Monroe Street Project

July 13, 2016
Where did this idea come from?
Prior Public Involvement

- Workshop #1 - 10/10/13
- Workshop #2 – 11/14/13
- Business Outreach Event – 4/17/14
- Final Plan presentation - 6/12/14
- Planning Commission Workshop– 7/9/14
- City Council adoption of Plan– 7/28/14
- Community Meeting (Businesses and Residents) – Spring of 2015
Three Grant Awards

1. 2014 Highway Safety Improvement
   - $3,773,200

2. 2014 WA State Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
   - $326,800

3. 2015 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (Travel Demand Management)
   - $474,444

Total Award = $4.6 million
Why did it receive safety funding?

WSDOT awarded grants on the basis of benefit vs. cost.

This project, although costly, improves upon safety by eliminating or greatly reducing known patterns of conflict.
Pedestrian Collisions

• 5 collisions in 5 years
• all resulted in injuries or fatalities
Angle Collisions

23 in past five years
Fixed Object Collisions

4 in past five years
Sideswipes

3 in past five years
Video
Impact on Traffic Volumes

5 lanes

15% volume reduction

at peak hours

3 lanes
It’s All About Balance in Cities
Look at the Cross Section

**EXISTING CROSS SECTION**
NTS Monroe Street from Indiana Ave to Cora Ave.

**TYPICAL CROSS SECTION - Proposed**
NTS Monroe Street from Indiana Ave to Cora Ave.
Project Includes

3-4 Pedestrian Islands

10’ sidewalks

Street Trees

Stormwater management
Project Includes

Decorative pedestrian lighting

Benches

Transit shelters
Navigating Construction

• 2018 Construction Start Date
  – Engineering Design Early 2017
• Try to minimize construction timeframe
• Strategies to maintain business during construction
• Signage & messaging leading to businesses
• Construction ombudsman
  – Information distribution via email
  – Weekly construction meeting
Elements Come Together
Outreach Goals

- Objective information – comprehension of project and issues
- Collect meaningful input to refine project
- Broad engagement
- Education – connections, traffic calming, surviving construction, long term management
Target Audience

- Citizens of the City of Spokane
- Emerson Garfield Neighborhood
- North Hill Neighborhood
- West Central Neighborhood
- North Monroe Business Association
- North Monroe Businesses & Property Owners
- Residents (both inside and outside of immediate neighborhood)
- Ethnic and racial community
  - Korean
  - Slavic
  - Other
- Other community groups – PTAs, clubs, interest/activity groups
- Religious groups and associations
- Corbin Senior Center
- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Corbin Community Center
Other Stakeholders

- City of Spokane – Elected Officials
- Spokane Transit Authority
- Spokane County
- Emergency First Responders
- Spokane Public Schools
Messaging Content & Type

- Informing – Broad, educational component on project parameters.

- Involving - Asking audience to provide input that will affect the defined specifics of the project.
Advisory Board Structure

Spokane Citizens

- Board Members represent various stakeholders in the community and communicate project progress regularly.

North Monroe Advisory

City of Spokane

1. Works to inform Board Members and stakeholders on overall project.
2. Works with Board to create Ways to Involve community to shape certain project elements.

Advisory Board

Community Outreach Round #1

Community Outreach Round #2

Final Recommendation
Draft Schedule

North Monroe Outreach Schedule*

June
- Advisory Board
  - Farmer’s Market
  - Media Outreach

July
- Outreach
  - Neighborhood Councils
    - Plan Commission
    - Media Outreach

August
- Advisory Board
  - Public Meeting #1
    - Neighborhood Councils
      - Plan Commission
      - Media Outreach
      - Farmer’s Market

September
- Outreach
  - Neighborhood Councils
    - Plan Commission
    - Media Outreach
    - Farmer’s Market

October
- Advisory Board
  - Public Meeting #2
    - Neighborhood Councils
      - Plan Commission
      - Media Outreach
      - Farmer’s Market

November
- Outreach
  - Neighborhood Councils
    - Plan Commission
    - Media Outreach

December
- Advisory Board
  - Neighborhood Councils
    - Plan Commission

Key
- Update Website
- Update Social Media
- Advisory Board Meetings
- Additional Advisory Board Meetings (to be scheduled as needed)
- Community Meetings

* Draft Schedule; subject to change
N. Monroe Advisory Board Ground Rules

• Please come to the meetings on time and prepared
• Review meeting materials before meetings
• Respect the views of other board members and the group/s they represent
• Be willing to talk through difficult issues and compromise where necessary to achieve overall project progress
• Work with City staff to help disseminate information to stakeholders you represent
• Provide feedback loop back to the Board and City staff from the stakeholders you represent
• Have fun!
The Open Government Trainings Act (ESB 5964) was enacted by the 2014 Washington State Legislature, effective July 1, 2014.

The Act requires basic open government training for local and statewide officials and records officers.

Training covers two subjects: public records and records retention and open public meetings.

Training depends on what governmental position you fill.
Open Government Training

- Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) RCW 42.30
- Applies to all multimember public agency boards and commission governing bodies, and their committees.
- Requires meetings to be open gavel-to-gavel unless there is an exception authorized by law.
- OPMA enforced by courts.
  - Court can impose a $100 civil penalty against each member.
  - Court will award costs and attorney fees to a successful party seeking the remedy.
  - Action taken at an improperly closed meeting can be declared null and void.
Thank you!