



MEETING NOTES

Stakeholder Meeting #1
March 1, 2011
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Afflerbach Elementary School

ATTENDEES:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Organization, Name, Organization. Rows include Nancy Olson (Cheyenne MPO), Tom Mason (Cheyenne MPO), Jim Woods (Heartland Homebuilders), Patti Sebesta (West Winds Community), Tomas Sarmiento (Dirty Duds Dry Cleaners), Connie Sarmiento (Dirty Duds Dry Cleaners), George Zaharas (Tripoli Square Owner), Dave Novick (Town and Country Phar.), Mark Schubert (Action Automotive), Brian/Dee Bryant (Palomino Industries), Victor Contratto (Home-based business), Bob McCue (T&C (Maury Brown)), Les Mead (American Storage & Postal), William Edwards (Developer), Angie Milewski (BHA), Bob Felsburg (FHU), and Lyle DeVries (FHU).

The meeting began with self-introductions and Lyle DeVries presented general project information to the attendees.

The group discussed the draft project goal and objectives and there was general agreement with these. Stakeholders highlighted a few key issues as follows:

- Corridor lighting is poor. Consider improvements to corridor lighting
Small medians can be difficult to see and should not be included in the plan (i.e. current medians at Vandehei and SGH near I-80). These medians seem to complicate turning movements and cause crashes.
Need a signal at the SGH/Jefferson Rd. intersection
Speed limits and high travel speeds are a safety concern
Pay attention to need for supporting network of collector roadways. A network of frontage roads would help reduce the proliferation of signalized intersections
Truck traffic is likely to dramatically increase
There is quite a bit of pedestrian traffic south of College Drive with no sidewalks

The group then initiated a workshop discussion of key corridor issues and opportunities. The discussion was scribed on flip chart sheets and is described as follows:





LAND USE

Angie Milewski led a discussion on future land use issues and opportunities. The following points were made by stakeholders:

- Developing a roadway network east of SGH would support future development. Allow for an east extension of High Plains Road
- There is a need to connect the north-south parallel roadways
- Consider drainage impacts to future development areas
- Providing community services in the SGH corridor is attractive, including parks/ball fields, library, medical, shopping, food, banking, restaurants, hotels.
- Laramie County Community College is an asset and should be leveraged as a future node for development with its surrounding open land

BEAUTIFICATION/GATEWAY/STREETSCAPE

Angie continued to facilitate as the discussion turned to beautification elements:

- The features built into the Lincolnway median are a good step
- The existing striped roadway shoulders are confusing to drivers and cyclists. Drivers use these shoulders as turn lanes but conflict with other users in so doing. It is not clear who belongs where
- Striping and crosswalks need to be improved
- Moving the existing overhead power lines would be a positive step, but it is difficult to complete. Perhaps new poles could be built alongside the existing poles.
- There are nice light poles north of College. Need to eliminate creosote poles and provide better lighting in south part of SGH
- Unify color schemes and work within a uniform set of design guidelines to beautify the corridor
- Check input from S. Cheyenne Community Assessment and apply to project
- Fireworks stands are seen as an impediment by larger tenants. A previous ordinance to ban them failed
- LCCC is a major asset to S. Cheyenne
- Use drainage features to anchor a park
- Consider adding new South Cheyenne signage. Where is the legal/appropriate location for a welcome sign?
- A welcome sign should help provide the best projection of the S. Cheyenne community, which is currently seen as the 'bad part' of town
- Is S. Cheyenne really Cheyenne?
- Maintenance and upkeep is a vital part of beautification



ROADWAY DESIGN/TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Lyle DeVries led a discussion of design and operations conditions:

- Steep grades exist on many approaches to SGH. This is a problem in icy conditions, etc. and limits sight distance. Especially a problem near Terry Ranch Road
- Now that Jefferson has opened (since the crash data), issues exist and it needs a signal
- Too many entryways, left turns creating a safety issue with using center two-way left turn lane – eliminate driveways, provide alternate connections to signals for safer turning and crossings
- In some areas, combining accesses may allow for more parking
- Towne and Country feels they need wide accesses to deal appropriately with traffic issues
- Eliminating left turns instead of eliminating accesses could be more palatable
- Provide alternative accesses to signals
- Jefferson Road is a problem. Cut-through traffic avoids the intersection and recent planned developments will make this worse. It needs to be signalized. Twice in the past, this intersection has had a signal, then removed
- Speeds are too high, especially southbound down the hill from Fox Farm
- Plans have been mentioned to remove the frontage roads and direct traffic west to High Plains Road. Perhaps frontage roads should be added all the way south to Terry Ranch Road
- The intersection of SGH and College Drive needs right turn lanes added in SW and SE corners. The owner of land in the SE corner erected concrete barriers to address right turn safety problems there
- Transit stop at Dirty Duds is busy
- Consider ADA issues for motorized wheelchairs with new improvements to drainage pan areas, curb heights, etc.
- Greenway is getting more use by foot traffic, even ATV's which are a problem
- There are 2 new schools in the area and sidewalks are needed
- Signal timing is a concern, pedestrian timing seems too short

CONCLUSION

The project team thanked all for attending and indicated that the next opportunity for public input would occur on March 22, 2011 at the first public open house. The next Stakeholder meeting is anticipated in June of 2011.