

College Avenue Safety Enhancement Project

Making the CASE for a Safer College Avenue

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CASE Project Alternatives Unveiled

Interested Parties Meeting #2 for the **College Avenue Safety Enhancement (CASE) Project** was held on February 25 at City Hall. Written comments were received from over half of the approximately fifty persons that attended. Materials were presented that provided a number of different alternatives that were developed and how they were compared to one another based on screening criteria developed from initial project goals and input from public outreach. The project team made a recommendation to move forward with an alternative that included the two mid-block crosswalks, a median restricting left-turns on the corridor, and a vertical element that will channelize pedestrians to the signalized crossings. Two options for the vertical element were provided...renderings of how each might appear are shown in the images (right).

The comments received showed an acceptance of the recommended alternatives as meeting the CASE Project's goal of having the greatest benefit to pedestrian safety. Respondents were evenly split between Alternatives A & B, with features of each being noted favorably. The design team recommendation to the City Council will be Alternative A. There is still a resistance to the loss of left turn access to and from College Avenue, primarily from those most affected in the adjacent neighborhood. There also were several comments regarding each of the following issues:

- ◆ Prefer a raised median only, without a vertical element, to provide the option of crossing along the full corridor
- ◆ Desire for trees and/or landscaping elements to be included in the final design



Recent Project Activities

A number of CASE Project alternatives were developed, and were introduced at Interested Parties Meeting #2. Different characteristics included alternatives with and without the center-lane median; a median with and without a vertical element; and full or partial restriction of left-turns on and off of College Avenue. All but one alternative included mid-block crosswalks and pedestrian traffic signals, with the exception being construction of a fully signalized intersection at Wilson Street.

The alternatives were screened by gauging how each compared to one another to achieve project and stakeholder goals:

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| ◆ Pedestrian Safety | ◆ Appearance Matches Corridor | ◆ Emergency Vehicle Access |
| ◆ Change Pedestrian Behavior | ◆ Ease of Maintenance | ◆ Meets Grant Applic. Description |
| ◆ Left Turn Access Maintained | ◆ Corridor Vehicle Travel Time | ◆ Regional Traffic Impact |
| ◆ Total Project Cost | | |

The information displays presented at IP Meeting #2 can be viewed on the CASE Project website:

[CASE Project - Design Proposals](#)

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At IP Meeting #2, the design team presented various alternatives, how they were evaluated, and introduced a recommended alternative for the City Council's consideration. A Public Hearing about the CASE Project will be held at a City Council meeting on Monday, May 19.

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Project Timeline

A summary of the information presented to the public at IP Meeting #2, and the comments received from meeting attendees, will be presented to the City Council at the May 19 regular Council meeting. At this time, the design team will offer a recommended alternative to move forward into final design. A public hearing will be offered where comments can be brought before the Council. Below is the CASE Project's progress to date.

