

# North Monroe Street Project Advisory Board Meeting Notes

11 August 2016

## Stormwater, Landscaping, and Parking

Advisory Board Members in Attendance: Chris Bornhoft, Mike Trautman, Ed Ardiss, Dale M Westhaver, EJ Ianelli, Mike Wallace, Jill Leonetti, Brianna Musser; Councilmembers Karen Stratton and Candace Mumm

Public Participants: Wes Marburger, Karri Olson, Melody Ardiss, Monica Wing, Gary Huston, Steven Hopkins, Bryce Morrison, Jay Cousins, Gary Jarvis, Bob Kenney, Troy Varness, Roi Stegler, Denis Koch, Katy Azar.

### Introduction

Overview of Advisory Board

Recap of Last Week Meeting

Changes/Issues with Notes? No

Review of Question from 7-13

Traffic Questions: How long will it take to clear the queue at Indiana and Monroe?

### Stormwater MS4 System

MS4- Municipal Separated Storm Sewer System

- Discharges pollutants directly to the Spokane River
- Historic view of the river as the place to send waste

Integrated Clean Water Plan

- More stormwater to River than CSOs
- Stormwater key to river health
- Commitment to eliminate stormwater when rebuilding streets

Current stormwater plan

- Clean and infiltrate as close to the source as possible

### Stormwater Options (infiltration tools)

Bio-Infiltration Swales

- Treatment Area/Impact Area = High
- Includes decorative landscaping or greenscaping
- Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Buffer
- Requires regular maintenance and water
- Turf requires frequent maintenance and water

- Trade-off for parking and/or pedestrian space
- Cost: 3/5

#### Trees with Soil Cells

- Treatment Area/Impact Area = Very Low
- Adds green landscaping
- Infiltration area sits below the hardscape
- Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Buffer
- Requires regular maintenance and watering
- Double benefit with on-street parking
- Cost: 3/5

#### Permeable Parking Zone

- Treatment Area/Impact Area = Very Low
- Infiltration area sits below parking
- No conflict with green space
- Requires regular street maintenance
- Double Benefit with on-street parking
- Cost: 3/5

#### Cartridge Infiltration

- Treatment Area/Impact Area = Very Low
- Looks like conventional stormwater system
- Requires regular utility maintenance
- No overall loss of on-street parking
- Cost: 4/5

### **Landscape Options**

1. Grass swale
2. Trees/Shrubs Swale
3. Pedestrian Lighting w/Baskets

### **What Does the Public Want?**

Work together to set priorities for the corridor and mix/match option per corridor vision

- Green Space?
  - Extra trees, landscaping, grass?
  - At corners, along blocks?
- Parking Needs?
  - Landscaping full or partial length of block?

- Where is parking most important?
- Focus Areas?
  - For landscaping, furniture, lighting?

### ***Board Comments on Stormwater/Greenscaping***

1. A lot of buildings rely on street parking
2. Landscaping and crosswalks in the middle of the road
3. A little more green space may help relief in the heat, but also balance with street parking
4. Street trees may add issues with blocking business
5. Angled Parking?
6. More balance b/w street parking and greenspace
7. Who would water the shrubbery?
8. Wait and see how people move through the corridor

### **Summary**

Where is the focus area?

What level of landscaping is the target?

- More Trees?
- Turf or shrub areas?
- Amount of parking allowable as trade-off
- The City will use this info to create more visualizations

### **Designating Focus Areas**

As the Monroe Street Corridor is pretty long, and one way to implement street changes is do so through first through designated Focus Areas

The City identified 2 potential focus areas

- Criteria
  - Newer businesses pointing toward the street
  - Current and future capability to cater to the pedestrian
- Focus Area 1: York to Cleveland or Fairview
- Focus Area 2: Indiana to Montgomery

### ***Board Comments on Focus Area***

1. Indiana to Montgomery after the 5 corners may be a good focus area
2. Would the gateway be a “focus area”? What can we do with the gateway to show that this area is unique?
3. There are already anchors and more housing is coming in
4. Low rise mixed use potential for organic pedestrian flow

5. Could we outline the businesses block by block?

### **Public Comment**

- How will the road handle semi-truck delivery when width is shortened?
- Main concern for many businesses is surviving construction
- Plan on encouraging owners of derelict buildings to clean them up?
  - City did a volunteer week on Sprague
- You will survive- it will be difficult
- Why can't there be pockets of parking and separate areas for walking
- Emergency vehicles- will services be delayed?
- Residents are concerned about their access to services
- Will the city attorney provide information on how businesses get reimbursed
- People will go to Post- what about the kids?
- Impacts on residential parking - now and during construction
- How will STA do the buses?
- Could we do construction in quarters?
- Corbin Park has 25ft tree spacing
- Boulevard the street? Larger trees, better stormwater drainage, safety improvements

Next steps

Aug 25- Street Operations and Traffic