



Meeting summary: July 12, 2006

Aurora Business Team (ABT)
Aurora Corridor Project (N 165th Street to N 205th Street)
Shoreline Center – Arden Room

ABT: Art Ellis, Linda Minarcin, Dan Mann, Greg Olson, Diana Stephens, Tim Morris, Kevin Reeve, Larry Steele

Staff: Kirk McKinley, Alicia Sherman, John McKenzie (CH2MHill)

Meeting Summary

Meeting started at 8:15 am.

1. Welcome/Agenda Review Kirk

Staff and members of the ABT introduced themselves. Kirk McKinley reviewed the details of the previous meeting, including the criteria agreed upon by the ABT for development of their recommended alignment concept for Aurora. These criteria include: seven foot wide sidewalks, left and u-turn pockets with a raised c-curb median, underground utilities, u-turn bulbouts on the property side and no landscaping. Kirk briefly reviewed agenda items for future ABT meetings.

2. Development of the ABT Alternative Design Kirk/John

John McKenzie presented a draft alignment for Aurora based upon the criteria developed by the ABT. John presented an engineered drawing on a large roll plot with aerial photo, showing turn pockets and a draft alignment based upon the ABT cross-section. John pointed out approximate locations for bus stops and utility vault locations. Bus stop locations require wider sidewalks to accommodate ADA requirements and utility vault locations require rights-of-way for the underground vaults. He also explained the location of various utility lines, undergrounding requirements and locations of utilities.

Kirk and John clarified that the process for determining the location of the alignment will be evaluated during the environmental process.

The ABT reviewed the drawing, beginning at North 205th Street and moving south. ABT discussed the following issues:

- The proposed northbound left turn at North 202nd Street;
- Vegetation in the median islands;

- Width of the roadway for u-turn bulbouts;
- Impacts of landscaping on impervious surfaces and stormwater;
- Alternative methods to improving the aesthetics of Aurora, other than the installation of permanent landscaping;
- Increased enforcement capacity of the City to require property owners to maintain the property behind the sidewalk;
- The use of traffic islands as pedestrian refuges;
- Impacts to the wall at Costco;
- Changes to the roadway elevation;
- Alignment locations and preservation of existing parking lots;
- Grade separation and traffic flow at North 185th Street, including the conversion of the existing double northbound left turn lane to a single left turn lane;
- Construction of additional access points from Aurora to Midvale between North 175th Street and North 185th Street;
- Improvements and signal installation of North 182nd Street;
- Impacts to Key Bank;
- The impacts of Ordinance 326;
- Impacts to Ronald Place and the process for vacating the roadway;
- Relocations of bus stops at the intersection of Aurora and North 175th Street;
- Placement of utility vaults in easements; and
- Sidewalk widths.

Kirk explained that the City was in the process of preparing a contract for development of the Cultural Resources report for the environmental process, which will include Ronald Place.

The ABT and staff also discussed the right-of-way acquisition process, including the requirements for appraisals and review appraisals.

Upon completion of the ABT discussion, Kirk summarized the discussion of the ABT. The ABT recommended design concept included the following points:

- There could be low growing landscaping in the traffic islands but no trees in the islands, in front of businesses or in the sidewalks. It was agreed that some property owners may want trees and that is acceptable. The ABT suggested that the City examine the code requirements for landscaping requirements at the back of sidewalk and the standards for property owner maintenance of this landscaping.
- The ABT agreed on a 98 foot wide cross section, with the flexibility to enhance the landscaping where possible and as desired.
- Underground the utilities.
- Utilize existing sidewalk in front of properties, such as the fire station and Sandberg Cadillac when possible.
- All required infrastructure and vaults behind the sidewalk should be placed in easements, rather than acquired right-of-way.

3. Next Steps

Kirk

Kirk reviewed the list of future agenda items. They include: discussion of the 32 Points, the environmental consultant, stormwater, policies and procedures for right-of-way acquisition, traffic analysis, landscaping, grade separation at North 185th Street and placement of utility vaults in

easements. The ABT tentatively scheduled their next meeting for the last week in July although the meeting topic was undetermined.

4. Adjourn

Kirk

Meeting ended at approximately 10:00 am.