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Re: West 4th Street, Broadway Avenue to Cherry Lane

Dear Interested Citizen,

Thank you for your interest in the **West 4th Street, Broadway Avenue to Cherry Lane** Project. The information and comments provided by you during and after the February open house were appreciated and will be forwarded to the ACHD Commission. The following is a brief summary of the comments and concerns expressed by the public, with information on how we plan to address some key items.

Summary of Comments Received

We were pleased to have 15 people attend the open house and we received a total of 16 written comments from the public. In total, 5 respondents strongly agreed with the project, 8 agreed, 1 disagreed, 1 strongly disagreed, and 1 indicated no preference.

General Themes

Of the 86% majority that either strongly agreed and/or agreed with the overall design, the key repeated themes were:

- Happy to see pathway design on the north end of the project
- Do not want 4th Street to go thru
- Would like to see 4th Street open to vehicles
- Add a deterrent to keep vehicles from accessing pathway

For those who disagreed with the design, the key repeated themes were:

- Would like to see 4th St open to vehicles
- Desire for sidewalks on both sides

Why not open the undeveloped portion of 4th Street for all vehicles?

The 4th St, Broadway to Cherry project is a community pedestrian sidewalk project not a road project. The focus of this project is to improve connectivity for pedestrians in the area and provide a safe route to school for students.

Why not have sidewalks on both sides of the road?

When reviewing projects of this type, construction, right-of-way, and design costs play a factor in the planning phase. These costs are based upon what existing pedestrian infrastructure exists in the projects area such as curb, gutter and sidewalk. Just as important to the cost of the project, is what neighborhood amenities such as schools are within the projects limits. With these types of facilities more prominent on the east side of 4th St, the decision was made to focus the design on the east side.

Additions to the Project Scope of Work

Based on public input and project team discussions we have added the following items to the project to further add value and enhance pedestrian connectivity.

- Add a school pathway on the east side of 4th Street between Pine Avenue and Carlton Avenue
- Construct curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the west side of 4th Street between the new asphalt pathway and the existing sidewalk just south of Cherry Lane
- Add a street light over the pathway
- Considerations are being discussed on the use of bollards for the north side pathway

Next Steps

The project team will move forward, updating the 75% design phase with the comments above. Final design is expected by September, 2015 and construction is scheduled for 2017.

For more information, or if you have concerns, please visit ACHD's web site, www.achdidaho.org or contact me at 387-6252 or projects@achdidaho.org.

On behalf of ACHD, thank you for attending the public open house and for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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