

Meeting Notes



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Public Information Meeting

Burlington Main Street Crosswalk Design / File 195310815

Date/Time: February 4, 2013 / 7:00 PM
Place: Edmunds School Cafeteria
Attendees: Guillermo Gomez - City of Burlington
Nicole Losch - City of Burlington
Norm Baldwin - City of Burlington
Thad Luther - Stantec
Dave Grover - Stantec
Jesse Beck - Rotary
Peggy O'Neill - PTO
Signe Daly - PTO
David Jenemann – Crossing Guard
Amanda ?

Absentees: Scott Gurley - VTrans
Distribution: City DPW, VTrans and Stantec

Item:

Action:

1. Mr. Gomez introduced project team and gave history of its evolution.
2. Mr. Luther presented existing conditions, safety concerns, project's purpose and need and described the improvements included in the conceptual design. The presentation slides and hearing plan are attached to these notes.
3. Mr. Gomez explained that the project's next steps were to get the environmental clearance by submitting the CE and developing preliminary plans. Construction is anticipated this summer and the construction schedule will be coordinated with the school calendar to hopefully minimize conflicts. Also noted that the City was considering using DPW staff to construct the project.
4. Comments from Public as follows:
 - a. Mr. Jenemann noted that when school buses enter the u-shaped parking area to unload they can be parked for extended periods as they assist special needs students exiting the bus. The unloading can cause drivers to back up behind the bus out into the existing pull off area west

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of the entrance and back up Main Street eastbound. Concern that the bulb-out will take away this storage area. Various solutions were discussing including changing on street parking designations to pickup/drop-off only, changing circulation procedures in the drive and changing the bus drop off location. Generally decided that bulb-out more important than overflow area and design should remain as presented

- b. Mr. Beck suggested that more green space/less concrete may be appropriate for the southern bulb-out. Stantec will review for preliminary plans. Stantec
 - c. It was asked why red, yellow, green signals were not considered for this mid-block crossing. The DPW responded that they were discussed early in the project's development and that it was determined that signals would have too much of a negative impact on traffic and that they may be too "heavy handed" at this location.
 - d. Discussed changing parking zone signs in front of Edmunds school on south side of Main Street. DPW stated that wording was designed to prevent day long parking, yet allow for pick-up and drop-off during beginning and ending of school day. DPW stated they are open to discussions about changing signage if needed.
 - e. Mrs. O'Neill volunteered to circulate the plan and presentation to members of the PTO. DPW will provide to her. PTO/DPW
5. At the conclusion of the meeting, the consensus of those in attendance was to progress the design as shown in the plan presented by the team.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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