Next Governance Team Meeting Postponed until Fall 2016

There was a tentatively scheduled Governance Team meeting for late July. That meeting has been postponed until the fall in order for the project team to conduct further technical and have additional meetings with fronting business and property owners.

June 21st Governance Team Meeting Recap

At the June 21st Governance Team meeting, the Team reviewed the alignment options for how transit could travel west of 20th Street. The Governance Team communicated a preference for Option D: Two-Way South A Street and recommended it to be the only route alignment option for the couplet area (Springfield Station – 20th Street) to be moved forward for technical analysis.

The Governance Team acknowledged the property impact concerns expressed by business and property owners along the corridor. The Governance Team gave further instructions to project staff to look at minimizing impacts through design solutions work by starting with existing conditions and working outward with improvements where opportunities exist. They also provided direction to staff to continue focusing on the project goals of improving safety and security along the corridor and enhancing economic development as the project moves from design options to initial layout.

Project Next Steps

The project is currently moving from design options to initial layout. Once the initial layout draft is ready, project staff will conduct another round of outreach with fronting business and property owners to further discuss site specific needs and ways to reduce impacts to business operations, such as parking, site circulation, and access. An invitation to meet will be sent to business and property owners.

Project staff continues to do broader community outreach that includes presentations to community organizations, postcards to the surrounding neighborhoods, updates to the website, interviews with local media, and articles in partner organization newsletters.
The initial Phase 2 timeline has been extended due to extensive outreach efforts and technical analysis. Tentatively, the project aims to select a Locally Preferred Solution in early 2017.

**Key Upcoming Project Dates**

- Fall 2016 – Governance Team meeting; present technical analysis, community feedback, and initial layout.
- Fall 2016/Winter 2017 – Governance Team meeting; present updated technical analysis, community feedback, and refined layout.
- Winter 2017 – Governance Team meeting; recommendation of a preliminary Locally Preferred Solution.
- Winter 2017 – City Council meeting; public hearing.
- Winter/Spring 2017 – City Council meeting; decision on locally preferred solution.
- Winter/Spring 2017 – Lane Transit District Board meeting; decision on locally preferred solution.

To learn more about the project, [specific meeting times and dates](http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org), the [design options being considered](http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org), [FAQs](http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org), and more, please visit [ourmainstreetspringfield.org](http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org).

We want to hear your thoughts! To provide input, please submit comments or questions at [http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org/feedback/](http://ourmainstreetspringfield.org/feedback/) or call 541-682-3240.

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