



Meeting Minutes

Date: June 7, 2017 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

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PRESENTATION

Ray Street Crossover and Traffic Management - Inga Note, Senior Traffic Planning Engineer, City of Spokane Engineering Department

History:

- 1966 Street plan shows crossover ;
- 1986 still on arterial street plan and city council adopted a resolution to set aside a right-of-way for Ferris to expand;
- 2000 crossover still in the transportation chapter of the comprehensive plan.
- 2011 the city dropped off the list 6-year street projects with intention of lowering traffic fees to developers;
- 2012 city council adopted the SNC neighborhood plan which deleted the crossover
- North-South freeway aligns with Freya so people will take the crossover
- 2017 comprehensive plan update
 - keeps the crossover
 - high performance STA route
 - pave 44th from Crestline to Altamont
 - proposed bike network (tried to follow SNC plan)
- Why does the city think the crossover should be built:
 - Volume on Regal between 44th and 53rd is 20,000 per day
 - Lots of complaints from users of Regal regarding peak periods
 - City has concern about how to handle traffic from future development in city and county
 - City didn't acquire any right-of-way when developed Regal so they can't expand it
 - Spokane Regional Transportation Council completed modeling with traffic lights at 37th & Freya and 37th and Ray
 - Current poor Level of Service at (rating of "E" is acceptable during peak in the city and "F" in district centers)
 - 37th & Regal
 - 57th & Regal
 - 37th & Ray
 - 29th & Freya
 - 2040 Estimates with Crossover
 - The Crossover shifts 6,000 trips to Freya from Regal

- Better operations for transit
- Poor LOS at 29th & Freya (with less delay)
- Project Concept
 - Skinnier road on the crossover
 - Consider lower speed by design
 - 12-foot pathway on school side of crossover

2017 South District Impact Fee Projects Proposed

- These are projects that developer's traffic mitigation money can go to support in the "Southside Service Area"
- Ray Street Crossover
- 44th & Regal – widen to add 2nd north bound lane
- Palouse & Regal – roundabout or additional lanes
- 29th & Freya – turning lanes for east, west, north and south bound traffic
- Questions from neighbors
 - How will traffic be handled on Freya south of 44th? A: Will eventually build out a 3-lane road with sidewalks
 - How will cars turn left on Freya with 6,000 extra cars? A: It shouldn't be that hard to turn left
 - Isn't there a requirement to separate sidewalks from roads? A: Yes, but sometimes people don't want the city to tear up their yards even if there is a right of way.
 - Who will plow the walkway for kids to use? A: Would be the responsibility of the school district
 - How will traffic at Freya merge into the traffic coming from Ray? A: Will have a stop sign at Freya to give right of way to traffic on crossover.
 - Part of urban centers is to have low levels of service to calm traffic and make the Center more pedestrian friendly and this plan will shift the traffic away from the urban center, is that against good planning? A: We don't want a line of cars and if there isn't an alternative route then STA won't be able to provide good service and there will be more aggressive driving and crashes.
 - Will there be a SEPA regarding the impact of increased traffic going by Ferris? Yes.
 - When would this be built? A: Don't expect this to be built in the next 6 years and it is dependent on the pace of development and availability of funding.
 - Will KXLY put mitigating fees toward the crossover? A: Yes, some of the money is dedicated specifically to this project. Other funds will go to other projects in the south district.
 - Is there any other alternatives to mitigate traffic? A: Lights are an option but only fix traffic at the intersections. We would have to buy property to widen Regal and that would

be very expensive. City owns 7 homes on Ray and the crossover property.

- Ray Wright, former engineer for city, supported removing the crossover when working with SNC for two years, why has there been a change in plans. A: Ray Wright doesn't work for the city anymore and he didn't write down any analysis.
- There is no sight distance on the Freya section near 44th and people now exceed the posted speed, how can you expect people to drive slowly on what is supposed to be an arterial? A: We can built it to slow down traffic.
- How do you work with the county to make projects compatible? A: We work very closely.

Breann Beggs – City Council Member

- Ray Street Crossover -- Emphasized the neighbors should testify at the hearing on June.
 - Administration says it went off the 6-year plan because it is still in the comp plan
 - Hearing on June 19, taking testimony and council members can propose amendments. Second hearing on June 26 with final vote
 - Attended meeting with Inga and others and there are three options, straw poll:
 - What does neighborhood want?
 - Do nothing
 - 0 support
 - Signals at 37th & Ray and add turn lanes and “bend” the arterial and not through Ferris campus – less than \$1 million. (Include improvements intersections on Freya at Palouse Highway, 44th Avenue and 51st Avenue)
 - 8 support
 - City engineer project = \$4 million include intersections on Freya at Palouse Highway, 44th Avenue and 51st Avenue)
 - 3 support
 - Undecided
 - 1 person
- 24 – 7 Shelter Program over the Winter
 - Funding in place and will restart in July year round
- Traffic Calming Projects are being decided soon
 - Suggestion to take funds from school traffic funds to hire traffic police
- Budget cycle; city council submitted priorities (budget only increases by 1%)
 - Homeless housing
 - Economic development
 - Street repairs

- Question from member: Hoopfest asking for city to limit costs; having a hard time balancing the budget; can't use Riverfront Park so city cut them a deal for the next 2 years.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved with correction

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hoyer

- \$22.63 in checking
- \$3,000 in escrow account

Police Report – Captain T. Meidl

- Unlocked vehicle prowlings – lock the doors
- Open garage doors provides opportunity to quickly grab items
- Applications for COPs volunteers
 - Neighborhood patrols training

CA Meeting June 1, 2017 – Meeting Notes

- 19 Neighborhoods present
- District 1 Candidate forum – June 21 6:30 at Northeast Community Center
- Artfest is June 2,3,4 / Elk Fest is June 9, 10, 11 – both in Browne's Addition
- CA-CC meeting Thursday June 29th 5:50PM NECC
- Town Hall June 12 for Northwest Neighborhoods – West Central CC at 6:00 PM
- CDBG applications are due June 30. June 4 is the last day for NH Cleanup.
- All CA equipment (PA systems, tables, tents, etc.) now available for checkout at NECC – contact Rosel at 509-487-1603 ext 204
- The ONS is going to pilot a “parking permit” in the Peaceful Valley neighborhood – residents will get permits and visitors who park more than 2 hours will get \$30 tickets. There will be a workshop on this at the Peaceful Valley neighborhood center at 6:00PM on June 14 – 214 N Cedar.
- Karen Carlburg is a new member of the Urban Forestry Committee
- Lisa Key talked about re-instating some legacy commercial buildings with spot zones – the pilot in West Central did not generate much activity, but they are expanding it. Older commercial buildings on arterials will get commercial zones.
- Kevin Freibott talked about “parklets” and “Streateries” which are sitting spaces within a parking space – these will be pilots in more areas. They are temporary and seasonal. Bonding and Insurance are required.
- CA Budget Committee – no word from Parks on how they will partner with us exactly – reduced fees are part of it, but details are not clear, and they won't

return calls. City Safety and Crime brochures will be printed in black and white – cheaper. Andy Hoye will take over for Kathryn as Chair until December. We need a new member.

- The Building Stronger Neighborhoods committee wants new members. The CA asked them to come up with advertising and outreach literature and press releases for a budget not to exceed \$4,000.
- All positions on the POC (Police Ombudsman Commission) are up for new appointments in September.
- Paul Kropp wants the neighborhoods to present recommendations to the PeTT Committee.
- The CA formed a subcommittee to find new ordinance wording to allow the use of A-frame sandwich boards by Neighborhoods.

Waste Management Report – Andy Hoye

- No report

PeTT Committee – no report

CA Neighborhood Grand Money – Andy Hoye

- Funds will be used for paper magnets

Land Use Committee – Kerry Brooks

- Spokane Comprehensive Plan hearing at city council is June 19
- KXLY SEPA Public Comment Period
 - Comments due on June 19 and will likely result in an MDNS
- 57th Avenue Sidewalk Project
 - County issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on June 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

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Secretary