Have a better planning board in town.

All highways by-pass Ft. Madison.

We need 4-lane highway on 61 through Ft. Madison, But also we need a by-pass around the city. As soon as this gets done expanding, the city will grow twice in size. So do it right the first time.

Suggest by-pass to go around Ft. Madison. (The Bluff Area)

By-pass.

There shouldn't need to be a special tax to pay for better improvements of roads. Instead of so called beautifying. This is not necessary. Use these monies for roads.

By-pass to the north of Ft. Madison and use highways 88, 103 and chalkridge road as Ft. Madison Exits. With improvements to the three roads I've mentioned I believe the traffic flow problem would be elevated.

Item # 4. State funding if re-routing to eliminate the two 18th street sharp turns.

I don't believe we need all that traffic flowing through the middle of town, especially with our children walking to and from school. A by-pass around the city would dislocate fewer homes and help ease the congestion on Highway 61.

Why is Ft. Madison businessmen so afraid of a bypass. It won't cost them any business. In fact if we had a by-pass people might not get so mad about having to fight the traffic and shop here more. Other towns have bypasses and have survived. It is about time Ft. Madison joined the 20th century.

All parking should be taken off Ave. E. Take all parking off Highway 61 from 18th street to 34th street. Allow right turns on red stop. Eliminate left turns on several heavy traveled streets.

Hy-Vee

This should be put north of town.

Widen some of your side streets - this town is on the go - lets keep it going.

We want the traffic out of Ft. Madison.

Driving in this town is a nerve wracking experience. Have one way sections of highway on the west end or even clear through town been considered?

Stop holding back. It's time to do something.

The turning traffic is the biggest problem w/stop and go on the highway which is absurd.

The no right turn on red helps congestion rather than working against it.

The leaders of Ft. Madison enjoy the by-passes at Montrose, Keokuk, Quincy, Burlington, etc. But someone is stopping such progress at Ft. Madison.

I believe that some streets within the city limits could be made into 4 lane streets. Suggested streets would be Ave. L, H, through town. Sometimes its free flowing traffic, other times its not. This could be a solution.

Do not park on existing highway 61 route.

15 years on this matter is crazy, just like the highway people. All the money spent on surveys, ets. could have put up 1/2 of the by-pass by now. So lets spend more money and another 15 years on it. By that time maybe I will not be here and then I won't care about it.

We need both (items 4 & 6) because of semi traffic and because Ave. L is the only main traffic street in town. It is totally congested several times during the day.

Do something Quick.

This is a critical situation.

Get on the stick.

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I would like to have Avenue G or E extended west to avoid the 35th Street and L "death trap." I do not approve having trucks loaded with highly explosive material going through town. Change the road sign ^h to "4 lane ends," at route 61 and 2nd street.

~~Iowa City is going to get a by-pass. We need it more than they. That shows the Iowa D.O.T. does not pay much attention to this part of the State. We need to wake them up to the fact that we are still a part of Iowa.~~

The traffic is horrible.

This town is impossible to drive through between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. It's just ridiculous.

The by-pass should have been started 15 years ago.

(Re #4) This will solve our immediate problem. (Re # 5) This would help, but only if they are through streets without a lot of stop signs. (Re # 6) Long range, after #4.

Do the other things first, and then extend the streets. #6 is a second priority. Get the local congestion taken care of first.

You can drive anywhere in the United States and never find a highway as congested as Avenue L.

More stoplights are needed on 61 around the vicinity of the Colonial Motel.

We definitely need a by-pass now.

Any attempt to improve a highway through town is totally unacceptable. A by-pass is the only answer.

If the cities of Keokuk and Burlington can have a by-pass, then why not Ft. Madison? Help! We need a by-pass.

Avenue L is a bottleneck. We should have had a by-pass 15 years ago.

Do something before someone is killed.

Avenue H is terrible. I can't get out of my car to go to the Post Office

Hy Vee

We sure need a by-pass before more people get killed on this highway here.

Question 1 - Congested traffic is a problem only at certain times of the day

Question 2 - Within a reasonable amount of time - time for planning, etc.

If the present highway is made into a 4-lane highways, the traffic will be practically on the front porches of persons living along the highway. Isn't this a certain type of discrimination, as there are a lot of older people living on Hwy. Don't we have a right to protest as well as the minority group in the southern route proposed earlier. The big trucks that go by on the highway shake our house now and are very noisy - can't have our door open in summer and carry on conversation with anyone.

Our major need is a by-pass on 61. We also need service roads on W 61 to reduce local traffic on the through-way and provide easier access to business houses. I would not like to have "no parking" signs in certain places along Ave. H nor on Ave. L west. The big problem now is access to go across those streets from side streets. Other streets extended could help local traffic get back to their residential area but I wouldn't want those streets used as by pass to 61. The immediate problem is a quick access 61 that does not go through any part of town. It has been a problem for many years as you well know.

Let's get something done now. Why put the inevitable off? A by-pass around the city is my preference. Get some of this traffic off Ave. L and Ave. H.

We will cease to grow unless all these things are donw very soon.

Need improvement on lights at 48th & Ave. L.

In no way should the people of Ft. Madison be obligated to pay for a highway that should have been built years ago by state and federal departments of transportation. We as residents support these departments by paying our taxes already. We don't need a special tax bond issue. These departments build highway by-passes for other cities - why not Ft. Madison too. It is indicative that it should be any other way.

Need more traffic lights.

We need a by-pass to take care of a lot of heavy traffic which we don't need through our city and like most other cities have.

The only real solution for traffic problems in Ft. Madison is a by-pass around the city plus extension of one or more streets to or past the west end shopping district. Why has something like this ballot never been submitted to the voters of Ft. Madison so they could have a voice in the serious problems..It is a disgrace that for 8-10 yrs. nothing has been done to all y traffic congestio .

HyVee

Do it soon before money gets short. The longer you wait the more costly it will be.

This town ranks 2nd to Muscatine in traffic congestion. Pathetic.

By-pass Ft. Madison.

At the present time we need a 4 way stop at 48th street and Highway 61.

We pay gas tax, auto tax, licence tax, property tax, for the purpose of road building. Why do we need a bond issue or special tax. Where does our tax go. A four way stop at 48th st. and Highway 61 would help some and shouldn't cost much.

It should have by-passed Ft. Madison 20 years ago.

Need traffic lights at 48th Street.

I would like to see something done before someone has a terrible accident.

We should have had a by-pass since 1967 when the dept. of Transportation made the survey, of which they are still using to deprive us of the by-pass. We need it now (the by-pass) I don't feel that there is any way to improve the present route of Highway 61 to continue its passage thru this city.

Please build a by-pass. If people want to go downtown, they will go anyhow.

I think Ft. Madison ought to have nice highways. We deserve some of the tax money spent in our area. Look what's been spent in the Burlington area.

Let the State do the road building. I pay a lot of State taxes.

I think if it was put up to a vote by citizens of Ft. Madison, the new highway would by-pass Ft. Madison either south or north.
(Re #5) Not if it will raise property taxes.

It's impossible to pull out on the highway from any side street. Big trucks through town are a real safety hazard. Most all small towns now have a by-pass. Why are we so out-dated?

HyVee

How long do we have wait for a modern by pass like other cities. What does it take for you to get the message what the people want.

Improve 61 through Ft. Madison then build a by-pass.

Trying to go North or South after 4:00 is impossible. If we don't have more serious accidents, we're just plain lucky.

A by-pass must be built now.

If a by-pass is made around Ft. Madison it should be made close to the city itself.

Anything is better than what we have now. Get something done instead of just talking.

It's terrible how many accidents happen around T.G.&Y and Ortho Road. Its almost impossibel to get ontothe highway late afternoon. Something definitely should be done. By-pass is the only answer.

May I say that the highway should go through Ft. Madison, Ft. Madison is a very fine place to live in, as well a well established city it offers many opportunities. May I say that my hat is off to the many industries that helped make Ft. Madison on of the greastest Industrial Centers in our nation. God bless them all. I must say my hat is off to Mr. C. E. Richards for his great work and effort to encourage industry to locate in Ft. Madison. It is my hope that industry will try harder to employ local city workers, thus they will save and borrow from local financial organizations and help our home town of Ft. Madison.

A by-pass around the city should have been done years ago.

Stop lights left hand turn lanes at West end 48th street, etc.

The city should not only have a by-pass, but a logically planned improveme of existing 61.

I think the by-pass would be a lot better for the people who travel a lot. If by chance they would want to come into Ft. Madison they would gladly come in. It seems ther is so many wrecks by the shopping center and also on the Ave. L area. If they by-pass Ft. Madison it would sure help the older people crossing the streets at the peak of the factories getting off work. I saw an elderly man and woman trying to cross Ave. L the other day for better than an hour then some good soul stopped to let them cross and almost got in a wreck himself. Also if they widen the highway on Ave. I wher will the people park that don't have any other means of parking only in front of their houses. It would bring the traffic right up to some of t front doors of some homes on that route. I've visited one family an Ave. I and the trucks go by and shake the house now.

HyVee

The bottleneck at Avenue L and the curve between 35th and 36th Street. A stoplight or even just a short extension of paving on North side of Avenue L.

I think this covers it okay.

Don't have enough stop lights or stop signs.

Why not a bypass along the river and railways for a scenic route and have exits along it for city traffic also. This would also eliminate some homes and some of the uglier Ft. Madison.

This is long overdue; plus I'm sure there would be less accidents. This is twenty years overdue.

The bypass is desirable. Most of the traffic is local.

We do need a bypass very soon.

We don't need two-thirds of the traffic going through town. If people want to stop here, they can get here from a bypass. Plus, a bypass adds additional business and employment in its area. I know a lot of people from this area who would but don't come to Ft. Madison because of the heavy traffic.

A bypass around the city would make it hard on the fast-food merchants. We can't lose any, and without the trade of the people traveling, we could lose some.

After 20 years or so of nothing being done inside the city, anyone by now can see what should be done. What are you fooling around for?

Normal heavy traffic.

Do something about it.

We live in the 1900 block of Avenue L, and if these blocks where the highway is only 31 feet wide are widened to 45 feet or more, our properties would be devaluated and the noise barrier too great. Leave the highway as is. Take out that old building at 18th & L and widen that corner. That would help the large trucks and help traffic in general.

(Regarding Question No. 4) Only if they build a by-pass around the city. It's the only sensible thing.

HyVee

We should have had a highway around the city ten years ago.

(Re Question #6) If the by-pass is put in it should be close to the downtown so it doesn't kill the main part of town.

Highway should run outside of town. The only reason the city wants the highway to run through town is to get a new street.

We need it.

US 61 needs work now.

Any other way would only be temporary.

I am for state funding.

This should have been done 20 years ago. Any improvements to get a four lane should have been approved by the city government.

We need a by-pass badly.

What ever happened to proposal to widen the road at 18th & L? We need access between Jack's and TGY so cars don't have to come on to 61 and go only 1/4 mile and then turn off holding up traffic. At 33rd and L it is a real hassle to get on L from the north when school kids keep punching the button and the light changes to green and 25 cars are lined up on L by then.

The matter of the by-pass and/or four lane improvement of the present highway 61 should be taken out of the hands of our city council and put to a vote of the citizens of Ft. Madison.

Should have made a by-pass 15 years ago. Money spent on surveys in the past would have gone a long way on new route.

Both routes really need to be done. It is impossible to get off of Ave. L to a side street or to get on it. We need a by-pass which would help tremendously.

20 years is long enough to argue about it. It's time for action.

For a city the size of Ft. Madison the traffic situation is not only a hazard, but a disgrace to Iowa.

HyVee

By-pass city only way.

The traffic problem is a hazard to all drivers in Ft. Madison area and is a contribution to high insurance rates.

We live at 31st and Ave. L. It takes us at least 20 min to get out of our driveway on a two lane. What would it take us on a four lane? We would be late for work all the time. We think its the stores uptown that want this four lane on the highway 61. Why do they want all these trucks going through town. My husband is a truck driver. He says all towns this size by-pass.

Fix up the present route until other plans are made. Traffic lights are needed at 48th & Ave. L, along with 5 way stop once again at 18th & H.

We need traffic lights at 18th and Ave. H. Also 18th and Ave. L and 48th & Avenue L.

We need better traffic control at 18th & Aven. H. Also 48th & Ave. L

The reason the by-pass would be nice is to get rid of all the traffic during working hours and I also think if people traveling want to stop and hop in town they will come into the town. I know we do quite a bit of traveling and really appreciate not having to drive through a lot of the towns, but have went into some of them when we needed anything. I've got a lot of friends that travel and they reroute themselves so they won't have to go through the towns so they can travel further in a days time.

I hope they can get an improvement soon.

Need a lot of stop signs to cross in place of waiting to go in flow of traffic. I waited ten minutes to get in line this morning.

Our bottle neck is from local mostly. Why should we issue a bond or special tax when we have such a surplus in our state treasury. If any business is to be hurt by improving local highway in existence he should be compensated.

Traffic flow in Ft. Madison Stinks.

Yech.

Let's get with it and follow the states recommendation as soon as possible.

Do something. Even is it's wrong, do something.

Traffic is bad on Ave. L from 3 p.m. on til 5:30 especially. Impossible to make a left turn so manytimes I turn right and weave back on other streets. This doesn't conserve gasoline.

HyVee

Traffic control is needed at the intersection of 38th Place (south of Du Pont Co) and Avenue L. This intersection is dangerous during the rush hours. Access road from intersection at Hy-Vee west to Jim Baier Ford, both north and south of Highway 61. Traffic control needed at Busard's Trailer Court during rush hours. Need traffic control at two to four block intervals on Avenue H from 4th Street to 18th Street to allow entrance from both north and south side streets. This will be even more imperative in view of Ortho construction in near future. Restrict and enforce rules against double parking on Avenue G in the business district. Both by passenger cars and in particular large trucks. Use police or auxilliary police for the mentioned control, and if necessary hire the additional personnel needed.

We need to have some stop lights, so you can get off side streets.

Badly needed.

By-pass the city. We do all our shopping here, but the congested traffic makes us want to go elsewhere.

Naifeh

Please do something to relieve the traffic problems on Highway 61 before some people are killed.

We want the traffic out of Ft. Madison.

(Re #3) Let the trucks pay -- they're the ones who tear up highways so badly. The railroads maintain their routes of travel, so if the trucks use our highways, they should maintain them.

Four lane through town with no parking, left turn lanes about every four blocks, and no stop on right turn signs. Provide parking for residents by cutting in space to sidewalk if desired. (See what John Naifeh has in front of his store, or go to Denver and see what is done on streets there.) Keep traffic speed up, and put frontal roads in west end of town.

(Re #3) Depends on how much. (Re #5) Do not feel a by-pass would hurt Ft. Madison business district.

Being that the traffic problem is a hassle, something should be done and right away, before it gets any worse.

With a by-pass around the city, Ft. Madison wouldn't get so much truck traffic and vacation traffic in summer. Traffic flow would be much better. If people really need to visit Ft. Madison, they would stop even with the by-pass.

Eliminate all parking on Avenue H and Avenue L and make 4 lane. Widen Avenue L between 23rd Street and 18th Street to a four lane. Buy corner property at 18th as necessary for 4 lanes. Forget about limited access Highway through southern edge of Ft. Madison. 1B30

Cannot pull out onto the highway anytime and be safe. Even smaller towns have a by-pass. Why can't we?

~~I would like to bring to your attention the current situation involving traffic flow at the intersection of Avenue L & 26th Street, concerning the inappropriate use of the pedestrian crossing signal. I consider allowing the general public to determine at their own opportunity to obstruct the free-flow of traffic through this area a large detriment to the City of Ft. Madison and their attempts to correct this congestion of traffic. We definitely need a by-pass around the city of Ft. Madison. Also, more than one through street exiting from the city to its outlying industrial areas. Avenue E is also a highly congested area in need of wide ingor some similar type of relief. (Re Question #3) I feel that enough money has been paid out through the taxing of gas to more than compensate for this badly needed improvement without introducing yet another bond issue or special tax.~~

Get it done and quit fooling around before the cost goes any higher.

Highway 61 West of Ft. Madison should be wider and have no shoulder. There should be a road between Jacks and TG&Y, so you wouldn't have to come out on 61.

(Re #3) I cannot answer fairly since I am not a property owner. (Re #5) There would still be a bottleneck somewhere at the west end. (Re #6) Make it limited access to avoid creating another similar problem.

They should put some traffic lights on Avenue L and 61 to 48th Street or slow the traffic from 48th Street east to 35th Street.

By-pass, please.

18th and L and 18th and H corners should be eliminated and a straight highway put in its place. After the existing highway is improved, then a by-pass should be built. Let's get the existing highway fixed up first.

Traffic lights at highway 61 and 48th Street would help.

I do not believe a special tax is necessary.

Need stop lights at 35th and 48th Streets. The corner of 35th and L needs something done.

Put stop lights at 35th and L and at 48th and L. The corner of 35th is very dangerous.

Hy Vee

I think they're crazy if they don't do something about it.

Do away with one way streets. Do not permit anymore housing developments like Storms Court, Richards Drive, & Klesner Court where the North-South East-West streets will be closed. Permit parking on only one side of Ave F & D so they can carry 2 way traffic. Double deck of 61 would help and probably not cost any more than 4 lanes existing.

We need prompt action on this.

For the safety of the whole town, there should be a by-pass - too many trucks loaded with dangerous chemicals are going on our city streets.

By-pass will probably solve traffic problems as much is created by trucks at rush hour.

Turn off school crossing stop signs when school is not in session.

Please hurry!!!

(#4) Only if by-pass doesn't go through.

More roads or by-passes are not necessary if existing roadways are widened and parking prohibited to make room for turning lanes.

The state should build a by-pass like they do everywhere else.

(#5) Only if it doesn't raise taxes. We certainly believe the highway should by-pass around the city.

With the amount of traffic on the highways, it would be best to by-pass Ft. Madison. The west limits is really a congested area and is unsafe. I don't believe it would hurt the business here at all. It didn't seem to bother the Keokuk business with a by-pass.

~~Just get on the truckers' CB. They hate our city because of being held up. A by-pass cannot hurt the downtown. It's already dead. Just go to Burlington at the shopping centers. All of Ft. Madison is there.~~

If the city would plan ahead, this trouble with streets through town wouldn't have happened. For instance, Richards Drive, Oak Drive, Melody Terrace, etc.

I see what Burlington has done in the last five years, and I have seen what Ft. Madison hasn't done in the last 20 years with their highways, and it sort of makes me ill.

Improvement of the existing route 61 would be too disruptive.

The by-pass is positively necessary. (To lessen the traffic congestion and ease the traffic flow.)

The solution is a by-pass. The statement by D.O.T. representative re "All traffic begins and ends here" is stupidity. This is the case wherever one lives. I suggest the D.O.T. listen to the majority, rather than a few in the Chamber of Commerce. Ask any trucker about Fort Madison. Ask anyone who sits 20 to 25 minutes (as I have) trying to get into the flow of traffic. A by-pass is inevitable. Why wait?

HyVee

The traffic situation on highway 61, especially at morning and evening rush hours, is deplorable. It is virtually impossible to enter Highway 61 from any street at these times. A by-pass would alleviate this problem.

I believe a by-pass would alleviate the congestion in the streets of Ft. Madison, particularly if a link would be made with the by-pass and present highway 61 at about 48th Street.

Rons Market

It is stupid to attempt to run traffic thru a town just to appease the city council.

For goodness sakes do something even if it is wrong - do it!!! I've heard this by-pass thru the city debate for 25 to 30 years and it is still the same old tune. Keokuk was bypassed by #61 and it didn't hurt them one bit. Burlington was by-passed at one time with no hurting. (What hurt them was what they did to their downtown area). Muscatine is being by-passed now and hurrah for them. Get cracking.

Around the city or through the city - lets have an improved highway system!! We've dragged our feet long enough.

The main employer, Sheaffer, does cause a great increase in traffic congestion when 7:00-3:30 & 8:00-4:30 shifts are released. This has always been this way but has intensified when 8-5 was dropped. Routing thru traffic around the city would help since Burlington Keokuk (to & from) above time schedules also cause a great flow down city 61. City 61 widening will not improve the intensity we see since more controls will be needed. The city is long & narrow & should work for a by-pass Lets eliminate heavy traffic, trucks, etc. that could by-pass us rather than sail thru town grinding their gears.

Most highways are being built to by-pass cities today and I believe that is the solution to problems thru our city. If people want to shop in Ft. Madison, they will come inside our city.

Hwy 61 should have been made into 4 lane years ago. Lets get it done before it's too late.

Please do something about the traffic problems out west of town before somebody else is killed out on that highway. Thanks.

A by-pass is at lease ten years overdue. If the Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce would quit fighting it we would have no problem now.

7-11

Highway 61 is the only problem with traffic

4 & 6 should be considered both are not necessary.

Hurry

Please hurry. Anything.

Anything to get rid of the traffic.

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Amax

Existing road plenty good for all local traffic if a by-pass is built like it should have been 15 years ago.

~~Eliminate and enforce a "No Passing" on the right of cars stopped to turn left, unless there is a left turn lane.~~

I don't believe a by-pass would ruin commerce in Ft. Madison as some people fear. Did Burlington's by-pass hurt them?

I feel that a person would have to travel this highway daily, as I do, to fully understand the real problems. There isn't a day that doesn't go by, that I don't have a close call either by someone passing when they shouldn't or by someone pulling out in front of me or another car. This is due to the congestion usually in the morning, noon, or evening. A lot of this problem stems from the people who work on the west end but this problem is evident even on the weekends when going to the shopping center. I feel more strongly towards the bypass than the 2 lane due to the fact that I live on ave. H and have to cope with the problems of the traffic, a lot of which are the big semi trailers. In the summer, I cannot leave the windows open, due to the noise and dust created by the traffic. I also feel that it would be much easier for someone to bribe one the kids into their car and leave, than if it were just the local vehicles going past. I feel the people living in Fort Madison are trustworthy as a whole, and are not as likely to go around picking up children playing in front of their home.

Armour Dial

Sooner the better!!

Please do something about Ave. L & highway 61. It needs fixing badly not a by-pass. 4 lane through Ft. Madison is needed.

Could have 2 streets with one way traffic.

Hurry up!!

How many people have to die to wake people up to the traffic problem in Fort Madison??

It's about time somebody started worrying about the traffic.

Highway should by-pass the town.

Improvements need to be made to the present highway 61 immediately instead of 4 or 5 years from now. The traffic situation keeps business away from Ft. Madison because of the traffic congestion and time involved getting anywhere.

Build the by-pass with limited access. I've never seen a city with a traffic problem of such magnitude for it's population.

Let's do it.

Why not wait and see if the horse and buggy come back.

Very bad situation on Hwy 61 west!!

I have lived in Ft. Madison for 34 years now and I have never seen the traffic situation worse.

Teach Ft. Madison drivers what the word "stop" means, then enforce a minimum speed limit of 40 m.p.h. thru town.

I don't think a highway by-pass around the town will solve the problem. What we need is an improved 4 lane through town or a new 4-6 lane right along the tracks to meet back with 61 around 18th or 15th streets. A few minorities will be displaced, but the housing most of them live in now should probably be (or already are) condemned. We would need to build more low cost public housing. Only 20% of current traffic problem would benefit by a highway by-pass (traffic surveys have proven this).

Armour Dial

By-pass would help the parking in the downtown area. The main streets are in bad need of repair and need work done on them right away.

It's about time.

Fort Madison is the worse town to drive thru that I have ever seen in my life. And I sure as hell hope they do something about it before someone gets killed!!

DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT - DO IT.

Should consider turn lane addition and complete street repairing as an absolute minimum. Present street (hwy 61) retards city growth and development.

Hwy 61 all thru Ft. Madison is the worse for bad roads that I've ever seen. (and I've traveled a lot).

Iowa highway system is absolutely archaic. Something must be done. Not only does highway 61 slow down the flow of traffic, it becomes extremely dangerous at crossroads and crosswalks. I am surprised there haven't been a number of accidents - in time I'm sure that there will be. Most certainly, all the traffic is not just in town. There are many many trucks and business slowly and dangerously travelling through Ft. Madison daily. It's time to do something. Fort Madison and the whole State of Iowa need to become more aware of this obsolete traffic system - this is if we can get any engineers who will ever tackle the increasing problem.

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DuPont

Restrict parking to one side of Ave. L. Establish a three lane highway on Ave. L with the center lane for left turns. This is a simple inexpensive solution for the immediate future. It should be done now.

Do something now.

A by-pass is long overdue.

It's very hard for trucks going through Ft. Madison. Our streets are much too narrow for such big trucks. We need a by-pass now.

We should have had by-pass around Ft. Madison along time ago. Even smaller towns have them now.

Traffic on Ave. L very bad. Impossible to pull out on to it to go to TGY, etc. during rush hours. There shouldn't be any question about a by-pass around Ft. Madison.

Even a blind person could sense the need for the above.

#6 later. Let's get #4 first.

Fix the damn road.

The time it has taken the past 10 years to relieve the congestion in surveys, the city has done nothing to help the situation. Parking on one side of the street on one way street would help the flow of traffic. Alternate sides on odd & even days, would be fair to residents living in the area.

We need the by-pass now.

I think we would now have a by-pass if years ago the merchants and Chamber of Commerce would have agreed to this and quit insisting on a highway through the city.

I would pay extra if necessary as long as the highway by-passes our town. Extra cost naturally would result in our maintaining the existing 61 as city streets.

#3 - I believe that there is enough gas tax and street repair money to correct the traffic problem.

I've lived in Ft. Madison 17 years and we're no further along now that we were then! Rt. 61 thru Ft. Madison is a disgrace.

DuPont

How about the city council stop trying to tell the D.O.T. what we need or want and let them go ahead with the improvements anything would be better than what we have now.

Let's get the city fathers off their butts and do something. Their general attitudes is one of - what was good enough for grandad is good enough for me.

Let's stop messing around and do something.

I don't think hwy 61 should go thru Ft. Madison - rather should use by-pass

Do something now.

I am a receptionist and meet the public. Ft. Madison is the last town the salesmen and visitors want to call on. I have listened to their complaints on traffic for years.

There's too much talking about this problem (traffic) with nothing ever done about it.

Remember, the middle class, lower middle class provides bulk of funding for highways and streets. Don't betray these properties.

Need new city fathers, a complete new group who represent the people not big business.

Situations caused by poor city handling of problems need new council and all city administrators who represent the people not the Chamber of Commerce or the merchant in the downtown area.

The problem is not the numbers of cars, but it is the stupid drivers. People who drive 25 mph on a highway in a 45 mph zone should be given a ticket. These are the people who tie up the flow of traffic. I am no traffic expert, but a 6th grade student can see that.

Take the highway out of Ft. Madison and by-pass it entirely. There's too much traffic now without the highway going through town.

A by-pass is the best and only solution to the problem. I would like to see it not destroy too much tillable farmland.

Allow right turn on red at the Avenue G stoplights.

It's most definitely needed (the by-pass)

The highway going through Ft. Madison is very dangerous. A by-pass should be made as soon as possible.

By-pass is the only answer.

We need a by-pass.

Move the highway.

DuPont

I work and shop in Ft. Madison. Sometimes it takes longer to get through Ft. Madison than it takes to get to Ft. Madison. If there is a 4-lane highway through Ft. Madison, what arrangements will be made for school children crossing it?

First Miss

Put the by-pass in and there will be no problem. You still have the factory traffic.

~~In regards to #3, we will wind up paying for it anyway in some manner whether it be bond issue special tax or just plain taxation.~~

I feel that the by-pass should go north around the city. Chalk Ridge Road or Bluff Road could be used.

I think the by-pass is the way to go.

Too slow - get to work.

I have lived in the Ft. Madison area for 31 years and there has always been a bottleneck at shift time. I would recommend that the most reasonable approach be taken, both in cost and long range traffic problems. And that the merchants not have a large contribution to the outcome as the people who trade in Ft. Madison will continue to do so.

No parking on Ave. L now!! It would solve a lot of problems.

What century will the powers that be do anything about it?

West end of town should have Rt. 61 for through traffic & provide frontage roads with limited access to Rt. 61 & control lights.

Instead of spending money for a four lane highway to Wever, something should be done in town.

Quit fighting the by-pass. That's the only way to get through traffic out of the way so locals can get to downtown stores, shopping centers with their parking wouldn't be so interesting then.

There is too much congestion in the west end now due to people trying to turn off into the existing businesses.

If they don't do something they should make cars not park on streets.

I've driven through Detroit, Michigan faster than I could drive through Fort Madison. When the factories get off work from about 3:30 till 5:30, this is the worse time.

~~Don't sit there with your thumb up your ____, do something!!!~~

First Miss

This has been hanging fire too long. Let's do something!!!

#4 Improvements could become costly if utilities & housing had to be relocated.

#6 I do not feel that it is out-of-town traffic that is causing the congestion - rather Ft. Madison residents who work at industries west of town. I feel that there should at least be a four lane highway from McDonalds west to the hwy. 2 junction.

Nothing will alleviate the problem until the present through traffic of cars and trucks can move around the city instead of going through town.

I do not feel we need to put a 4 lane in and also by-pass the city. I feel we need to do one or the other.

No parking on Ave. H and Ave. L and make center lane for turning purposes only.

Have no parking on Avenues H & L all the way through town.

Hurry.

I don't think it would affect the merchants of Ft. Madison at all! People will spend their money anyway.

Anyone who lives in the vicinity of Ave. L wouldn't have to ask the first question. Most of the businessmen who want to keep the highway in the city don't live where the congestion is and are not bothered at all

We live on Ave. G and can't get out of the driveway at some times during the day due to traffic from east end to west end.

Through traffic is unvelievable!!

Fruehauf

Do something.

Need stop lights at Fruehauf for easier coming and going.

The traffic in Ft. Madison is horrible at 3:30 pm when I am going home from work. There isn't a night goes by that I don't see a near accident due to congested traffic.

I would like to see a better road past the far west end shopping district first. Present traffic congestion due to new industry has made the single lane highway very dangerous.

Besides by-passing Ft. Madison with Highway 61. The present location should be made into four lane near HyVee, Jacks, TGY, and industries.

You have put alot of money in down town. Have the shopping center and get the highway out of the city. Also should be law no employees can park on main street. You can never find a place to park.

Re: Questions # 4 and 5

Do not want to waste funds if item 6 could be accomplished.

Questions #6 Should be built so that local traffic could use from one end of city to other end. Biggest traffic problems from Ave. 1 to TGY.

It takes as long to get through Ft. Madison as it does to go through major cities.

Please Hurry!

Fix the roads we have to much land being used for highways.

Why not a 3 lane from Dupont corner to highway 2 corner.

Midwest Wax

A bypass will elliviate the congestion.

Get on the ball.

PROBLEM PROBLEM NOW NOW

Do It

The traffic is terrible from Busards Court on into town. Something should be done about this.

Park only one side of Ave. E 18th St. to 2nd st.

SAVE LIVES

#5 is the answer

Get with it.

I think the problem of traffic congestion in this city falls behind in priorities of problems concerning this society! Such as - underdeveloped homes, poor school system; over inflated prices, lack of recreational facilities, lack of opportunities to succeed, robot-like factory jobs, and most of all - RACISM.

Sheaffer

This situation of the highway right is dangerous for the school children who get out of school at 3;30, it is a hadzard for the motorist also.

Very few people shop in Ft. Madison. It certainly wouldn't hurt anyones business! We need a by-pass.

Only if #6 does not happen.

Why not start by prohibiting all praking on Highway 61.

What has happened to our Gasoline and cigarette tax? I think someone is pocketing is getting full.

State should pay for most of it.

I think the state should pay at least half.

I think the state should pay for part of the improvement because it will benefit other people as well as the Fort Madison residents.

State should pay for half--because it benefits more people than just the Ft. Madison residents.

Question # 3, No more taxes on our property.

I think you should let the people have their opinions.

Question #3, Not necessary for city to pay for all for it.

State and Federal funds should be made available to pay for a by-pass around the city.

I'ts awful!!!

This should have been done 10 years ago or more!

After 20 years of talk, I would like to see something done.

I think the people of the county should vote on it. Instead of the council of Ft. Madison who never has to drive on 61.

Lets do something before some real bad accidents happen.

Run 4 lanes threw down. Traffic would flow easy. If they by-pass Ft. Madison. We are going to lose business. And Ft. Madison can't afford that.

After all the talking of doing something for so long I think its time. Also Fort Madison is growing more and more and the highway 61 just can't handle it. Also the amount of accidents and deaths that are because of the conjestion.

The intersection across the street south from DuPont is a very dangerous corner. If no other action is done on the highway-- this corner needs a stop light. Semi's come and if a car is pulling out he's chancing his life. Question #5, but need stop lights to cross the highway.

Please do something to make the traffic situation safer and more convient. We need this. Congestion and safety is all we ask.

The by-pass should have been constructed many years ago. It wasn't due mainly because of pressure from civic leaders and merchants. This was and is short sighted any one wanting to stop make a purchase and etc, would do so where as those not wishing to do so would by-pass.

Some local traffic would also use the by-pass going complerely from one end of the city to the other. This is common in places like Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Ia. Fulton, Edina, Jeff. City, Springfield, Mo. As they got to the by-pass freeway or Interstate to escape local traffic stop signs, etc.

A four lane highway through the city creates so many problems and will eliminate so few in comparison with the money spent, I feela by-pass around Ft. Madison is the most sensible solution. For people south of avenue L the only way to go is Avenue L. A four lane highway wouldn't help. more thru streets would. If they can by-pass Wever, Ia. and other towns why can't we benefit too.

This is an age old problem in this town. Seems someone must have some property that could be sold for route in town and really cash in on the deal. While traveling by passes around towns, people find their needs be it food, gas, lodging, or pick-up and beliveres from local merchants and industries. Lets get with it and up date our town and get a by-pass route and eliminate all these 10 minutes wait to get on main; thorofores, be it Ave. G, Ave. H or Ave. L.

There parking space down town is not enough space. I think you should make a highway by-pass around Ft. Madison and I think you should enforce the law of stopping competely instead of slowing down and not stopping competely.

This survey should have been done and the by-pass made years ago.

Question #6 A bit late- should have been acted upon 10 years ago. We need a by-pass north of city.

Do something the people want instead of catering to the business man.

I think that the down town street on Ave G sure be a better bet wider because of the way they park. Cars opening their doors because it can cause a very bad wreck and I drive a motor cycle.

There should be a traffic light out by the Hardee's, Jacks, inter-section on 61 at the corner of 34th and Ave. L.

Now do something about it.

There should definitely be a by-pass.

Build a new bridge to by-pass the Santa Fe brigde, this is a real problem. The bridge is stuck open more than it is closed. You have to wait 1 or 2 hours to cross it.

People in other cities are woundering what is wrong with this City. Refuse to believe the existing conditions can be fixed or remedied.

Sheaffer #3

Someone is going to get killed in the west limits. The Industrial Park should have never been approved unless some plans were made for congested traffic. It is an impossibility practically to get on or off 61 any where in town. We need three lanes of traffic on 61 with green arrow lights indicating left hand turns at Jacks, Hardees, Hyvee and cemetary. The Baxter road should be widened and paved to the bluf for inner city traffic. We need a highway bypass around the city and also improvement on 61 thru the city.

Get the council off their you know what and agree on something for once.

A bypass would cut the flow of traffic in $\frac{1}{2}$.

Any kind of improvement will help greatly. I feel sorry for the elderly people and their transportation because I know walking's for the birds. Try to think of them too!

Why can't traffic lights be installed at the west end shopping area out by Jacks, and T.G.&Y. and HyVee before people get killed.

Hardee's corner they should have 4 way stop lights.

I feel Ft. Madison could use a by-pass as well as making the existing Highway 61 into a 4 lane.

This should be our #1 priority. At the present rate I'll pay over \$10,000 for paving and taxes the next 10 years, so a special tax would be a sore subject.

Just do something about it!!

This problem is a disgrace to the city of Ft. Madison!

Act now!

If you enlarge 61 you would only put retired and low income people out of their homes!! Wher should they go? Take it from the big shots you won't spoil downtown shopping. There's nothing there anyway.

I travel all over the U.S.A. and there is nothing worse than driving thru a town like Ft. Madison. Keeping the highway in town will be the end of our uptown area. If you would by-pass town 15 years ago, we would be well off today. Now it will be another 10 years to get any thing completed. By that time it will be too late for me.

Sheaffer #3

Yes to #4 if it is the only alternative. It seems to be a waste of time and money to keep running surveys and then not do anything!!

Fort Madison is no better than all the other cities that have been by passed.

Fort Madison and Muscatine are two of the longest and hard to get through cities in this area. They have by passed Kahoka, Keokuk, Montrose, Burlington, and are even going to by pass Wever. None of these places take the time or is as dangerous as Ft. Madison.

A by pass needs to be built immediately if not sooner. It should have been done 10 years ago. Please move on this issue at once.

I live in east end and the truck traffic at Sheaffers on Ave. G is ridiculous. Why can't they have a dock on south side of the plant up town? Check truck drivers opinion.

Do something even if it's wrong! You've been discussing this for at least ten years.

I think that the more time wasted debated the issue goes. The higher the cost will be when the time come to build. We should hurry up with a definite decision now.

There is a traffic problem, but only at times, the same as any other city. We can't afford more taxes. A by-pass is the way to go. When you travel, almost all cities are by-passed, and the ones you have to get through, you cuss all the way.

I feel we have put too much money into taxes that are supposed to be used for the improvement of highways in Iowa. And nothing has been done in this city to improve U.S. 61 and I feel it is about time that some thing is done and now.

It is terrible, terrible. You can't even get out on the highway. By-pass the town like any other city.

Now that you have taken time for this survey, Now do something about it!

I think the department of transportation is pocketing all the funds for the highway 61 project.

We need stop lights on #61 in the west end by HyVee and TGY intersections!

It' Terrible.

PART IV DIVISION 2

1A Banks & P.O. Box

Central States

Fort Madison Bank & Trust Co.	2A1
Fort Madison Savings & Loan	2A2
Iowa State Bank	2A3
Jaycee P.O. Box	2A4-2A5
Lee County Bank	2A6
Midwest Federal Savings & Loan	2A7

Fort Madison Bank & Trust

Highway 61 thru Ft. Madison is a disgrace. It is time that the city council got off this dime and got this work done. (Not to mention all the other streets that are in horrible condition.)

Running all 61 traffic through the city is ridiculous. Why there aren't more accidents and fatalities is a wonder. Not only should 61 by-pass Ft. Madison but there should be no new building permits along the by-pass, or it will soon be a mess like the 61 by-pass at Burlington. The highway comm. should take over and build the new by-pass. The job will never get done if they try to satisfy the different interests in Ft. Madison,

How can a person shop downtown when it is a fight to get there-its just not worth the effort.

We live south of Ft. Madison, but have a business and work in Ft. Mad. therefore we both drive into and out of Ft. Madison several times a day. If we lived in Ft. Madison we would still have to drive in these areas. Other cities and areas we have lived in have by-passes, improved traffic flow and their business increased. If some improvement is not made the city, with its expansion and increased traffic flow, will have to take the moral responsibility at least, for increased accidents, injuries and for deaths.

Traffic light at 48th & 61 W would help now. Like the one at 26th and Avenue L.

The town better do something about the west end congestion of traffic before more people get hurt or killed. It takes more time to get thru town from Sheaffers then it does for me to come from Montrose to the edge of Ft. Madison. The congestion should be alliviated by a four lane street of some kink.

Have a by-pass like Burlington.

I don't quite understand that a traffic count doesn't reveal that a by-pass would reduce the traffic congestion adequately thru the city.

By - Pass now.

I live in Montrose, Iowa. I work in the east end of Ft. Madison. Try to get from one end of town to the other without getting killed. It is very hard to do. If the traffic was improved it would save me time and money. It could slow down the climbing accident rate if Ft. Madison.

Fort Madison Savings and Loan

Get Fort Madison industries in on the tax. Earnings tax should be instituted in the local industries anyway.

Should put in a By - Pass now - as in 15 - 20 yrs. will build one anyway.

The present route through Ft. Madison is ridiculous. All large cities have by-passes. Those who travel past Ft. Madison will come into the city if they want to. For those who do not want to, why burden them and the Ft. Madison residents with their traffic, air pollution, risk of accidents, etc. etc.

Iowa State Bank

I did live in Ft. Madison until 5 years ago and now live 10 miles west of town but come to town a lot and traffic is to congested.

Through traffic don't want to go a long town.

Anything that would help would be appreciated. We live in Montrose & it takes longer to get from Jacks to downtown than it does to get from Montrose to Jack's.

Have city council and businessmen tour Hwy 61 between 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. especially on a rainy day. If better roads cannot be built, restrict industrial wxpansion. We are the people who mist use this road at least 3 times a day.

We work in and do all our business in Ft. Madison. It is almost impossible at certain times of the day , earlyor late to get thru all the traffic jams. Something has to be done and soon.

By-pass entirely over the bluff - starting 5 miles west. Not everyone wants to see Ft. Madison by being slowed down on a trip thru. Other cities are living thru a by-pass, why can't we? What group is running things up there?

There is a very large waste of gasoline for through traffic going thru downtown, also a waste of time.

Something should be done promptly to relieve the traffic problem in the western part of Ft. Madison. If the State is willing to spend several million dollars on Ft. Madison streets, I feel the city, businesses and citizens should cooperate and get with it or the citizens and tax payers will have to pay to have the condition corrected. The congestion and hazards involved in the west end shopping center area make the hassel not worth the effort. I find it easier and safer to go north on Hwy 88 to Wever and then to Westland Mall than fight the mess on Hwy 61 west cowpath. Better get with it before more people are killed and maimed. There is only six inches between you and eternity when you meet a semi on 61 west n I avoid it whenever possible.

We have a definite need for additional stop signals on Ave. H east to west to control item 1.

If you had a decent place for a family to eat like Sizzlin Sirloin Steak House we would do more business down their. Now we go to Burlington to buy groceries so we can eat.

We are former residents of F.M. and we still come to town frequently and we pass thru town often. We feel the only answer is a northern by-pass of the town. How many towns the size of F.M. have a major highway running right thru the middle of town? F.M. is far ahead on many things but so far behind on a by-pass. It should have been done years ago instead of spending more to widen the existing highway.

Anything but a by-pass would be a waste of highway funds and solve nothing

How many more people are going to be killed on 61 in town before we get a by-pass?

Why should we again tax ourselves for a road? Did Burlington? Did Keokuk? How about some of our State Road Funds being used for Fort Madison.

Make highway 61 into 3 lanes with the center lane only for left turns and round off the corners at 18th st on H & J.

I would be (referring to #3) but since I live in Montrose and not Fort Madison I don't see that would be possible.

A bypass of 61 north of Ft. Madison would be the best solution to the traffic problem as the city streets are too narrow for a four lane. If we bypass Wever which is only 5 blocks and Fort Madison about five miles, what could be wrong with a bypass. We do business in Fort Madison and the by-pass would not stop us from going to Fort Madison, and I think it would cost less in the long run.

J. C. P.O. Box

If you have a bypass around the city for trucks and traveling cars, the farmers and other people can get in town to do some business & shopping.

I believe a by-pass around the city with interchanges would eliminate a lot of congestion. Not everyone going on 61 is stopping to shop. Why can't Ft. Madison become modern like so many cities throughout the U.S. with by-passes. We live north of Montrose & my husband works at the Prison, so he travels 61 nearly 6 or 7 days a week.

If a by-pass around the city of Ft. Madison was built, I don't think the traffic would be heavy enough to warrant the city building other streets past the far west end shopping district.

Being I don't live in Ft. Madison, some questions I'm leaving blank, but #4 if this is 138,000 some they are going to do from Wever to Ft. Madison I don't agree (everyone to their own). My opinion, I'd rather see them paved the road from Lowell to the Geode Blacktop, especially across the dam. That gravel road is used a lot and all the pit holes are bad on vehicles. They are always putting gravel on then tar or sap or what ever they use which doesn't help either.

A traffic signal is badly needed at 48th & hwy 61.

Extended streets would help in getting to shopping districts but by-pass would be better for highway traffic.

If I were a resident, I would vote yes for both 3 & 5. All Lee & Des Moines county residents will back item #6, yes. (typists note this was signed by 14 different persons).

Present traffic problems are caused by thru-traffic in general. By-passing the city would make it safe and convenient for local traffic to use the city streets without the annoyance of semis, etc. I'm sure thru traffic would also have a friendly word for our area too if they didn't have to battle the present situation. Besides, the river-route improvement sounds horribly expensive and only a second-rate solution.

Should junction with proposed 518 west of Ft. Madison.

There is simply too much traffic with only one way to go on one road (the highway). The highway itself is at best in a deplorable condition. I lived in Ottumwa, a city over twice as large as Ft. Madison but it only has half the traffic mess.

Anything other than a by-pass should not even be considered. We live in the Donnellson area and because of the congestion, we shop mostly in Keo.

A by-pass would be the best and most feasible solution.

Lee County Savings Bank

With the way the highway is now it is dangerous and people have to take chances to get on or off the highway. The speed limit is 30 mph but it is so congested you do good to go 20 mph.

Anything would be better than what they have now. It would probably improve business since it would be easier to get to the stores.

I have a business in Ft. Madison.

Before moving 4 miles north of Ft. Madison a year ago, I did live in Ft Madison for over 30 years. I drive into Ft. Madison everyday to work.

The town of Ft. Madison is 20 years behing time.

A by-pass is the only way to go. If people want to stop over to shop or see the town they will come thru. It takes more time to get through town then it does to come from Donnellson to the city limits.

I think they should have stop signs ever so often through out the city to stop the Sheaffer traffic. They think they own the streets and will not let anyone in. These 1 - way streets are all for Sheaffers.

The city fathers are wanting to use state and federal money to build a good 4 lane route through the city and then they will push for a by - pass around the city. At a time when taxes are always going up, I think this is a waste of tax money. I feel a bypass around Ft. Madison will eliminate most of the traffic congestion. Thank you for this opportunity to express by opinion.

Something needs to be done in Ft. Madison. It takes about 20 - 30 min. to get from one end of town to the other. And if the traffic is really heavy for some special occasion it takes even longer. On Friday nights it's pretty bad too.

I live about four miles west and south of Ft. Madison and drive into Ft. Madison to work every day.

Midwest Federal Savings and Loan

While I live in Ft. Madison, I shop in Burlington because of traffic problems in Ft. Madison.

We refuse to patronize the Hy 61 West stores very often - and hope nothing more will be permitted to locate there until either a new highway is built or frontage roads, etc. are made as alternate. Road could be opened on Avenue E to 48th St.

When the by-pass is built keep it north far enough to allow the city to grow.

PART IV DIVISION 2

1B Supermarkets

Abels

Aldi Foods

2B1

Easter Foods

2B2-2B4

Greenwalds Red Fox

2B5

Handy Corner

2B6

Huetts Grocery

HyVee

2B7-2B10

Naifeh

Ron's Market

2B11

Seven Eleven

2B12

Aldi Food store

I drive to Ft. Madison every day but I do not shop here because it is so difficult to get onto the main streets. I live in Nauvoo and usually prefer to shop in Keokuk or Quincy.

Easter's

Traffic moves faster in rush hour in Chicago.

I shop in Ft. Madison and it is not safe for people over sixty. I have pulled a travel trailer 20,000 miles and I never ran on to such a bottle neck as Ft. Madison. It looks like to me that some body wants it that way. The children that have to cross 61 highway, it is terrible. And old people that have to go there shopping (grocery) on foot or car have a real problem.

Let north bound traffic on 61 go. 18th and Ave. L stop south bound, this will allow a flow of traffic without worrying of who will turn south bound or go on 18th.

My main business is in Ft. Madison. My property tax is over \$700.00 now. That is more than I can afford. If more extended streets, it would be Ave. L which help is it were to the north of the shopping center.

It seems there is an extremely large number of County. City, vehicles on the roads and streets at peak load periods. I'm not counting school buses, police, or farm equipment. Now if these maintains back hoes, etc and Union Electric, Telephone, and North Central utilities chose a different time to be on the road than when people were going to work, I think traffic would be cut in half or at least move faster.

I see no reason why it should go through Ft. Madison. I'm like most people I hear talking, cannot see why the C.C. and other Ft. Madison official want it through town. You can travel all over the country and never go through the city.

We need a by-pass and four lane through this city.

I live 3 miles north of Ft. Madison but because of Ft. Madison traffic tie ups I shop in Burlington usually.

I live on the east side of town while Burlington is further away- I prefer to shop there rather than put up with the traffic problem in Ft. Madison.

We hardly ever shop in Ft. Madison because of the hassle with the traffic and we live in Niota, Ill.

We live on the proposed new 4 - lane north of Ft. Madison. At a meeting almost a year ago we were promised that it was only a study. Then a couple of months ago we read in the paper that it was all set. The property owners have been treated rather poorly. I think the DOT has used us a pawn to get Ft. Madison to do what they want to improve Highway 61 through town. No one at the February meeting was in favor of the plan. We all wanted a 4-lane by-pass. We, as property owners, are now in limbo. We like living here but we don't want a 4-lane highway in our frontyard. DOT plans to build us an access road in our backyard. I am very disappointed with the DOT and would place very little faith in them. You just can't trust them.

Above all I don't think the property owner should stand all the expense. Taxes are definetly to high.

Its too bad a very small group of people can deny alot of citizens the oppportunity for improvements. I know a trucker who crosses the river at Keokuk and drives up the Illinois side to avoid Ft. Madison. It's time to improve Highway 61 and avoid all those miles of "city" driving. I hope all subscribers take advantage of this ad and express their opinions.

I live in Donnellson and have driven to Ft. Madison for 25 years to work. The moving traffic situation is bad and getting stedily worse. There are numerous traffic bottle necks throughout the City, however the worst now is the school traffic lights which halt traffic. Especially bad is the 33rd st and Ave. L. It doesn't make any difference what time of the day it is traffic is heavy at all times. Something should have been done years ago.

There should definitely be a by-pass around Ft. Madison. I live just two miles outside of Ft. Madison and work in Ft. Madison and what a mess. Thats why I go to Burlington or Keokuk to shop.

In the last two years we have traveled from the Minnesota Broder to the Golf of Mexico and from Easter Illiniosis to Colorado and Wyoming and have not found any city hard to get thru as Ft. Madison.

I live in Donnellson and work at First Miss. I hve been driving through Madison twice a day for 10 years. You can't stop at a store in the evening for the traffic. A couple of years ago I was driving a First Miss truck with Christmas Carölers. A policeman stop me and said to speed up or take another street. City equipment and Santa Fe can creep through town at rush hour and traffic pile up and nothing is done I have seen city trucks run the stop sign at the city garage.

If you would get the thur traffic out of town, there wouldn't be so much congestion.

I do not live in Ft. Madison but we shop there and I am in there several times a week as I work for the Santa Fe Railroad. It sure is an aggravating experence to get caught in Ft. Madison when traffic is bad, which is almost every day.

Lets get traffic out of city - we like to shop here but its to hard to get thru.

I won't drive to the west end of town unless I have to be- cause of the traffic. No one coming through Ft. Madison wants to spend 20 min. getting from one end to the other.

Easter's

One of the few small towns in the country that doesn't have a by-pass.

Im sick of trying to cross Ave. H with all the cars whizzing by.

Put a signal light at 27th and Ave. L.

Move 26th and Ave. L. traffic light to 27th and Ave. L.

I live in Montrose, traffic is bad from there to Ft. Madison.

Too small of streets.

Since it is nearly impossible to cross Ave. L. or H. a 4-lane road would be worse than ever.

Something must be done. Its a disgrace to Ft. Madison this way.

How about a stop sign along Ave. E. so when Sheaffers get off our cars can cross that street instead of waiting 15 to 20 mins?

No parking on 61 through city. 4-lane west of city.

Get it done immediately.

I feel they need to by-pass Ft. Madison. It should have been done along time ago. I don't know whatever happened to the papers we signed to this a few years ago.

West in Ft. Madison city limits and all thru it is so congested at times that it takes me half to one hour to get thru the city.

Live outside city limits just 2 miles north. Definitely by-pass Travel alot and only Ft. Madison wants traffic through city. Progress is by-pass such as other American cityand towns have I travel 35,000 miles on highways a year.

People traveling don't want to go slow through towns.

I work in Ft. Madison.

Build the by-pass. I live at Donnellson and work at Ft. Madison it takes me longer to drive through town than to get here.

Traffic lights are needed at 48th street.

To many praked cars on streets.

Live in Wever and work in Keokuk so must drive through Ft. Madison every day to and from work.

There should be more lanes so people won't have has many accidents.

I think that Council members or whoever is preventing a by-pass should visit Muscatine, Ia. or Alton, Ill. and see what happens to business when traffic continues to go downtown. On the other hand visit others like Washington, Ms. or Bloomfield, Ia. where people can shop without being hassled by big freightliners, etc. I work here in mid-town but live south of 61. I risk my life every day. Congestion affects how others react too.

Sidewalks in front of Spurgeon's need repairs. Don't care for center of street walkways took too many parking spaces.

Handy Corner

I think it should go around the city of Fort Madison.

~~It should not knock out peoples houses in any way shape or form.~~

Hy Vee

Stop light at 48th St.

A by-pass is needed - #1 priority.

I may not live in the city, but I work there and my family does all of our shopping in Ft. Madison.

Many improvements could be made by limiting turning intersections - right or left only - left turn lanes, etc. Why spend tax money on city streets when a bypass is the only reasonable way.

Peoples of Donnellson use gravel roads to by-pass Ft. Madison.

Ft. Madison is growing to the west. By-pass will help.

If highway 61 west from #2 to junction of ave. L was widened & stop lights at Jack's, it will help. The city then needs a by-pass.

I shop & work in and near Ft. Madison. It is very difficult to get there thru the city.

Get something done about it.

Work in Ft. Madison and go to school here.

Our state has raised the gasoline tax to improve roads, then they should use it on roads - now! With the city fathers sitting on their butts talking about a new road, we, the people have to live with the damdest traffic snarl in Iowa. It's time to quit debating and move. This terrible hwy 61 has cost a lot of people money. Ask me about it.

A stop & go light at the corner of Jack's & Hardees would let Breck & HyVee out - also a business lane to connect from Busards up to it. I was hoping Gov. Ray would be caught in the traffic jam at the Holiday Inn & would so understand the problem.

Although we don't live in the city, we both have to travel thru the city every day which is a days work in itself. I think it's about time for the city of Ft. Madison to get off their duffs and do something about the traffic situation.

I think it's high time Ft. Madison is doing something about the congested traffic in the shopping area in the far west end, before someone else gets killed or critically hurt. It's time they put up some traffic lights or better yet by-pass Ft. Madison. It takes longer to get from the west end to downtown area than from my home the the west end (8 miles).

I don't like Fort Madison. The drivers are stupid. The roads are inadequate.

I live in Montrose, Iowa and work at Sheaffer-Eaton 2nd & Ave. G. Twice a day I drive thru Ft. Madison and each day the traffic problem seems to get worse. I'm just about to concede that a 4 lane highway thru Ft. Madison would help. Something must be done and soon.

Hy Vee

Lived 10 years and drove to work thru Ft. Madison. What a hassle!!

It takes an additional 15 minutes to get through town on my way to work just because of the congestion on Hwy. 61. It's very disgusting.

~~Tractors don't go through Ft. Madison if they can help it.~~

But I do all my shopping in Fort Madison. I'm from Dallas City, Ill. It would encourage more shoppers.

~~No place for factories in east Ft. Madison.~~

I do a lot of shopping in Fort Madison.

15 - 20 minutes to get through town is a waste of time. I feel there should be a quicker way to get through; especially around the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

It is very unsafe having all the truck traffic on the same roads as are accesses to the shopping centers. This is the worst situation I have ever seen in my life. It must be fixed and soon!!

I go to other cities to shop. It's closer but takes less time to get to the towns.

Highway needs help desperately!

We shop more in Keokuk than Ft. Madison simply because of the traffic situation!

I find it hard to believe that a traffic count doesn't reveal that a highway by-pass would relieve traffic congestion adequately in the city of Fort Madison.

#6 is very much needed.

When 2 semi's meet at 18th & L, they cannot make the corner unless one stops on 18th st. till the other makes the turn. There are so many wrecks from Hardees west to rt. 2 - we need a business road but our car dealers expand clear to the road. Don't know whether they are within or outside the city limits.

I work in Fort Madison and route 61 through town is a disgrace.

The city of Fort Madison is a nightmare to get in or out of. With all the new industry & motels, stores along the highway, you risk your life each time you enter or leave the city. You need four lanes & a by-pass BAD.

I go to Keokuk to do most of my shopping even though I work here. I ride in a car pool from Montrose and it's not worth fighting traffic to come back and shop.

Living on Hwy 61, I see daily the need for a by-pass, the sooner the better. Burlington and Keokuk built by-passes years ago. Burlington's was built in the path of the expanding city and has already become necessary to improve. I hope Fort Madison doesn't spend money on an "Improved" road thru town and have an obsolete road before it is completed.

Hy Vee

I work at Breck. There should be a stop light at 48th St.

I work at Breck's. They need a stop light at 47th Street.

Need traffic lights at intersections of shopping center.

Don't live here but drive every day thru the city.

I work at Breck.

I work and shop here. We live in Lee County. We need a stop light by Jack's & Hardees badly.

Stoplights at Jacks and Hy Vee. I use the road everyday.

Stop lights are needed at Hy Vee, Jack's & Hardees. I work here in Fort Madison.

Stop lights are needed at Jack's, Hy-Vee Hardees intersection.

They need stop lights on the highway where Jack's and Hy-Vee is, before someone is seriously hurt. I work in Ft. Madison & have to go thru everyday.

I work on the edge of Ft. Madison and it takes 7 minutes to get to the prison hill from my home and 15 minutes to get thru Fort Madison.

We live 7 miles west of town and it takes longer to drive thru town than it does for us to get home and we have to travel on gravel roads.

When trying to get onto Ave. L - Hwy 61 from a side street is next thing to impossible. I feel that by even putting up some stop lights onto this street would solve a big problem.

I work in Fort Madison and drive here every day. Traffic is my biggest headache.

We live only 8 miles away in Denmark. My spouse works at Armour-Dial so at least one of us has to drive thru that mess every day - twice a day.

When building new highways, the modern method is to by-pass towns and cities.

We live in the country south of Ft. Madison. I would like to see if nothing else off highway roads in the TGY, HyVee area and possibly a stop light by Jack's corner. The cars & trucks to so fast thru there. Thank you for this survey.

With the truck traffic so heavy thru Ft. Madison, it would not be feasible to use the existing route. If people want to trade in Ft. Madison, they will exit from a by-pass. If a by-pass was built around the city, it would reduce the flow of traffic by 50% on the existing route.

If the downtown merchants feel so insecure as to have to "trap" their customers, let the Chamber of Commerce pay for widening the present snarled route thru downtown. But why waste the money when the state & federal departments will help by taking the trucks, buses and other thru traffic out of the city eliminating congestion and non-potential money spender.

HY VEE

When I go to Burlington, I use road around Ft. Madison.

I lived here in 1963 & 64 and it was getting bad then. The parking could be taken off Ave. H and L and very little widening of streets would be needed for 4 lane. Stan Thomas - Donnellson, Iowa.

I work in Ft. Madison. Traffic is terrible.

The traffic is terrible to get out of Jack's, T.G.Y. or HyVee.

Lived here for 26 years. Just recently moved in the country. Shop here.

We live in West Point and shop in Madison. #3 should be only if necessary. Seems to me that use of solution #5 or #6 would solve $\frac{1}{2}$ or 80% of traffic problem; that is: thru traffic needs a different route than ones used by business-residential motorists. Thank you.

I takes a person hours to get thru this city and sometimes at HyVee intersection persons don't know if you will make it alive.

I think there would be little trouble locating people south of Avenue L as I have noticed at least 7 homes in a row for sale within the past three months on Avenue M.

Widen existing 61, 4-lanes, no parking, no lights, no stop signs.

Please put a stop light at the intersection of 48th Street and Highway 61.

This is needed now (by-pass).

I work at Breck and live in Donnellson, but use the highway and city of Ft. Madison as well as any Ft. Madison resident.

I hope no more people die on this highway before we do something.

Takes a long time to get through Ft. Madison.

Traffic light needed at 48th and highway 61.

The 4-way stops are especially nerve-wracking. There's always someone cutting out in front of you.

Do it now. I live five miles away.

We live near Montrose. The traffic is so heavy between here and Ft. Madison that we have started shopping in Keokuk. It is a nightmare between the 'Y' numbers(2 and 61) into Ft. Madison, there are so many roads leading into 61.

Ron's Super Market

We need a bypass most of all, along with a 4 lane hi speed corridor through the city.

All salesman complain about the traffic congestion and how long it takes them to get through Ft. Madison when traveling. There should be a by-pass as there is with most other cities.

Seven Eleven

A by-pass by all.

Make 4 lane roads on existing Avenue L (61) and no parking.

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Amax

Put 61 around Ft. Madison so thru traffic can get thru.

Always avoid Ft. Madison when going to another town, just about takes $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. to get through it, at a very slow speed.

We don't patronize the businesses any more than necessary due to the problem.

It takes longer to get through the city than it does to get there.

I think Ft. Madison is a very pretty little town and would be very sad if we weren't able to drive through it and admire the lovely buildings.

Prefer a by-pass.

Hope the people of Ft. Madison wake up to the fact, that they need a by-pass. As when I want to go to Ft. Madison I go, but hate bucking traffic in West End.

It takes too long to get through Ft. Madison.

Ft. Madison is a pain to drive through if you are going North or South of town.

Armour Dial

Should have been done 10 years ago.

Should have been done long ago. I do not shop in Ft. Madison or travel through unless it is absolutely necessary.

I don't live in Ft. Madison but travel through it enough. Ft. Madison is one of the worst places I know of, in regards to traffic. I don't exactly know what would be the best cure but I do believe something definitely needs to be done.

Ft. Madison streets may have been fine for a horse and buggy but this is 1978. Is this legible enough?????

I lived in Madison 2 years ago and moved because of traffic. Keokuk forseen the need for a 4 lane highway why didn't Ft. Madison???

I work at Armour Dial and get tired of fighting the traffic every morning and evening. The traffic is really a mess. Something needs to be done.

Hurry.

Highways are bypassing other cities. Why can't they bypass Ft. Madison? In 15 years they will probably by pass it anyway. Why not do it now?

On South 61 we need turn off lanes for the industries.

This is the worst town in the state to go thru. I cover around 800 miles a week in Iowa.

I think the hang up with the DOT is with the city father's, who won't bend and face the facts that the DOT don't want to waste money improving the existing route through the town. Then the city council say we need a by-pass. Thanks for this opportunity for everyone being able to express their opinions.

I live in Hamilton, Ill. It is easier for me to go through the county in Illinois to get to Burlington than through Ft. Madison.

Let's get it done.

Everything is all right. We are paying to much taxes now.

I do not shop in Ft. Madison for this reason.

The town is too long and the road turns so many times it takes fifteen minutes to go thru town.

Wait till Ortho builds there new plant.

It takes longer to go through Ft. Madison than it does to cross the hole state of Iowa.

The problem is definetly very bad, needs to be changed very much. It is more noticeble since we moved from Ft. Madison.

I lived in Ft. Madison for 30 years and now live by Montrose.

I lived in Ft. Madison for several years. Now I have to go thru it to get to work. I prefer building a by-pass but would be happy with a 4 lane highway, especially in the west end.

We definetly need side roads or 4 lane in the far west end no matter which solution is taken.

I would be more likely to shop and attend social functions in Ft. Madison if it were easier and quicker to get through the traffic.

Taxes are too high now, use some of them in the city.

HURRY -- HELP --

By the time they build a by-pass, it will be obsolete.

By-pass should be the first thing.

Thru traffic of 61 is the major problem of current problem. I wouldn't live in Ft. Madison even if you paid me, just because of the traffic headaches their.

The most feasible problem solution is to by pass the entire city limits, Hwy 2 to wever direct.

DuPont

If you had agreed on a by-pass years ago in stead of 61 through town we would of had a 4 lane 61 - and not a congested town. If you travel at all you would know. People do not stop to shop until they found some place to stay the night.

I work in Ft. Madison and my family and I shop in Ft. Madison.

I am a truck driver and pass thru Ft. Madison everyday.

The traffic every morning and between the hours 3 to 5:30 are terrible. We need a by-pass around the city.

At least a 4 lane highway should be built from 61 and 2 junction to the curve by the nursing home.

I would like to see both a by-pass and other streets through the city.

I work in Ft. Madison so I must drive thru some of the congested areas.

Thank you

The traffic situation in Ft. Madison is worsening rapidly. New industrial development both north and south of the city has caused the situation to deteriorate to the point of poor, at best safety for both pedestrian and vehicle users. I'm sure the remedy will be quite costly for the taxpayers of the area but something desperately needs to be done to alleviate the problem.

The city will lose shoppers if the highway stays the same.

Drove through Ft. Madison for 8 years and it has added about 15 mins. to my driving time.

I have lived in or just outside Ft. Madison for 10 years and the highway 61 project is no farther along than when I first moved here. Something should be done now I think No's. 4, 5, and 6, are required.

I drive through your town, but only in an extreme need.

Do it quick.

A four lane by-pass is needed. It could run from #2 intersection north of hy-vee and over the bluff. Then a frontage road won't be needed.

Route 61 through Ft. Madison is a joke. Need both 4 lane through town and a by-pass.

Used to live in Ft. Madison, but moved out, because of traffic problem that is continual every day of every week. I can't fathom how the DOT can state they have a \$10 million surplus they don't know how to spend when the traffic in Ft. Madison is the worst I've ever experienced, and this includes Wichita, Kansas, Des Moines Ia., Chicago Ill. Obviously none of these people in DOT have ever tried to drive thru Ft. Madison.

How about the DOT spending money in Lee County for a change. This part of the state has the worst roads.

Tax money is available for many less important projects so why isn't the money available for something to be done about this?

By-pass.

Hurry.

I drive thru daily.

3 exits into city off by-pass.

turning traffic is proof.

First Miss

There is no reason to not have a by-pass of Ft. Madison. I live out of Ft. Madison and we no longer take time to stop at the business because you can not get back into the line of traffic easily. I feel the town would not loose but probably have more to gain.

I have driven through Ft. Madison 2 times a day to work at First Miss for 10 years and traffic is worse and worse. There must be a by-pass to speed up traffic flow and to get semi's out of town. It should have 3 exits all other cities have a by-pass. I can't stop at a store in the evening for traffic, city equipment and Santa Fe trucks creep through town and traffic piles up for blocks behind them. Someone of city council must be the hold up on getting something done.

I don't live in town but I use to shop there and I go thru every day to work. Shop in Keokuk now.

61 by-pass of Ft. Madison is only logical solution.

A by-pass around a city is all most necessary. Also the 61 highway is already wide enough, except form 20th - 18th. For a four lane now. Why spend money on a needless projcet in town.

I am an Illinois resident and work in Ft. Madison.

I have to drive through town every day and It takes approximately 20 minutes to one half hour. This is riduclus.

Item #3 dependent upon how item worded.

Own property there.

They allow no parking on Ave. H and Ave. L from 18th st, to 49th st. I live out of town but getting to Ft. Madison to do business is hazards so we go else where anymore.

It would keep some of the Drunks out of the city heading for Golf Port.

Traffic congestion from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. is unreal for this area and 1978 - which should have been a year of progress to correct such problems. Its very dangerous. Stop light are needed at Hy-Vee and 35th and Ave. L.

I have lived in Ft. Madison 30 out of my 33 years, traffic is horrible. getting to and from work or even going shopping. It's bad enough to go through town to go to work but if something isn't done soon I will at least do my shopping somewhere else like so many people have already done. If people had woke up to the fact five years ago, we had a problem, and done something about it we would have the problem corrected and much less expensive than its going to be now.

Center left turn only lanes are needed in Ft. Madison in front of Jacks and other business on "61" south of the city.

Its pretty obvious there is a traffic problem.

Hurry.

Midwest Wax

Avenue E should be parking on one side only from 61 West to 20th street

I just moved out the city of Fort Madison because of the way people drive in this town they are all nuts.

Sheaffers

Something should be done about the fact that the school children get out about the same time as Sheaffers. It's very dangerous for those children.

A by-pass around the city could well have been about finished if a few business people would have went ahead and agreed to it several years ago -- but no a certain number of people try to run everything -- they want everything their way so they can stick a few more dollars in their pocket. Trucks aren't the only ones going on thru city (what's there to stop for?) there's salespeople, people going to job outside city, people on vacation. The city is one big bottle neck and about the worst in state. Thinks its about time we get off our rear and do what DOT reccomend. We pay our gas tax - why should there be a bond issue or special tax. That's unfair.

I live in Montrose but have to travel in the Ft. Madison every day to work.

It takes longer to get through Ft. Madison than it does to drive to Keokuk.

The congestion at the Fruehauf plant is terrible. They need to put more exits or an access road before someone is killed.

I work in the east end of town and it's pure Hell trying to get back and forth.

Just from McDonald's West to Junction #61 & #2.
We need to do something about the one route before we take on other projects.

It takes too long to get from one end of town to the other. Its dangerous driving and also the streets are too close.

We live in Missouri and it really is a hassle getting in and out of Ft. Madison. I Think it would really take a lot of traffic off of narrow streets. It wouldn't hurt business in the city because we stop twice a week for groceries and shopping.

This towns future growth is seriously inhibited due to the poor traffic flow.. I work in the city and it is really rough getting here.

If there was a by-pass the large trucks could miss Ft. Madison and thus stop a lot of congestion. I'm sure the drivers do not enjoy the long slow trip into the town.

If a by-pass would be built, probably half of the existing traffic would go on around the city.

Think its time city of Ft. Madison wake up and get on their feet and go along with DOT. We pay our taxes. I think we are entitled to a little of it. We don't need a bond issue or special tax - already taxed enough. Come on council and businessmen quit wanting everything your way. If people want to shop in Ft. Madison they will - if not they go else where -- they always have. Don't use that as an excuse. Use to get to work in 15 or 20 min. -- now it takes 30 or 35 min.

Sheaffers

The by-pass should have 3 good access arteries to Ft. Madison -

1. One at the east - present Hwy 61
2. One at either 15th or 18th St.
3. One at the west end at about 40th St.

The by-pass should not be too north of the city - within 2 miles of Avenue H.

I live in Donnellson and get from work to city limits takes longer than from city limits to home.

The highway department is presently rebuilding Highway 2 to the west and is planning to at least partially rebuild Highway 61 to the north bypassing Wever. With these two modern Highways converging upon and passing through Ft. Madison coupled with our decaying downtown area the highway department should purchase and raze the downtown area and replace it with a clover leaf.

There should be some way to get from the edge of Ft. Madison to the downtown area without all the traffic hassle there is now. I feel that the people would shop more in the downtown area if it were more readily accessible. If you live on the outer edges of Ft. Madison it takes less time (and less traffic) to get to Keokuk or Burlington. Also there needs to be an access road to the shopping area with Jacks, etc. Day by day it gets more and more dangerous - there is just too much traffic to make left turns or try to get back onto the highway.

If improved, I wouldn't have to take 25 mins. to get in and out of the town. Plus the school should be dismissed earlier or later so it won't interfere with traffic at 3:30 to 3:45.

I would like to see better traffic control at the shopping center's that come out on the highway and a pedestrian crossing for the people who walk and those who visit the town who are staying at the motels. The traffic lights are badly needed at the above places.

We work in Ft. Madison and get into heavy traffic both morning and evening.

I drove from 4th street to T.G.&Y. Friday after 4:30 P.M. and will not do it again until there is a decided improvement in handling traffic. Fort Madison is second only to St. Louis in handling (or lack of handling) this traffic problem. The problem should be corrected now.

I work and shop in Ft. Madison. I would appreciate improvements.

Sheaffer #3

If people would go the 30 mile an hour speed limit would help. I often get behing some one going 20 mph. Then that couses a big line behind them. I live out of town and have to drive thru town to get to work. It is a big hassle.

I live at Busard's Mobile Park. Something should be done at the inter section at Hardee's. Put in traffice lights or stop sighs on 4 ways.

The congestion of traffic should have been settled and by-passed before the businesses were all allowed to build in. Also, 4 way traffic lights at Hardee's and Jack's Store needed.

Stop lights are needed at the Hardees, Jack's corner. It would also help to have access lanes along the shopping center. What is needed most is to have the city by-passed by travelers and large trucks.

Some sort of sewer drains are needed to let the rain run off the streets.

PART V

The Voice Of Lee County

Traffic Survey Ballot

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Traffoc Survey Results

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TRAFFIC SURVEY

FORT MADISON JAYCEES & FORT MADISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1. Is there a problem with traffic flow (congestion) in the city of Fort Madison? YES NO

2. Do you want something done about it now? YES NO

1A-1 3. Are you willing to pay for it with a bond issue or special tax if necessary? YES NO

4. Are you willing to have a state funded 4-lane improvement of the existing Highway 61 route? YES NO

5. Should the city extend other streets past the far west end shopping district to provide more than one way to get through the city? YES NO

6. Should the state and federal departments of transportation build a highway by-pass around the city of Fort Madison? YES NO

7. Do you live in Fort Madison? YES NO

8. Write any additional comments in the space below (please type or print legibly).

PART V

(SAMPLE BALLOT)

PART V

TRAFFIC SURVEY RESULTS

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		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1A Bank & P.O. Box	%	98	2	98	2	53	46	50	50	71	29	89	11	99	1	50	50
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2A Bank & P.O. Box	%	99	1	100	0	54	46	43	57	73	27	94	6	7	93	59	41
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1B Supermarkets	%	97	3	97	3	52	48	54	46	77	23	89	11	99	1	39	61
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 2B Supermarkets	%	98	2	98	2	58	42	65	35	82	18	89	11	3	97	40	60
Part 2 - Division 1 F. M. Resident 1C Industry	%	99	1	96	4	46	54	60	40	69	31	93	7	100	0	34	66
Part 2 - Division 2 County & Other 1C Industry	%	99	1	98	2	53	47	65	35	82	18	97	3	0	100	37	63
GRAND TOTAL	%	98	2	98	2	53	47	56	44	76	24	92	8	51	49	43	57

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