

# Summary of Question-and-Answer Session

## East William Complete Street Project 60% Update

A summary of questions received during the meeting is provided below. Recording of the meeting can be found at this location <https://youtu.be/HbpMqCcJBRO>

What is traffic calming median?

- *A traffic calming median encourages reduced speeds through perceived lane width restriction and restriction of movements in the center turn lane.*

How narrow are the vehicle travel lanes?

- *Currently lane widths are 12-13 ft and are being reduced to 11 ft through most of the corridor. Lane widths between Carson and Roop are 10 ft.*

Are the turn lanes being removed for those going east to go north on Saliman?

- *One of the left turn lanes for eastbound to northbound Saliman is shown to be removed.*

Are 12 ft wide lanes standard for federal funded projects? Is 11ft standard for 30mph? Is the incentive for narrower lanes to slow traffic?

- *The design team will investigate requirements due to federal funds for lane widths. 11 ft lanes for 30 mph corridors is not uncommon.*

Is City planning on lowering the speed limit?

- *Speed limit through corridor is generally staying the same. The 35mph zone is being extended further East. Speed is proposed to be 25 mph from Carson to Roop, 35 mph from Roop to Saliman, and 40 mph from Saliman to I580*

Will the project be ADA accessibility compliant?

- *Absolutely*

Has consideration been made to move the bike path to the multi-use path?

- *A Feasibility analysis was performed. Casual use bike riders prefer the multi-use path and commuter bikes more often use the bike lane.*

Would it be better to have a roundabout?

- *With the amount of traffic and available right of way, it is not feasible to construct a roundabout.*

Has consideration been made for increase of pedestrians crossing William Street after events with respect to the intersections? There is concern with backing up traffic?

- *The pedestrian crossing at Mills Park is shown further west due to consideration of the impact to the Saliman intersection. This provides more storage room of vehicles at the Saliman intersection.*

The street is wide for a pedestrian crossing, has there been consideration of pedestrian medians?

- *A refuge will be present at the Mills Park mid-block crossing. A refuge at a regular intersection is not good practice due to people stopping in the refuge and then needing to wait for the signal cycle to complete before being able to exit the refuge.*
- *The project team must look at the project holistically.*

Has consideration been made for an elevated crosswalk or pedestrian bridge?

- *It was a considered concept but cost makes it not feasible.*
- *The City has a budget to meet and is already working through a value engineering process. There are compromises to complete the project within budget and meet all the needs.*

Has the City considered adding cameras for vehicles running red lights?

- *Cameras for enforcement of traffic violations are not a part of this project*

What is a permanent easement?

- *City gave examples of permanent easements. Examples were summarized as when the City has improvements that encroach onto private property. City will be contacting property owners as needed to obtain the permanent easements.*

Is the NEPA complete? Will it be open for public review?

- *The draft NEPA document has been sent to the oversight agencies for review. The city can make it available to the public for review once it is complete.*

How much of the project is above ground, how much is underground?

- *A little less than half of the project cost is associated with underground improvements. Roughly 40% underground and 60% surface improvements.*

Is the project cost in the \$20 Million range?

- *It is in the high teens (Million)*

How many crosswalks (referring to the 3 shown near Mills Park)?

- *Only 1 of the three pedestrian crossings will be incorporated.*

Are you setting aside money for future maintenance?

- *The city sets money aside for specific roads; dependent on multiple factors. Road maintenance is funded separately. We have preservation projects and full reconstruct projects for road maintenance.*

Has the City considered a controlled signal for the pedestrian crossing?

- *The project team can investigate this to see if it is feasible.*

Question about the project being a Stroad. Difficulty trying to move traffic efficiently but make it a complete street for pedestrians and bikes. We want Hwy 50 corridor to be accessible. Is the project what we want?

- *City explained the concept of a Complete streets and complete streets policy. The city does not determine the way a corridor is used. Development and public determine the use and the City's goal is to adjust and make improvements per the use.*

Can medians be painted, is it really calming?

- *Painting the pavement instead of a physical median would not be an efficient solution and people would likely disregard the painting.*

More taxes and more fees, \$9.3M is federally funded. What makes up the rest?

- *The project funding was summarized. The current budget for construction is approximately \$18.4M and consists federal grants, redevelopment, infrastructure, and utility funds.*

What is the projected growth for the city? Increased traffic due to growth could become dangerous with the bicyclists.

- *City provided estimated buildout population (~80,000). Noted people aren't all going to move in at the same time and the use of the corridor and traffic patterns will change as population grows. The corridor has limitations. In the engineering model we anticipated growth as best as we could.*

Question on time frame?

- *Design will finish Fall 2023, then the project will go out to bid. Construction to start in 2024.*
- *City provided typical sequence of work with underground utility work occurring first and then surface improvements following.*

Concern with keeping business open, night work will be too expensive?

- *City explained balance between cost of expedited construction schedule and slower schedule along with impacts to businesses and coordination required for contractor to provide access to businesses during construction.*

Has a survey been issued for people riding their bikes as a commuter, otherwise can they be accommodated by using the multi-use path? Where can people submit their comments?

- *A survey has not been issued for people community by bikes. Comments can be collected after the meeting or sent in by through the contact information on the comment form.*

Question on public notices and future updates

- *The City will provide future update by text or email as well as send out updates to the local media sources.*

- *Someone did not receive the notice for the meeting and heard about it from Nevada Appeal. The City will look into the text service to make sure it is working properly.*