



COTTAGE-MAGNOLIA STREETS REHABILITATION

Public Informational Meeting Minutes No.2

Meeting Date: June 21, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School No. 19 – 465 Seward Street

Attendees: See attendees list below

PURPOSE & PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the meeting was to explain to the residents the street rehabilitation project planned for Cottage Street from S. Plymouth Avenue to Magnolia Street, Magnolia Street from Cottage Street to Nellis Park, and Seward Street from Magnolia Street to Reynolds Street.

The rehabilitation project includes removing existing curbs and installing new granite curbs, new underdrain, new driveway aprons, spot sidewalk replacement, carriage walk removal and/or replacement, catch basin upgrades, new water services, updated signage and crosswalks as well as accessible ramps. Lawns disturbed by construction activities will be restored. The pavement will be milled and resurfaced, in addition to possible areas of base repair.

Changes since Public Meeting #1 were presented and communicated to the attendees.

The proposed one-way southbound conversion of Seward Street, between Reynolds Street and Magnolia Street, was presented again. It was communicated that continued public support is required.

MEETING MATERIALS PRESENTED

The street improvements were illustrated on a large scale (1"=10') color renderings for each street and were available for viewing and comments.

The attached meeting agenda was provided to all attendees.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Donna Clements opened the meeting with introductions and presented the proposed improvements with a Powerpoint presentation. The scope of work for street, utility, landscaping, signage and pavement markings improvements were described to the attendees.



Donna communicated the following three (3) recent changes to the project:

1. Further narrowing of Seward Street, from 22' to 19', between Reynolds Street and Magnolia Street to reduce the street crossing and provide traffic calming. A raised crosswalk located on Seward Street near the intersection of Reynolds Street will increase the visibility of students crossing Seward Street and provide further traffic calming.
2. The proposed installation of School Speed Limit signs has been reviewed and recommended by MCDOT. Endorsement is required by the School Traffic Safety Committee followed by the approval of the Traffic Control Board (TCB). The School Traffic Safety Committee met on June 27, 2018 and endorsed the School Speed Limit signs. The next TCB meeting is July 3, 2018. If approved, the School Speed limit signs will potentially be installed in September 2018.
3. Proposed recessed parking along Magnolia Street between Seward Street and Nellis Park to further alleviate traffic congestion surrounding the school.

Donna discussed in detail "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding driveway aprons, carriage walks, encroachments, water service work and traffic maintenance (see attached Powerpoint). It was communicated that water service replacement typically occurs within a day and that residents will be notified of service disruptions.

Brent Penwarden (MCDOT) communicated to the residents that the one-way southbound conversion along Seward Street between Reynolds Street and Magnolia Street has been recommended by MCDOT and other interested stakeholders since 1999. The proposed design is not final until reviewed and accepted by City Council. Brent continued to emphasize that the number of conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians is cut in half with a one-way street and as a result is much safer.

Brent also communicated that the one-way conversion would not significantly impact traffic patterns or increase travel times by more than approximately 2 minutes as the existing street network provides several alternate routes.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule for the project was communicated as:

Preliminary design plans	Summer 2018
Final design plans	Fall/Winter 2018
Street construction	Spring/Summer 2019
Construction completion	Fall 2019

PROJECT CONTACTS

It was communicated that a project webpage exists on the City's website and that the Presentation, Agenda and Meeting Minutes will be available. The project webpage will be regularly updated to keep the residents informed of the project details and schedule.

Mrs. Clements encouraged attendees to contact her either by her office phone or email with any questions and concerns and stated that her contact information was provided on the agenda as well as the project website.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

The meeting was opened for questions, comments, and/or concerns:

- Q1: Shanon Grey (188 Flint St.): There are piles of stone in the roadway that children are playing on and it is unsafe.
- A: The area is outside the proposed project limits. The contact representative information for the Reynolds-Seward construction project are available via the City's webpage. Mrs. Clements requested that Ms. Grey call her if she was unable to reach a representative from the Reynolds-Seward project.
- Q2: Ellen Hancock (teacher at School #19): Will the construction begin after school session has ended in Spring/Summer 2018?
- A: Yes, construction will not begin until school has ended for summer break.
- Q3: Mary Warnick (421 Seward St.): The improvements seem to eliminate traffic issues but parking is an issue. Teachers do not park in the parking lot.
- A: We have provided on-street parking off of Magnolia Street and Reynolds Street to provide additional parking in the neighborhood. Parking in the school parking lot is an enforcement issue with School #19.
- A: Moniek Silas-Lee (School Principal): The parking lot off of Magnolia Street is full in the mornings and many of the school staff park at the Flint Street recreation center. The school has transition staff that arrive and depart at various hours through-out the day. The school can enforce and communicate to staff that they should utilize the parking lot off of Magnolia Street whenever possible.
- A: Donna Clements: Parking is an issue at many, if not all, of the City of Rochester schools.
- A: Brent Penwarden: Traffic and parking are always a challenge. Twice as many students are bused.
- Q4: Ellen Hancock (teacher at School #19): Parking is limited at the Flint Street recreation center is limited.
- Q5: Mike Bulger (HealthiKids): I work with School #19 to support a healthy environment and to promote walking to school. The HealthiKids organization supports the Seward Street one-way conversion. The traffic calming features and raised crosswalk will provide a safer school environment. The one-way street will allow dismissal and arrival to operate smoothly. Please show your support to City Council if you are in support of the one-way conversion along Seward Street. Traveling in the wrong direction on Seward Street would be eliminated with Seward Street being all one-way.
- Q6: Brent Penwarden (MCDOT): We want to know if anybody has concerns with the Seward Street one-way conversion so that we can have a conversation to address the concerns. A lot of effort is put into designing and obtaining approval of the street project and it would be unfortunate to have the project halted at City Council approval because concerns were not voiced at the two public meeting held so far for the project.

Q7: Donna Clements: There is a 6 week lead time to be placed on the City Council agenda and we would like to have the opportunity to address any issues before we go to Council for approval. If there are any concerns or questions with the one-way conversion or the street project, please contact me.

Q8: Russell Uhl (428 Seward St.): Finding parking adjacent to the school can be challenging for residents. It's frustrating to have to park around the block when you're bringing in your groceries. Since teachers park on the street, can residents park in the school parking lot?

A: Moniek Silas-Lee (School Principal): Parking in the school parking lot would be allowed.

A: Brent Penwarden (MCDOT): Many schools have specific times for drop-off and pick-up. The Rochester Police department is more aware of the parking restrictions at schools and is enforcing.

A: Moniek Silas-Lee (School Principal): A map showing student drop-off areas is provided to the parents.

Q9: Portia Westfall (97 Cottage St.): Will the tree in front of my house be removed? It has family significance.

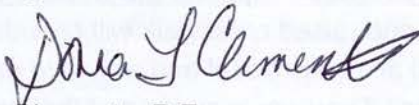
A: An alternate layout will be investigated.

CONCLUSION

There were no further questions, comments or concerns. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

All statements are known to be accurate. Any significant deviations to these meeting minutes should be provided to Donna Clements Donna.Clements@cityofrochester.gov for editing and redistribution.

Respectfully submitted,



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DC:kmb

Encl: Meeting agenda
Meeting Powerpoint Presentation
Sign-in sheet of attendees

Cc: Attendees
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Frank Bonn – DES/Street Design
Eric Hansen – RCSD
John Hart – Permits
Jim Pond – MCDOT
Lisa Reyes - DES/Street Design
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