WESTERN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Adams Street to Howett Street

Public Hearing
March 7, 2019
6:15 p.m.
Why are **We Here Tonight?**

- Learn about the proposed design
- Provide comments on driveways and front yard fences
- Provide comments on retaining walls
- Provide comments on right-of-way
- Provide comments on how the project will be constructed
Project Location
Recap of Public Meetings 1, 2, 3 & 4

• All held at Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch
  - October 20, 2016
  - February 13, 2017
  - May 8, 2017
  - April 12, 2018
  - 94 total attendees
• “Complete Green Streets” presentation
• Reviewed on-line surveys (2)
  - 374 participants
• Presented Various Alternatives at Meeting #3
• Presented preliminary concept at SCUC meeting April 21, 2018
Selected Option:
THREE TRAFFIC LANES WITH BUFFERED BIKE LANES
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Three Traffic Lanes with Buffered Bike Lanes

• Reduces hard surfaces by 20%. Reduces total load to Combined Sewer Overflow by 76%.
• Changes the character of the street
• Provides opportunity for green infrastructure
• Promotes healthy lifestyle with pedestrian and bicycle accommodations
• Improves safety:
  • Encourages lower speeds
  • Center turn lane
  • Lighting
  • Separates vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians
Proposed Typical Section
Proposed Design: Notable Changes

Spruce Street closed off at Adams
Proposed Design: Notable Changes

Traffic signals removed at Garden and at Starr
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Driveways and Front Yard Fences
Retaining Walls

- Required at various locations
- A variety of designs
- Some load bearing
- City would like to provide a consistent look
- Replaced as part of project but will belong to the property owners
- Samples of current wall types:
Retaining Walls

1511 Western Ave

1510 Western Ave
1201 Western Ave
Retaining Walls

- Proposed Retaining Walls for Corridor: MODULAR BLOCK
Retaining Walls

Example of modular block retaining walls
RIGHT-OF-WAY: Types

- **Existing Right-of-Way:**
  Current land for the public’s use (current roadway and sidewalk)

- **Temporary Easement:**
  “Rent” the use of the property for 3 to 5 years. Temporary use during construction.

- **Permanent Easement:**
  Purchase permanent rights to use property. Allows City access to sewer structures on private property.

- **Fee Simple (new permanent right-of-way):**
  Purchase all or portion of a property by Warranty Deed. Expands the right-of-way.
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RIGHT-OF-WAY

Existing Right-of-Way:
Temporary Easement:
Fee Simple (Permanent Acquisition):

Sample of proposed right-of-way for the project
RIGHT-OF-WAY Process for Highways

Determine Right-of-Way Acquisition Needed

- Determined by the proposed design

Establish Value of Right-of-Way

- 3rd party appraisal

Make an Offer

- In writing, to owner

Owner to Decide on Offer
How the Project will be Constructed

• Two options for construction
  • “Stage Construction” – Close half the road at a time
  • “Road Closure” – portions of the corridor will be fully closed
How the Project will be Constructed

• “Stage Construction” will keep at least one lane open during construction
  • Pedestrian and vehicle access constraints
  • Longer duration of impact to properties
  • Full corridor impacted for full construction duration
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How the Project will be Constructed

• “Road Closure” will detour traffic during construction
  • Shorter construction impact to properties
  • Temporary access to some businesses from side streets
  • Need to use backyard alleys
  • Several blocks of the corridor is affected at a time (instead of the full corridor being affected for the full construction duration)
  • Safer for public and workers
How the Project will be Constructed

• “Road Closure” option
  • One portion of the corridor is affected at a time (instead of the full corridor being affected for the full construction duration)
Next Steps

• Comments are due by March 22\textsuperscript{nd}
• Comments will be documented in the Project Report, considered and addressed
• Receive concept design approval – May 2019
• Right-of-Way process and final plan design
• Construction start Spring 2020
• Estimated 2 years of construction
• Approximately $11 million
• Process is Continually Open for Public Questions/Comments
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

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