
Work Session Memorialization

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SUBJECT: Memorialization – Highway 99 Concept Plan (Railroad Crossing thru NE 78th Street) & Highway 99 Interim Pedestrian Path (NE 99th Street to NE Parkview)
Project Work Session - 8-21-2013

DATE: August 21, 2013 – 9:00-10:00AM

On August 21, 2013, a work session was held to update the Board on two projects: Highway 99 Concept Plan (Railroad Crossing thru NE 78th Street) and Highway 99 Interim Pedestrian Path (NE 99th Street to NE Parkview).

Highway 99 Concept Plan (Railroad Crossing thru NE 78th Street)

Staff summarized the project history, the project purpose, provided three design options (minor, medium & major improvements), and budgets for each option. A wide range of improvements, which also vary in costs were presented as part of all three options.

The primary purpose of the work session was to seek Board direction on aspects of one or parts of each conceptual plan to begin communicating with the community and business/property owners along this stretch of Highway.

Community Planning Staff also presented information on the Highway 99 Sub-Area Plan. Oliver Orjiako stated any changes to the adopted Highway 99 Sub-Area Plan could be reviewed and incorporated in future development code adoptions. Chucks Produce, WinCo Foods and AutoZone were three businesses that were used as examples within the staff presentation.

Commissioners had the following comments and direction:

- All three Commissioners want the lowest investment yielding the most benefits for the short term.
- All three Commissioners are good with combining driveways, but not taking any away.
- All three Commissioners do not want landscape medians and frontage that makes it visually difficult to see and access the businesses.
- Improvements surrounding the height restriction of the railroad bridge and pedestrian movement upgrades is a long term issue.
- Placing all overhead utility lines on both west and east side underground is a high priority.
- Staff should consider looking at on-street parking in select locations or where right-of-way allows.
- Commissioner Stuart would like to look into re-striping to allow for better traffic and pedestrian flow.
- Commissioner Mielke wants to work with businesses to retain necessary accesses and signage.
- Commissioner Madore would like staff to meet with each property owner along this corridor to receive input and keep them fully engaged throughout the process.
- Commissioner Madore would like an accessible and transparent information management system in place throughout the process which collects all of the input from the property owners.
- Commissioner Madore does not want to design by committee, but instead receive valuable input from all stake holders.

Highway 99 Concept Plan (Railroad Crossing thru NE 78th Street): OUTCOME

Staff will provide additional information on the following:

1. Define project scope, schedule and budget.
2. Staff will review lowest investments that would yield the most benefits within Clark County existing right-of-way.
3. Staff and/or consultant will further design out options that can be presented to the business owners at a more detailed level (site specific).
4. Staff will review the idea of on-street parking.
5. Staff will structure a Public Outreach Plan & data information sharing center that can be used to store all information with regards to this project.
6. Public Works staff will move forward with applying for grants that may come available.

Highway 99 Interim Pedestrian Path (NE 99th Street to NE Parkview)

Staff summarized the project history, the project purpose, and provided a preferred interim walkway plan and budget. Emphasis was placed on the existing deficiencies, unsafe walking conditions and the fact complete construction of the NE 99th-107th Street project is scheduled in the TIP for 2019. The primary purpose of the work session was to gain Board approval to construct the interim walkway.

Commissioners had the following comments and direction:

- All three Commissioners would like staff to design, permit and construct the interim safe pedestrian walkway as soon as possible.
- Commissioner Mielke would like staff to look at possible rain gardens or storm water collection areas behind the new extruded curbs.

Highway 99 Interim Pedestrian Path (NE 99th Street to NE Parkview): OUTCOME

Staff will provide additional information on the following:

1. Staff will review options to provide some stormwater treatment with the interim path. This may be a low impact development, such as rain gardens.
2. Staff will get the project designed, permitted and construction immediately to optimize performance, but at a reduced cost.