

Subject: Court Street Improvements Study – Public Meeting #1 Notes

Date: August 1, 2019

Place: Auburn City Hall

Attendees: Refer to Attached Sign-In Sheet

By: Tom Errico

Introductions/Background History – George Peterson introduced the project team and staff and summarized the studies and work efforts conducted previously that led to this effort.

Study Objective – Tom Errico presented the Study Objective and noted that it is an important element of the Study as it will be continuously reviewed to ensure efforts comply with its intent.

Review Study Scope of Work – Tom briefly summarized the scope of work for the study.

Existing Conditions Summary/Data Collection/Prior Studies – Tom presented information on transportation data such as traffic volumes, crash history, level of service, and general roadway characteristics. He also summarized some of the prior studies recommendations.

Public Meeting/Public Outreach Process – Tom noted that this is the first in a series of three public meetings.

Break Out Session – Three groups were formed with a summary of comments below:

Group 1

- Two-Way on Main Street or close it, possibly allowing for bus only traffic
- Longer pedestrian crossing times
- Remove entrance to 84 Court Street
- Eliminate NB lane on Turner Street and expand sidewalk or add parking
- Remove Denny’s Entrance
- Railroad Street one-way in, out prohibited
- Install speed bumps – traffic goes too fast
- Road Diet on Minot Avenue
- More crosswalks and make more effective
- Remove left turn from Goff Street
- Add crosswalk on west side of Goff Street
- Roundabout at Minot Avenue
- Raised Pedestrian Crossing at Railroad Street
- On-Street parking in front of Library
- Make Spring and Pleasant raised intersections

- Turner Street approach is confusing
- Make Main Street raised
- Implement calming strategies to bridge
- Enhance RRFB on Turner at YMCA

Group 2

- City needs to do a better job of painting crosswalks
- Speed bumps downhill approaching Goff Street
- Long pedestrian wait times at Minot Avenue
- Remove right lanes on Minot and Union
- Close Railroad Street or make it one-way in
- Make pedestrian phases longer at big intersections
- Add time to left turning traffic at Spring Street
- Provide on-street parking on north side between Spring and Pleasant
- Winter maintenance an issue on south side between Pleasant and High
- Redo Handicapped parking at Court House
- Pedestrians almost hit crossing Mechanics Row
- Wider sidewalk on Turner along Court House/YMCA
- Make Main Street two-way

Group 3

- Provide a pedestrian crossing at Railroad Crossing
- Distance too short between Goff and Minot/Union
- Distance too short between Minot/Union and Denny's Driveway
- People still turn left out of Railroad Street. Make it right out only
- Make Pleasant two-way north of Court
- Turn conflicts with pedestrians a problem at Turner
- Crosswalk on Turner at YMCA is unsafe with high speeds and poor illumination
- Long pedestrian wait time at Main
- Vehicles go too fast from bridge to Great Falls Plaza
- Eliminate one left turn lane from Turner onto Court
- Provide pedestrian refuge at Turner and Hampshire

Project Schedule – Tom noted the next Public Meeting would be late September or early October with completion of the Study by the end of the year.

Some comments provided during the presentation included:

- The main concern was that people who frequently cross Court Street all said they had almost been hit multiple times, particularly in the slip lanes.
- People agreed that they had seen people cross/crossed themselves at unmarked locations, particularly the railroad tracks.

- People also agreed on concerns regarding traffic exiting Goff Street as well as Denny's.
- The other discussion revolved around speed on the bridge with people agreeing that motorists are coming into the downtown at a high speed.