

KEEPING IT COLLECTIVE

Louisiana Avenue Calm Streets Project in Dutchtown



DUTCHTOWN
MAIN STREETS

Louisiana Calm Streets

First phase of project from Meramec Street in Dutchtown to Cherokee Street in Gravois Park

Provides traffic calming measures to slow traffic and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists

Includes environmental considerations such as rain gardens and stormwater management



Louisiana Calm Streets: Slow Burn

2016: A traffic calming demonstration on Louisiana Avenue near Marquette Park showcased potential features like speed humps and bump-outs, leading to a significant reduction in vehicle speeds.

2017: The City of St. Louis secured federal funding for the project, with the East-West Gateway Council of Governments prioritizing it as the top project for that year.

2018: Design work commenced, incorporating community feedback and best practices in traffic calming.

2019-2020: General delays and problems

2021: Construction began on Phase 1, focusing on the segment from Gravois to Meramec.

Spring 2023: Phase 1 construction completed and maintenance and “birthday cake” problems begin.

Spring 2025: Still working on solutions and planning for phase 2





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CALM STREET

Maintenance: The Problem

After project was complete, there was no plan or funding to provide maintenance for the infrastructure

Weeds and trash accumulated in bumpout rain gardens

City departments leaned on local community organizations like Dutchtown Main Streets to find a solution



Maintenance: The Solution

Partnership with Employment Connection's Green Jobs Program to create Dutchtown Green Team

The program hires local residents to provide landscaping and maintenance service to Calm Streets infrastructure and neighborhood green spaces

Funded by CDA Neighborhood Transformation Grant



Maintenance: Recommendations

Consider low maintenance
green infrastructure!

You'll need expertise!

“Just say No!”

If you have to, find partners!



Roundabouts: The Problem

The project includes roundabouts at three major intersections: Cherokee, Chippewa, and Meramec

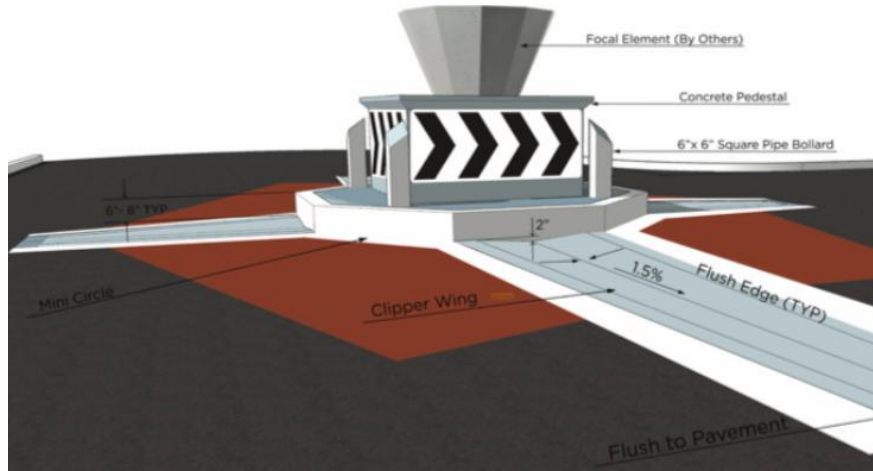
The roundabouts are hard to see, signage is lacking, and the small size does little to slow traffic

Accidents are frequent at these roundabouts



Roundabouts: Happy Birthday!

Original plan was much more robust,
but then come the funding cuts...



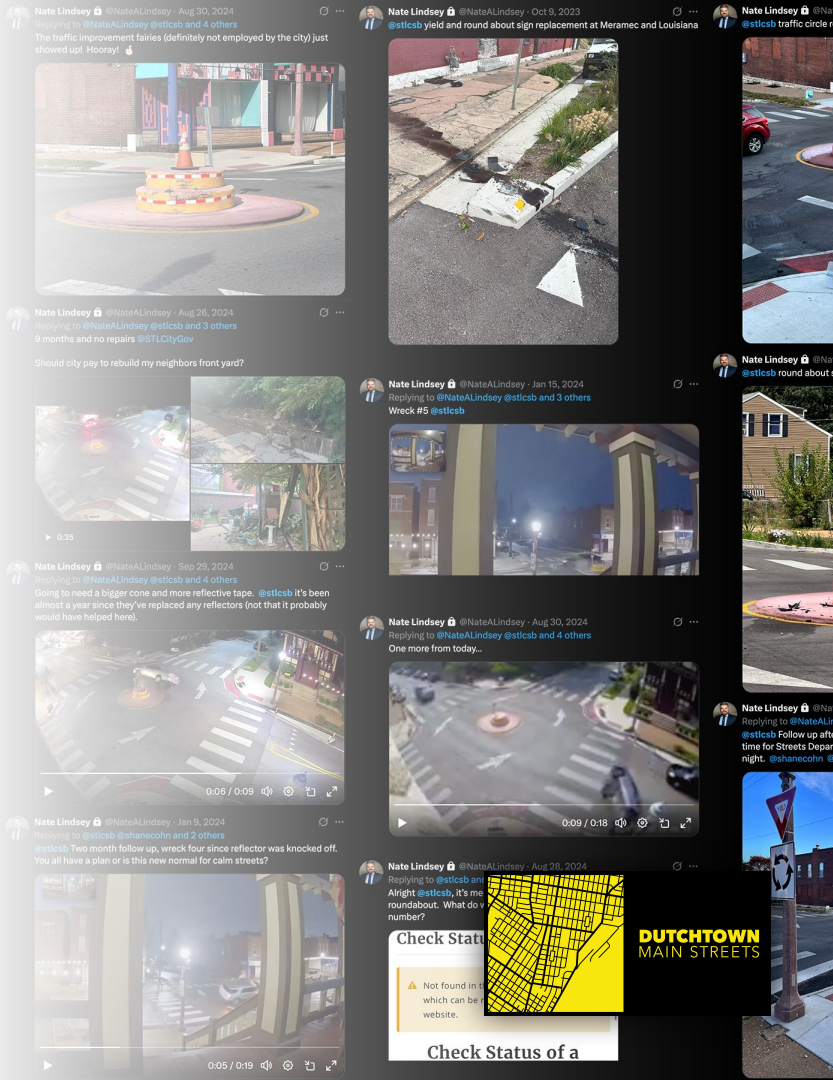


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Roundabouts: The Solution

Neighbors diligently documenting and reporting issues at the Meramec roundabout to Citizens' Service Bureau

Working with Alderman Cohn and the Board of Public Service to develop a solution that can be applied at other Calm Streets roundabouts



Roundabouts: Solutions



Roundabouts: Recommendations

Don't be a cheapskate STL!

CSB, CSB, CSB!

Be patient, STL is unique, but not that unique!

Put the phone down and drive safe!

