



Public Meeting

Please join us for an update about an upcoming project in your neighborhood.

Project Name: Monroe Street – Indiana Ave to Kiernan Ave

Project Number: 2015054

**When: September 20, 2017
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Where: Knox Presbyterian Church
806 West Knox Avenue**

Project Description:

The City of Spokane is planning to rebuild Monroe Street from Indiana Avenue to Kiernan Avenue. As this project has moved from scoping to design we would like to provide an update on what will be included and how the project will be build. The project is scheduled to be completed in one construction season, which will begin in about April 2018 and will finish in the fall of 2018. As part of the project, the roadway will be re-sized from five lanes to three in order to allow for wider driving lanes, parking and sidewalks. Other pedestrian improvements such as enhanced lighting, curb bump outs and three crosswalk flashing beacons will also be included. Please see enclosed letter for more detailed information.

Special Access Requirements – We are very interested in working closely with you to reduce the construction impact as much as possible. If you have special access requirements, such as business needs, personal medical or handicap needs, please contact either of us at the phone/email address given below.

Public Engagement

Community engagement is an important aspect of street development for utility and quality of life improvements that are practical, useful and cost-effective. We hope you will come share your comments, or contact us directly about this project.

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RE: Monroe Street – Indiana Avenue to Kiernan Avenue
Project Number: 2015054

Dear Interested Parties:

The City of Spokane invites you to participate in a Public Meeting for the North Monroe Street Project to be held on September 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox Presbyterian Church, 806 West Knox Avenue. There will be a brief project update presentation which will include identification of the project schedule, how the project will be structured to achieve that project schedule and generally, what impacts you can expect during construction.

We understand there are a lot of differing perceptions of what is happening with the project, and would like to provide you a preliminary update to help you prepare for the public meeting.

Project overview:

The North Monroe Street project will rebuild Monroe Street from Indiana Avenue to Kiernan Avenue. The project's goals are to:

- Enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety.
- Improve aesthetics of the corridor by enhancing streetscape elements.
- Reconstruct the roadway surface for improved drivability.
- Provide High Performance Transit bus stops.
- Upgrade existing utilities as needed within the limits of the project.

In order to meet these goals, the project will:

- Widen sidewalks, traffic lanes and parking strips.
- Update and improve lighting for the street and sidewalk.
- Create sidewalk bump outs at intersections to reduce crosswalk distances.
- Construct new High Performance Transit (HPT) bus stops and establish enhanced crosswalks at Montgomery, Grace and Dalton Avenues, incorporating pedestrian activated flashing beacons.
- Replace the water main from Indiana to Montgomery Avenue and sections of water main at most cross streets.
- Re-size the roadway from five lanes to three in most areas (beginning at Shannon Avenue on the south end of the project) to accommodate wider sidewalks, lanes and parking).
- Retain two lanes of travel up hill (beginning at the bottom near Alice Avenue heading north).
- Place a new sidewalk on the east side of Monroe Street hill.
- Install bicycle racks and benches (where requested by property or business owners).
- Add street trees in the proximity of Shannon Avenue to Cora Avenue (where wider sidewalks allow).

The bus stops will include amenities to support STA's HPT system. Amenities will include taller curbs and infrastructure for off-bus ticket vending machines. These amenities will eliminate the need for buses to kneel for riders with mobility challenges and support streamlined patron loading.

The project does not include any curb, island, barrier or trees in the middle of the street and does not include angled parking.

Plan for construction:

During initial design of the project the City received numerous requests from Monroe Street businesses, most of which can be summarized by the following:

- To minimize the duration of the impact of the project in one construction season, and
- To maintain traffic flow through the project.

The City has learned from experience on previous projects that allowing vehicle traffic within the contractor's work area greatly slows down construction production. We could not identify an option that completely supported both of these requests simultaneously. Therefore we will focus on shortening the construction time as much as possible. We plan to employ two contractors on this project working simultaneously in order to complete the job in a single construction season.

Contractors on the two projects will complete their work in stages. Each stage will be constructed in approximately four-block segments. Therefore, along Monroe Street, there will be two separate four block segments being worked on at one time by two separate contractors. In general, vehicle traffic will not be allowed along Monroe Street in the segments under construction. Provisions will be made for businesses with scheduled deliveries or specific access needs. Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained except for a brief time when the sidewalk directly in front of a door is being worked on. This work will be coordinated during construction to minimize the impact to the business. During construction an accurate schedule will be developed--and updated as appropriate--for notification of the specific period of time that each property will be impacted. Each construction segment will have a contractor public liaison onsite and the City's Construction Relations Manager will, in addition, be available to provide assistance.

Construction will begin as weather allows in the spring, likely around the beginning of April and will be completed in the fall.

While there are some differences in the projects we encourage you to visit the recently completed Sprague Avenue project (from Helena Street to Altamont Street) to see a project with similar, but not identical, features. The Sprague Project will give you an idea of what to expect once Monroe St. is completed.

If you have any questions regarding individual issues or are unable to attend feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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