WESTERN AVENUE COMPLETE STREETS

Howett Street to Adams Street

Public Meeting #4
April 12, 2018
6:15 P.M.
Recap of Public Meetings #1, #2 & #3

- All held at Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch
- Dates held:
  - October 20, 2016
  - February 13, 2017
  - May 8, 2017
  - 91 total attendees
- “Complete Green Streets” presentation
- Reviewed on-line surveys (2)
  - 374 participants
- Presented Various Alternatives with Final at Meeting #3
Selected Option:

THREE TRAFFIC LANES WITH TWO-WAY CYCLE TRACK
WESTERN AVENUE

Three Traffic Lanes With Two-Way Cycle Track

- Reduces hard surfaces by 20%
- Changes the character of the street
- Provides opportunity for green infrastructure and bioswales
- Promotes healthy lifestyle with pedestrian and bicycle accommodations
- Improves safety with reduced lane width, center turn lane, separated path and lighting
Typical Section

66' Western Avenue Right-of-Way

5' Sidewalk
Parkway
11' Lane
10' Turn Lane
11' Lane
7' Bioswale Median
10' 2-Way Cycle Track
6' Sidewalk
5' Bike Lane
5' Bike Lane
Why are **We Here Tonight?**

- Provide Comments on Driveways and Front Yard Fences
Why are **We Here Tonight?**

- Provide Comments on Retaining Walls
Retaining Walls

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

- Proposed Retaining Walls for Corridor: MODULAR BLOCK
Retaining Walls

MODULAR BLOCKS
Why are **We Here Tonight?**

- Provide Comments on Proposed ROW
RIGHT-OF-WAY Process for Highways

1. Types of Right-of Way
   - Temporary Easement – “Rent” the use of the property for 3 to 5 years
   - Permanent Easement – Purchase permanent rights to use property
   - Fee Simple – Purchase all or portion of a property by Warranty Deed

2. Selection of Right-of Way
   - Areas for Grading, Driveways, Retaining Walls, Working Room = TE’s
   - Area for Utilities, Sidewalks = PE
   - Adjustments to Radii, ADA ramps, Traffic Signal Equipment = FEE
   - The proposed ROW limits are shown on tonight’s exhibits.
   - Adjustments to limits are made according to comments received tonight and possibly during negotiations

3. Establishing Value of ROW
   - Licensed Appraisers assist City with determining compensation
   - Appraisals and Waivers are prepared based on analysis of current real estate market.
RIGHT-OF-WAY Process for Highways

4. Making an offer to acquire
   • Offer will be made in writing based on appraisal / waiver.
   • Will set up appointment if needed to explain project, point out the area to be acquired, answer any questions.
   • City / TERRA representative will also be available for questions.

5. Deciding on the offer
   • Property owner will have a reasonable amount of time to consider the offer.
   • The sale is concluded in a similar manner to other real estate transactions.
Why are We Here Tonight?

- Provide Comments on Construction Staging or Road Closure
Why are **We Here Tonight?**

- Provide Comments on **Stage Construction**
  - Pedestrian and Vehicle Access Constraints
  - Longer Duration of Impact to Properties

and **Road Closure**

- Shorter Construction Impact to Properties
- Temporary Access to Some Businesses Off Side Streets
- Need to Use Backyard Alleys
What **Happens with Comments?**

**Follow-Up to Public Involvement**

- Comments Due April 27\(^{th}\) – forms available
- Receive Design Approval – June 2018
- Start ROW Process and Final Plan Design
- Publish Plans for Contractor Bids – Spring 2019
- Estimated 2 Years of Construction

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Western Avenue

Public Comment Form

April 12, 2018

Thank you for attending tonight’s meeting to view the selected Option and Corridor Plan. We value everyone’s comments and feedback.

1. If you have a concern or comment regarding a specific address, please complete the following:
   - Address:
   - Your relationship to this address:
     - [ ] Owner / Tenant
     - [ ] Neighbor
     - [ ] Other:
   - Comment or concern:
     
2. General comments:
   
3. Name:
   
   Email address (to receive information related to this project):
   
   
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What’s **NEXT**?

**Phase II Design Documents**

- Develop Design Plans and Details
- Finalize Right-of-Way – Start Appraisals/Negotiations – Summer 2018
- Prepare estimate of Time and Cost – 2 years ~$11.0M
- Submit to IDOT for Review/Address Comments
- Develop Final PS&E for Letting
- Publish Plans for Contractor Bids – Spring 2019
- Process is Continuously Open for Public Questions/Comments
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

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Double Click or select play to start the simulation
**TRAFFIC COUNT** Comparison

**Western Avenue**
- South End Near Adams Street: 3,950 cars per day
- North End Near Lincoln Avenue: 10,500 cars per day

**Adams Street**
- Persimmon Street to Walnut Street: 7,400 - 9,700 cars per day

**Sheridan Road**
- Nebraska Avenue to McClure Avenue: 7,900 cars per day

**Forrest Hill Avenue**
- Sheridan Road to Knoxville Avenue: 6,400 cars per day

**University Street**
- Main Street to I-74: 25,800 cars per day

*Traffic Counts from IDOT Website*
Traffic Simulation

- Actual traffic – counted Jan 2016;
- PM Peak – 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM
- 1 second video = 2 seconds of real time
- Pedestrians are represented
- 5 intersections modelled and simulated
  - Only Lincoln Avenue meets signal warrants
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Traffic Simulation – W Lincoln Avenue

Double Click or select play to start the simulation
Developed a **Corridor Plan**

This artistic rendering does not reflect the final number and location of trees, plants, or other improvements.
Right-of-Way FAQ

How will I know if my property is going to be purchased?
The plans here tonight show proposed ROW. Please locate your property on the drawings and ask questions of a City/TERRA representative.

What happens if only part of my property is acquired?
This is the case for almost all properties on this project. You will be compensated fairly and equitably for the portion taken and for any reduction in value of the remaining property.

When will I receive payment?
In most cases, payment will be made within six weeks from the date you signed the deed.

How is the loan on my property affected?
Your lending institution may require part of the proceeds of the sale. Your actual situation will depend on the status of your loan and the portion of your property sold to the city.
RIGHT-OF-WAY Applications:

Existing ROW Red
Temporary Easement:  
Proposed ROW:
Why are We Here Tonight?

Road Closure

Pros:
- Shorter Construction Impact For A Given Property
- Construction Zone And Traveled Way Are Separate - Safer For Workers And Public
- Minimal Traffic Control
- Minimize Work Zone During Winter

Cons:
- Temporary Access To Some Businesses Off Side Streets
- Residents Would Have To Use Backyard Alleys Or Park Elsewhere
- Significant Signing Required