



## **43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SAFE Project Pop-up Q&A Event**

### **Event Summary**

November 3, 2021 | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

In the Downing Dental parking lot on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Howe Street

### **Event Purpose**

The City of Milwaukie hosted an outdoor pop-up tabling event in the parking lot of Downing Dental to answer residents' preconstruction questions and concerns regarding the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SAFE project.

### **Meeting Attendance**

Approximately 18 community members attended the pop-up Q&A event.

Five project staff members attended:

- City of Milwaukie: Brandon Boutrous, Beth Britell, Steve Adams
- Century West: Rawley Voorhies
- JLA Public Involvement: Tracie Heidt

### **Outreach and Notification**

The online meeting was advertised in the following ways:

- City of Milwaukie SAFE website
- Project webpage
- Social media (City's Facebook and Twitter pages)
- City's event page
- Email reminder to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave/42<sup>nd</sup> Ave Project email distribution list
- Call down to the businesses at the King Road Shopping Center
- Two two-sided yard signs posted on project corridor (one on 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave and one on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave)

### **Event Overview and Themes**

In the parking lot area adjacent the sidewalk, a canopy covered a table that held the 100% design plans, Brandon's copies of all of the permits of entry for the project, a sign-up sheet, comment cards and comment box, copies of the project flyer, and disposable masks and hand sanitizer. During the event, staff held one-on-one conversations with people under the canopy to answer their questions; their notes are listed below.

Key themes that staff heard were:

- Concern about speeding cars along the project corridor and/or speeding bikes on the future multiuse path



- Concern about traffic impacts during construction
- People feeling underinformed about the scope of the project but glad that the project team was out there that night to answer questions and inform them about project details

## Specific Feedback

Event staff reported out the following notes from their conversations with participants.

### Brandon

- Concern about reduced parking.
- Concern about landscaping (reassured, no landscaping is expected to be impacted at their parcel).
- Apartments concerned about impact to parking two-deep.
- Concern about tree planting, but happy to hear we will be replanting more than will be cut.
- Concern about impact to water/sewer services and notification of follow-up procedure for residents, also concerned about equipment storage and parking for construction workers.
- Concern about stormwater drainage (curb and gutter will protect their property and an inlet is planned in front of their parcel).
- Happy to see these improvements being installed and wants to emphasize the importance of speed control along the bike paths.

### Beth

#### 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

- Concern about that there are only two speed limit signs on 42<sup>nd</sup>.
- Question about when the speed limit will be lowered on 42<sup>nd</sup> (it has to go to council for approval, but when will this go to council?).
- Confusion about whether 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue roadway would be widened.
- Confusion if there would be sidewalk on the east side, if bike lanes would be installed, if trees on the east side would be cut, and if the project was phased into two parts.
- One person very much wanted to be sent a copy of the plans or to be able to pick up a printed copy at the city.

#### 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

- Frustration that Covell, and particularly people turning to/from Howe, is not part of the 43<sup>rd</sup> project.
- Owner of the shopping complex shared confusion about whether King Rd would be impacted by construction. Concern that construction might limit traffic and shoppers into his center. He'd like a lot of communication about traffic control. We discussed how paving would be the most impactful part of construction and that paving would occur over several days, likely towards the very end of the project.

### Rawley

- General complaints about the lack of City interaction regarding the project. Stated that there had been no communication regarding this project over the past 2 years until the recent meeting with Steve, Jen and the Community Development representative. Said his communication with Right of Way acquisition was good.



- Concern about the ponding at Drake. During the 30% Open House, the concept had shown a stormwater facility in front of their property. I explained that infiltration testing had been performed and yielded a rate of 0 inches/hour, so this was switched to a landscape planter. I pointed out the addition of the catch basin upstream and noted that the corner of Drake where ponding had been occurring will be regraded to better direct flow into the new gutters.
- The remainder of the folks were very supportive and generally just happy to hear more about the pathway and sidewalk improvements.

### **Steve**

- People on 43<sup>rd</sup> concerned with vehicle speeds there and wanted to know what more could be done to reduce the speeds.
- Happy to see the ped refuge islands removed from 43<sup>rd</sup>.
- Concern with impacts to trees and what is being done to save them.
- Question about maintaining access along the road during construction.
- Concern with impacts the sanitary sewer installation would have.

### **Comment Cards**

Two people deposited comment cards in the comment box: one was a suggestion to post speed limit signs on the multiuse path for bicyclists for safety and one was a request for detour signs during construction.

Project team staff will discuss these items and follow up with these community members prior to construction. Detour information will be made available.