



Public Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: 6th Avenue Reconstruction Project Public Meeting
GROUP: Public
DATE: May 17, 2006
TIME: 6-8:30 pm.
LOCATION: Creekside Elementary School Multipurpose Room, Anchorage

MEETING OUTREACH:

Project team corridor walk and doorhanger distribution, April 29, 2006

Email notice week of May 1, and May 15. Postcard notification week of May 1.

Anchorage Daily News ad May 10 and 16, 2006

MEETING ATTENDANCE: 9 signed in

MEETING MATERIALS: 1) Agenda 2) Presentation printout 3) PowerPoint presentation
4) Aerial and other photos of project area 5) Comment sheet

STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Brooks, Public Involvement Coordinator, Brooks & Associates

Kathy Burgess, Brooks & Associates

John Smith, MOA PM&E

Julie Makela, MOA PM&E

John Smith, MOA PM&E

Joel Stout, Lounsbury & Associates

Tom Garrett, Lounsbury & Associates

Duane Adams, Land Design North

Tom Rosenberger, Land Design North

Mark Kimerer, Land Design North

MEETING INFORMATION:

Attendees were greeted, asked to sign in, and given copies of handouts. Meeting was informal open house format, allowing people to view photo displays and talk individually with project team members.

A presentation was given at 6:30 pm and repeated at 7:30 pm. Joel Stout introduced the project, its background and aims. Anne Brooks explained the current and future public involvement effort.

The following questions/comments were made during the presentation and afterward in conversations with project team members. Remarks from the public are in plain type; project team responses are in *italics*.

- There is a speed limit sign at the Muldoon end of the street on the north side that gets blocked by a tree. *The team confirmed that this 20 mph sign was blocked by a tree.*

- How does the funding for the project work? *Funding is in phases. The current design effort was part of the April 2005 bonds. Construction will be funded separately, probably in the 2007 bonds.*
- There is a problem with drainage of runoff at the park end of the street, especially during breakup. Dog waste, etc., collects and blocks road drains.
- What will happen to our mailboxes? *Probably cluster mailboxes will be installed.*
- The current sidewalk is always icy.
- If there is separated sidewalk, who maintains the walk and the separation? *The City may choose to maintain them, especially as this is a school walking route. However, Title 24 (Right of Way Enforcement) places certain responsibilities on the right-of-way's adjacent landowners that the City may require them to fulfill.*
- Will there be sidewalks on both sides? It would be good to have one on the north side of the street; the sun would melt the ice sooner. *Collector standards require a sidewalk on both sides. Even if a private developer were to build this street now, the standards require sidewalk on one side for ADT(Average Daily Traffic) over 300 vehicles per day, and both sides for ADT of 1000 vehicles per day. 6th Avenue has an ADT in excess of 1000 vehicles per day. So the project will have pedestrian facilities on both sides unless design criteria are changed by City authorities at a higher level than anyone on the project team.*
- Parking for ball games at the park narrows the street. People park mostly between the park and the school. People don't use the school parking lot; they park on the full length of the street and in driveways. They might not use the school lot even if the road was narrower.
- I don't see a big need for the project; other needs in the city are greater.
- I don't see a need for more sidewalks. This is a very quiet street. *Collector standards specify sidewalk on both sides of the road.*
- The street gets its snow plowed very quickly after a storm. Sidewalk maintenance isn't done as quickly or done as well.
- Will there be changes to the Muldoon intersection? You can't see oncoming traffic at the light when you're waiting to make a left turn. The waiting vehicle opposite blocks the view of the oncoming lane. *We are aware of the problem, but it is being handled through a State safety project on Muldoon Road. Right now, improving right turns at 6th Avenue is within the scope of the State project. There is also an ongoing discussion about trying to solve the left-turn problem as well with the State project.*
- Will there be any landscaping/beautification added? *Yes, we will be adding landscaping. The exact location and type is unknown at this time.*
- What about crosswalks and flashers for the school? *Although not specified, these are generally standard for schools located on collector streets.*
- People speed on our street. What about traffic calming? *We will look at traffic calming measures.*
- Short driveway lengths (especially on the south side) make any more taking of right of way or property for an offset trail or walk difficult for houses close to the roadway.
- Some of the properties on the south side have a 2-foot +/- elevation difference from the property to the trail edge. Short retaining walls may be in order. *We would not have a path at the ROW line because it would be too hard for drivers to see people walking in this location while backing out of those short, high driveways. I think the*

south side path is as far south as it can be. If we were to get any separation between the path and the street, we would achieve that by moving the street north.

- Can the utilities be undergrounded as part of this project? They are really ugly and it would be a shame to lose the opportunity to deal with that as a part of this project. *It's too expensive. Underground relocation usually costs about the same amount as all the other improvements combined and sometimes more. So, undergrounding can be expected to at least double the total project cost.*
- People speed on the roadway. Could a flashing warning light be provided to indicate that there is a school on the roadway?
- There is a wide combined driveway east of Creekside (north side of the street). There is a storm drain there also that sometimes floods and ices. The project needs to consider the access and drainage provisions.

Related documents on file:

Doorhanger

Postcard

Anchorage Daily News ad

PowerPoint presentation

Agenda

Comment sheet