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Kootenai Street, Vista Avenue – Federal Way Public Involvement

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Dear Interested Citizen,

Thank you for your interest in the Kootenai Street, Vista Avenue to Federal Way project. Your participation in the public involvement process is important and the feedback was greatly appreciated.

As you may recall, at the January 15 open house we sought feedback on two conceptual designs. Both concepts included constructing curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both sides of the street, as well as adding bike lanes. However, Concept 1 proposed removing on-street parking on both sides of the street and minimal right-of-way acquisition. Concept 2 proposed retaining on-street parking on the north side only, with right-of-way acquisition on the south side.

We received 42 comment sheets, with most preferring Concept 1:

- Concept 1 – 25 preferred
- Concept 2 – 10 preferred
- Concept 1 or 2 modification – 7 preferred

Overall, the comments received were supportive of the project and most agreed that the project will fill a need for pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the area. However, some concerns were also expressed and the following is a brief summary of those concerns and how ACHD plans to address them.

Additional Street Lights

There were several comments regarding additional street lighting. ACHD typically only installs street lights at intersections and any additional lighting is under the jurisdiction of the City of Boise. We are working with City officials to determine the necessity of additional street lighting.

Reduced Speeds

Many citizens expressed concerns over high speeds throughout the project vicinity, despite the posted 30 mph speed limit. As a result, we will perform speed studies before and after the improvements are constructed and adjust the posted speed limit as necessary.

Next Steps

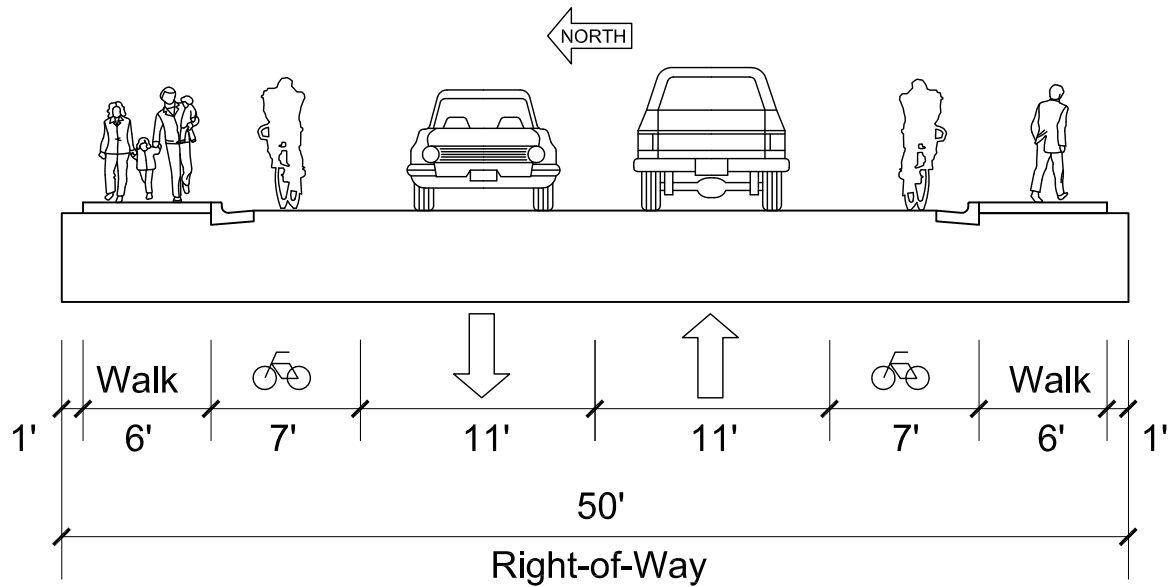
After reviewing the input from the public, the project team has decided to proceed with Concept 1- with minor modifications. The modifications include a wider sidewalk, slightly narrower traffic lanes and adjustments to the right-of-way needed for the project (see attached).

ACHD plans to complete the design by this summer and right-of-way negotiations will commence in the fall of 2015. Pending ACHD Commission approval, construction is anticipated for spring of 2019.

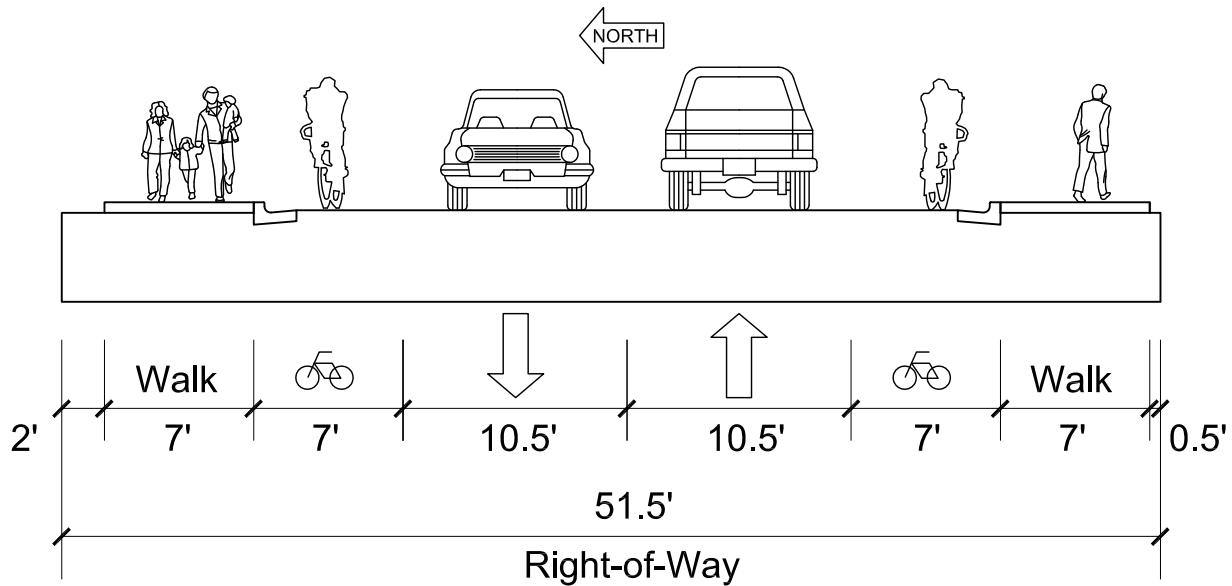
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at (208) 387-6271 or by email at pblake@achdidaho.org. On behalf of ACHD, thank you for your comments and involvement in this process.

Sincerely,

Pete Blake
Project Manager
Ada County Highway District



KOOTENAI - ORIGINAL CONCEPT 1



KOOTENAI - MODIFIED CONCEPT 1