Meeting Minutes



october 19, 2022			Location:				
Project Name:	2023 Preventive Maintenance –			Project No.:	19674.00		
	Group 1						
Subject:	Public Information Meeting			Scribe:	Rosenthal		
Attendees:		Representing:		Phone/Fax No.:	E-mail Add	ress:	
26 attendees – se	ee						
attached list							

On Wednesday October 19, 2022, the City of Rochester hosted a virtual public information meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 PM using the Zoom video conferencing platform. This is the second public meeting for the 2023 Preventive Maintenance – Group 1 project on East Avenue (Culver Road to Probert Street), University Avenue (Culver Road to Blossom Road), Culver Road (Garson Avenue to Laurelton Road and Clifford Avenue to Norton Street), and South Avenue (East Henrietta Road to Elmwood Avenue). The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of proposed improvements and share design changes as a result of a second parking study since the last public information meeting held on July 28, 2022.

The following questions were asked by the public following the formal presentation:

- Q (Jenelle Harriff): Will any new trees be planted on University Ave between Culver Rd and East Blvd? She stated that trees were not desired due to the tight parking lot close to the sidewalk. She also thanked the project team for preserving the parking on the south side of University Ave from Culver Rd to East Blvd.
 R: There are no new trees proposed to be planted on University Ave between Culver Rd and East Blvd as part of this project. Other comment noted.
- Q (Anonymous Attendee): Will businesses, churches and residents on Culver Road be notified between construction begins in front of their spaces?
 R: Yes, the City will send out notices. The project Resident Engineer and Contractor will also notify businesses when construction activity occurs.
- Q (Kelvin Knight): Where trees are upsetting the sidewalks, will the trees be removed?
 R: City Forestry oversees the health of the trees. Sidewalk replacements will occur on this project in select locations.
- 4. Q (Kelvin Knight): How many people are on the zoom meeting? R: 26.
- 5. Q (Bill Collins): [Paraphrased] All arterials are required to have free and safe flow of traffic for all users. 75-100% of businesses on University Ave have parking. Safe use of the ROW for all users should outweigh parking needs. Streets should be used for traffic flow not car storage. Under the law, cyclists are to be included and accommodated with street improvements. Wider shared use lanes will invite higher traffic speeds. This street receives a high level of bicycle activity and has a bike shop on University Ave between Culver Rd and East Blvd.

Sharrows should not be considered bike facilities. Also, there are no transit improvements shown. Are any bus shelters or RTS improvements being made?

R: Transit improvements including the installation of concrete bus pads are proposed at existing bus stops throughout the project streets. This was not mentioned during the presentation but is included in the project scope. Bicycle facilities were implemented throughout the project wherever possible between the existing curbs and in accordance with the City's overall bicycle master plan. The second parking study concluded that parking in this particular section of University Avenue warranted retaining the parking lane. The surrounding arterial network including University Avenue east of East Boulevard, East Avenue, Probert Street, and Culver Road, all have or will have dedicated bicycle facilities after the completion of this project. Additionally, the City and design team implemented a buffer on University Avenue between the parking lane and new bike lane to accommodate 'Door zone' comments received during the first public meeting.

- 6. Q (Bill Collins): Why are the parking studies so different. That should mean something. The City needs to do a better job of balancing the needs of bicyclists and business owners. Appreciate the other bike amenities being added but want all streets users should be accommodated. Pushing cyclists to other streets doesn't work as bicyclists' final destination will be the same.
 - R: Comment noted, and participant encouraged to send an email to Phoenix Howell to document additional comments.
- 7. Q (Mike Hurley): Will the crosswalks have pedestrian walkway signs? Any chance at flashing lights when crossing. Asking specifically about East Blvd and University Ave.

 R: If the participant is asking about the midblock crosswalks, yes, they will have crosswalk signs and advanced warning signs. New midblock crosswalks are proposed at East Ave/East Blvd and at University Ave/East Blvd and both will receive Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons which contain the flashing warning lights.
- 8. Q (Mike Hurley): Thank you for balancing needs between business parking and cyclists needs. University Avenue has parking issues already and I often have to park on East Blvd with spots on University and Sager being full. With Black Button coming, the area will get busier. Thank you for the addition of pedestrian crossings and other updates while considering parking needs. Very much appreciated.

 R: Comment noted.
- 9. Q (Tracy Williams): Will the north side parking on University Ave between East Blvd and Blossom Rd be staying?
 - R: Yes, the road widens in this section and the design includes bike lanes and a parking lane.
- 10. Q (Tracy Williams): Will there be any impact to utilities during the spring to fall construction period?
 R: Utilities will need to adjust facilities in the roadway and other areas within the ROW but there are no major relocations or work planned as part of this project. Not utility outages would be expected as part of this project and if they are required, they should be minor.
- 11. Q (Dave Norbut): [Paraphrased] Great redesign. The two buildings on University Ave south side between Culver Rd and East Blvd have over 50,000 square feet of space and many users daily. The on-street parking is well utilized. The difference between the parking studies is that the first one was done in February when there was snow on the streets taking up parking spots and taken during lunch when many people leave to go to lunch.

R: Comment noted.

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This is the writer's interpretation of the above meeting. If there are any issues that need to be revised or discussed, please contact the City Project Manager, Phoenix Howell as soon as possible.

Next Meeting: N/A

Rob Schiller, PE

List of Meeting Attendees

Project Team

Phoenix Howell, City of Rochester Rob Schiller, Erdman Anthony Kara Rosenthal, Erdman Anthony Luke Wilson, Erdman Anthony Sam Giovino, City of Rochester, Construction Division

Community Members

Art Pines

Barbara Simms

Christine Corrado

Colleen Hardy

Dave Norbut (46 Sager Dr, 1239 & 1241 University Ave, 1230 & 1240 East Ave)

Glenda Spencer

Jenelle Harriff (1239 University Ave)

John Lam (Reconnect Rochester)

Kathy Ortiz

Kelvin Knight (City of Rochester, Southeast Quadrant Neighborhood Service Center)

Ken Graci

Linda Delaney

LWV Rochester Metro

Maria Hartz (St Mark's & St. John's)

Mike Hurley

Rob Hall

Schneider

Tracy Williams (Black Button)

Wayne Jenks

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