Introduction

On February 25, 2016, the City of Sacramento hosted a second community open house for the Meadowview Road and 24th Street Streetscape Project. A total of 24 community members attended the open house at the Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center Conference Room.

Project Background

The City is planning improvements along segments of Meadowview Road and 24th Street to enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Improvements include adding center road medians with landscaping, monument signage, and pavement treatment at crosswalks.

Community Open House Purpose

The community open house provided an opportunity for the project team to share proposed preliminary design concepts for the first phase of the project on Meadowview Road, between 24th Street and Coral Gables Court.

Goals of the open house included:

- Review the project goals, objectives, and schedule
- Provide an overview of the Phase 1 area and proposed improvements
- Gather feedback on proposed preliminary design concepts

Community Open House Format

Councilmember Larry Carr welcomed attendees and expressed his support for the project and the importance of the community’s involvement.

Cecily Foote, City of Sacramento project manager, reviewed the project’s purpose and goals. The goals include making the roadway safer for bicycles and pedestrians. Strategies to achieve these goals include adding center medians, drought-tolerant landscaping, and public art to make
the street more attractive and safer. The City received grant funding for the engineering phase of the project and additional funding for the construction of the first phase, which encompasses Meadowview Road between 24th Street and Coral Gables Court. Cecily reviewed the larger project area which includes Meadowview Road between Freeport Boulevard and the Meadowview Light Rail Station. It also includes 24th Street between Meadowview Road and Florin Road.

Leo Rubio, consultant project manager with Bennet Engineering, reviewed the project team’s current tasks which include completing the environmental analysis for the entire project area and finalizing engineering and design for the Phase 1 section of the project. The project team anticipates a second phase may extend improvements to the light rail station. Leo shared imagery demonstrating what the roadway would look like on Meadowview including enhanced sidewalks, buffered bike lanes, landscaped medians, and narrower traffic lanes.

Jose Leal, the landscape architect from MIG, shared potential improvements to the Phase 1 area. These improvements include preserving mature trees, replacing any trees that need to be removed, and adding monuments. Jose provided examples of trees and plants that may be used within the project area based on the Meadowview Urban Design Plan.

Leo reviewed the updated project schedule which includes environmental documentation through the summer of 2016 and engineering and design until the end of 2016. Right-of-way acquisition for Phase 1 will occur in fall and winter of 2016 with anticipated Phase 1 construction occurring in the summer and fall of 2017.

Community members had the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation. An overview of questions and responses is included below.
Community Open House
Thursday, February 25, 2016 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sam and Bonnie Pannell Community Center | Conference Room
2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento

Community Input during Presentation

- **Question:** How far apart will the monuments be spaced along Meadowview Road?
  - Answer: There will only be larger monuments at key intersections. Due to limited right-of-way, the majority of the monumentation will be in the center medians.

- **Question:** Will there be monuments at Coral Gables Court?
  - Answer: No, the monumentation will be at the larger intersections along Meadowview including 24th Street and near the Meadowview Light Rail Station.

- **Question:** Will the monuments be made of graffiti-resistant materials?
  - Answer: The project team will evaluate potential materials for monuments as the project moves forward.

- **Question:** Does the environmental delay from locating the cemetery increase the costs of the project due to construction being pushed and materials going up in cost over time?
  - Answer: No, the anticipated construction date has not changed and the project will remain on schedule while working with the local resource agencies. All estimates are based on 2017 anticipated costs. Upon completion of the engineering and right-of-way acquisition phases, the project team will refine estimates as needed.

- **Question:** Is this project related to the construction happening currently near Freeport Boulevard?
  - Answer: No. The current construction on Meadowview Road is part of the Cosumnes River College Boulevard extension project.

- **Question:** The community center is the heart of the community and has a certain architectural style that has been mirrored in other nearby developments. Has this been taken into consideration when designing monuments for Meadowview Road?
  - Answer: At this time, monument renderings are based off of the design guidelines in the Meadowview Urban Design Plan.

- **Question:** Is the project required to allocate a small percentage to local/public art?
  - Answer: There currently is no requirement to allocate funds to public art.
• Question: In the past, there has been a lack of coordination between agencies regarding the placement of utility poles and street trees. Sometimes the utility poles and the tree roots make it difficult to push a wheelchair along the sidewalk. What is the project team doing to ensure that the utility poles and current/future street trees do not come in conflict?
  o Answer: The project team is aware of past issues and is working closely with the local utility company to identify areas where the utility poles can be relocated and consolidated. The proposed sidewalk enhancements will create ADA compliant spaces for the community to utilize.

• Question: Are you proposing widening the traffic lanes? How do they compare to the City’s standard?
  o Answer: The project team is proposing 11 foot traffic lanes which are slightly smaller than the existing lanes. The City’s standard for new and improved roadways is 11 foot lanes.

• Question: How will you be incorporating speed mitigation to bring the fast traffic under control?
  o Answer: The project team is proposing a combination of narrowing traffic lanes, center medians, landscaping, buffered bike lanes, and improved bus stops to assist with traffic flow and speed mitigation.

• Question: Will the buffered bike lane include reflective, raised bumps in the road?
  o Answer: The project team has proposed buffered bike lanes but has not determined the type of buffer that will separate cars and bicycles. This may include reflective, raised bumps in the buffer zone.

• Question: Is the project team considering vertical barriers separating cars and bicycles?
  o Answer: The project team is considering vertical barriers between cars and bicycles. The type of buffer will continue to be evaluated and discussed with the City and community as the project moves forward.

• Question: Will there be right-of-way acquisition as the project expands beyond Phase 1?
  o Answer: The project team believes that property take may not be needed from 24th Street to the Meadowview Light Rail Station. In other locations where space
is limited, the project team will refine the conceptual designs to fit within the space. This may include reducing the median in order to provide space for traffic and bike lanes.

- **Comment:** I would like to see green, striped bike lanes.
- **Questions:** Is lighting to improve safety at night included in this project?
  - **Answer:** Yes. Lighting is being evaluated by the project team and will be designed to enhance safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

**Information Stations**

The community open house included four information stations with displays and maps for community members to visit. Project team members were available to discuss ideas and answer questions. Community members were invited to provide feedback on post-its and comment cards. The information stations included:

- **Corridor Maps** – This station provided an overview of the project area as well as the Phase 1 section of Meadowview Road between 24th Street and Coral Gables Court.
- **Landscaping** – This station provided an overview of potential landscaping and monumentation to be utilized throughout the corridor.
- **Project Schedule** – This station provided an updated project schedule with dates through construction of the Phase 1 segment of the project.
- **What We Heard** – This station provided an overview of community feedback received at the first community open house as well as feedback received through outreach to youth in the community.

The following is a summary of feedback collected from community members through post-its placed on the information station displays.

- Include bus stop improvements with shelter, lighting, seating, and trash cans.
- Paint green bike lanes at driveways to highlight conflict areas.
- Pedestrian scale lighting? Much needed!
- Enhance bike lane next to bus lane with green paint to highlight conflict zone.
- Add curb bulb outs to slow turning movements.
• Color crosswalks to go with the children art on fences.
• Make sure the bike lane buffer is installed. It’s critical on a street this big and busy.
• Consider other colors besides red which may be gang-related [for monument signs].
• Buffer [on bike lane] should actually be built. Add raised pavement markers.

Community Feedback via Comment Cards

The following feedback was submitted to the project team on comment cards provided at the community open house.

• At crosswalk on east end of Pannell Center parking lot (across Meadowview Road), I would suggest lighting (for traffic control) similar to the crosswalk across Stockton Boulevard at the UCD Hospital.
• Have somewhat smooth crosswalks. Brick pattern or things like that are no good with wheelchairs or walkers.
• Please keep in mind while planning sidewalks that the walkers are able to see 360 degrees around them while walking. No tall growing shrubs please.

Open House Notification and Publicity

To reach the general public and interested citizens, an email notification was sent to more than 110 community members and stakeholders. In addition, informational postcards were mailed to more than 550 residents and properties within the Phase 1 project area.

Mayor Pro-Tem & District 8 Councilmember Larry Carr shared the open house invitation on his website, social media channels, and in his weekly community e-newsletter.
The following groups, community-based organizations and businesses shared information about the community open house on their social media channels:

- Breathe Sacramento
- Cabrillo Park Neighborhood Association
- City of Sacramento, Public Information
- Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS)
- Florin Road Partnership
- Hampton Station Neighborhood Association
- Mack Road Partnership
- Mayor Pro-Tem & District 8 Councilmember Larry Carr
- Meadowview Neighborhood Association
- New Hope Community Church
- Progressive Church of God
- Sacramento Area Bicycling Advocates (SABA)
- Sacramento Happenings
- Sacramento Transportation Management Association
- WALK Sacramento

Open house flyers were distributed to locations along Meadowview Road in the Phase 1 area to local businesses and organizations including the Meadowview Market, the Sacramento Job Corps Center, and bus stops. A news release was developed and distributed to local news sources.
Attendee Information per Title VI Visual Tally

Title VI information about the community open house attendees is below.

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Meadowview Road and 24th Street Streetscape Project

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Questions?
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MEADOWVIEW ROAD AND 24TH STREET STREETSCEAPE PROJECT
OPEN HOUSE COMMENT CARD

Please share your thoughts, comments, or questions about the project.
Por favor comparta sus pensamientos, comentarios, o preguntas sobre el proyecto.

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You may submit your comments to staff tonight or directly to Ashley Ballinger at aballinger@aimconsultingco.com or fax (916) 442-1186.
Meadowview Road and 24th Street Streetscape Project

FACT SHEET

Project Description:
The Meadowview Road and 24th Street Streetscape Project is the City of Sacramento’s plan to continue to make Meadowview Road and 24th Street friendlier for bicycles and pedestrians. The project will also enhance the aesthetics and create a sense of place along the streets by adding center road medians with landscaping, monument signage, and pavement treatments at crosswalks. As a part of the project, the City will be submitting an application for additional design and construction grant funds.

Key project features:
- Provide separated sidewalks: a separated sidewalk provides a strip of grass or landscaping between the roadway and the sidewalk. This creates a more pleasant environment to walk.
- Provide center medians: a center landscaped median can be used to slow traffic and add beautification features such as landscaping or monument signage.
- Enhance crosswalks: adding colored or textured pavement at crosswalk locations enhances crosswalk visibility for pedestrian safety.
- Create gateway monuments: adding gateway monument features creates a sense of place along the streets and signals to visitors that they have arrived in a neighborhood.

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Location

The project area includes Meadowview Road between Freeport Blvd. and the Meadowview light rail station, and 24th Street from Meadowview Road to Florin Road. Phase one includes improvements on Meadowview Road between 24th Street and Coral Gables Court.

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