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Project: City of Bend – Galveston Corridor Project

Subject: Galveston Ave Outreach Summary

Date: Monday, January 26, 2015

Over the past year, the City of Bend has been working with a community Task Force and a City Technical Advisory Committee to develop a concept design for Galveston Avenue.

With input from these groups, preliminary concepts have been developed with the vision and goals of the project in mind. The concepts will improve safety and reduce congestion at the intersection of Galveston and Harmon and will identify locations for additional on-street parking.

Recently, the City has attended numerous public events to ask the question “How would you like to see Galveston Avenue improved?” In addition to meetings referenced below, an online questionnaire was posted on the website.

The City has received 371 responses to the questionnaire and over 150 attendees to the various meetings. The comments and results received support that improvements along the corridor are desired by the community and that the vision and goals of the project are supported.

Groups/Committees:

- Sept 25 - City of Bend Accessibility Advisory Committee (COBACC)
- Oct 14 – Central Oregon Coalition for Access (COCA)
- Oct 30 – Cascade East Transit (CET)

Businesses:

- Oct 7 – BEDAB presentation (City Business committee)
 - Continue working with business owners. Access to their businesses is important.
 - A center turn lane supports businesses.
- Oct 13 – COB Planning Commission Meeting
- Nov 18 – Galveston Business Group
 - Median would limit business access and could cut business as much as 50%
 - Median would hinder delivery trucks (approx. 20/week). How would they access? How would they unload? Provide loading zones?
 - Concept 1 was preferred with some tweaking
 - Upgrade alleys if you force people to use them.
 - Beautification project only – add sidewalks and landscaping only as an option.
 - Issues with construction staging and construction season.
 - Maybe take off parking on the street.
 - Work with individual businesses on the road in front of their business; be flexible with landscaping and parking.



- Concept 1 with phasing median in the future should be considered. If the medians are ever needed.

Community/Neighbors:

- Oct 8 – Century West NA General Meeting
- Oct 21 – RWNA General Meeting – easels with Galveston concepts
- Dec 4 – RWNA and OBNA public meeting
 - Consider a multi-use path on Harmon
 - Unfair to push commercial parking into the residential area.
 - Need to slow traffic to make bikes/pedestrians feel safer.
 - The one way could reduce the amount of traffic on Columbia but increase the traffic on Harmon.
 - Zoning needs to be analyzed better along the corridor.
 - Galveston is a major east/west corridor and need to keep traffic moving.
 - Angled parking – maybe alternate sides along Galveston and have parallel parking on Columbia/Harmon
 - Like concept 2 with angled parking
 - Maybe back-in angled parking
 - Should consider bikeway or greenway on parallel streets for bikes/pedestrians.
- Dec 11 – Galveston property owners and NA public meeting
 - Switch bike lane and parking. Move parking adjacent to the travel lane and the bike lane to the curb.

Questionnaire summary of additional comments:

GENERAL THEME	GENERAL COMMENT
Concerns with Galveston	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lack of continuous sidewalks● Lack of safe pedestrian crossings● Congestion● Lack of parking● Speed of vehicles
Components that meet the vision / use of Galveston	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Improve sidewalks and pedestrian facilities● Buffered bikes lanes● Improve neighborhood character● Center turn lane for continuous access along corridor● Additional on street parking
Traffic – parking, accessibility, transit, vehicle speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Galveston is a major east/west street and need to be sure to maintain efficient flow.● Difficult to turn left onto Galveston because of congestion● Need additional parking for businesses and residential areas● Transit - expand and connect to other areas of the city● Keep speeds low, add signage/speed bumps to reduce

Pedestrian and bicycle safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffered/protected bicycle lanes • Bicycle corrals and racks • Finish and improve the sidewalks • Better defined sidewalks – perhaps colored concrete bricks • Poor street lighting – need better lighting of sidewalks and pedestrian crossings
Livability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit zoning for businesses • Limit alcohol permits • Design to keep noise level low
Business and Residential Financial Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will be the tax impact • Who will cover the cost of business lost revenue during construction • What about impact to residential property value • Why the focus on business revenue rather than residential impact
Other Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix intersection of Tumalo and Riverside • No roundabout needed since there's one at 14th • When will this type of plan start for 14th • Get bikes off of Galveston by using a parallel street • Make 12th and 13th Street one-way with diagonal parking