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Hi all,

Here's a brief overview of what we talked about today. Present were Dana Dalrymple (Spokane Public Library), Kathleen Weinand (Spokane Transit Authority), Ryan Brodwater (STA), Andy Schenk (City of Spokane Development Services), Bob Turner (City of Spokane Streets), Sally Phillips (Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council), Ann Fennessey (Rockwood Neighborhood Council), and Collin Skipper (Southside Christian Church).

Dana Dalrymple explained the brief description of the problem mentioned at the Spokane Matters general meeting: that the people in the District 2 group thought that 29th was a difficult street to navigate if you are a pedestrian, on a bike, or need handicapped access, and that this group was formed to come up with some ideas on how to mitigate that.

Bob Turner said that what would be helpful to him would be some policies and procedures on why and when the city would implement certain traffic calming tools such as [Hawk beacons](#). STA said they were looking at every bus stop on 29th right now because of the future high performance bus corridor that will be going along much of that street, and it would be good to coordinate with the city if they were going to add some pedestrian crossings at certain intersections.

There was much discussion on how there has not been an overall study of the 29th Avenue arterial as a whole, that this would be helpful and useful information to know, but that it would be beyond the scope of this committee to implement it. Ann Fennessey said could look at adding this to next year's Rockwood NC agenda. We discussed how fragmented the process of street modifications can be with different agencies, different planning processes, and different budget sources coming into play, so sometimes it's difficult to follow through on ideas.

We discussed various options (such as potentially removing the barrier at Pittsburgh and putting in a signal at that street or putting up a HAWK signal at Arthur), but thought we needed to officially see what the concerns of the people in the neighborhoods actually are. Bob and Andy emphasized that 29th is one of the few arterials on the South Hill, and that any changes to the roadway can affect how traffic scatters through the neighborhoods.

We decided this committee could at least try to get public input on the concerns and then take that to the city to see what kind of proposals would be feasible to do in the next year. The scope of the project would be on 29th from Grand to Ray – basically where the 4 lane arterial is. We will create a survey that we could post out to the neighborhoods through Next Door and other means, such as the city's media pages. The survey would include the purpose of the group, perhaps a list of intersections that you could have people rank for problems, and maybe things like the top 3 pedestrian, bike, and bus-rider concerns. It could include potential modifications to 29th (such as HAWK lights), but we should ask people about this in a specific way – such as “how do you think this would help pedestrians” instead of just “what do you think about”. We should also include a link to the [South Hill](#)

[Coalition plan](#). Dana will work on a basic Survey Monkey questionnaire in the next few weeks, and Kathleen will take a look at it before sharing it out to the group for input. We can then advertise it online and at neighborhood meetings.

Other people we should contact for input into this committee are John Vansant (School District 81's safety officer), perhaps a traffic patrol officer (Dana will ask Captain Meidl), and someone from Neighborhood Services (maybe Melissa Whittstruck). We would also like input from District 2 Council Members and the businesses along 29th. We will try to meet again in a few weeks.

To sum up:

Scope of project: To look at pedestrian, bike, bus rider, and traffic calming issues for 29th Avenue from Grand to Ray and some potential low cost enhancements that may help.

Goals: To gather public input via survey and other methods, present those findings to appropriate city staff, who will come up with some possible solutions, which we can then present to the public again and look for funding.

Let me know if I need to make any changes or additions to this account.



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