

Youngstown SMART2 BUILD Project

Meeting: BUILD Team Meeting

Date: 2019-08-30

Attendance:

Refer to Sign-In Sheet

Discussion Items:

1. General

- a. The proposed bicycle route will come over the Spring Common Bridge and along 5th Ave.
 - i. GPD should try to accommodate bicycles on the western most block of Federal and Commerce
 - ii. Bicycle route signage will need to be incorporated to provide clear direction to the dedicated route along 5th Ave and along Front St
 - iii. Turn boxes should be provided at the southwest corner of 5th and Federal to give cyclists the proper protection to go east on Federal
- b. The team is currently looking for additional funding sources
 - i. Current estimates show the project approximately \$7 mil over budget
- c. ODOT pedestrian safety money should be around \$10 mil for Youngstown.
 - i. Could a portion of this money be used to help close the gap in the budget?
 - ii. With the items being proposed, this project is essentially a pedestrian safety project
 - iii. Council members would need to be on board with this.
- d. Eastgate is meeting with the hospital Thursday, September 5th at 8 am.
 - i. Josh Slaga will attend this meeting to better understand their expectations.
 - ii. Hospital will present their vision
- e. SMART2 will not be rebranded
 - i. It's too late in the game now to rebrand
- f. The birdseye rendering example was well received by the group and they would like to have some for the public meeting
 - i. GPD to get drone video soon
 - ii. The city has a person that does drone video and may have enough footage available
 - iii. The city may be able to take the video with GPD coordination
- g. Wayfindage signing to parking is desired
- h. Next meeting – Friday, September 13th at 9 am
- i. A preliminary meeting should be held with key personnel prior to the public meeting to discuss the key points of the project.
- j. The public meeting will be open house format with no formal presentation
 - i. Multiple sets of project boards will be presented to provide easier access by the public
 - ii. It was discussed to provide post-it notes to the public so they can comment and stick the comments directly onto the board in question.
 - iii. Over 50 people are expected to be at the public meeting
 - iv. GPD will provide responses to the public comments

2. Front Street
 - a. Try to fit 4 cars at drop-off area in front of church to provide parents more room to drop-off and pick up their kids.
 - b. There will be no signal at Phelps
 - i. Phelps will be a stop sign controlled. Front will not stop
3. Federal Street
 - a. Eastgate suggested we do not cut Federal St work short
 - i. Stakeholders are expecting the work to go as far as previously programmed
 - b. To create the rhythm suggested by GPD, all of the sidewalk would need to be replaced
 - i. It was discussed that to create a good end result, the sidewalk should be replaced regardless of whether the rhythm is used or not.
 - ii. The sidewalk could look very pieced together if not all replaced
 - c. Verify the parking in front of the Federal courthouse.
 - i. Removed all parking per proximity requirements
 - d. Street trees were questioned
 - i. GPD was asked if there are going to be trees on the curb line
 1. GPD responded that we are not ready to give up on the trees at the curb yet.
 - a. The trees proved much needed shade during the day
 - b. The sidewalks will be much wider (18 ft) and the proposed trees would not be obtrusive as they currently are.
 - c. With a 12 ft café seating area, the sidewalk will still be 6 ft wide which provides ample room for walking.
 - d. Pedestrians will not be required to snake down the road avoiding trees and café seating.
 2. The group is waiting to see some renderings to determine if trees along the curb line should be omitted
4. Commerce Street
 - a. GPD suggested that Commerce could be a place to cut some enhancements to get closer to the budget.
 - i. It was discussed to make Commerce mimic Rayen
 - ii. This was met with mixed opinion
 1. One opinion was Commerce should be considered the future of economic development since there is more room to grow.
 2. Other opinion was the focus should be on Front and Federal as those will be the places that people will be drawn to.
5. Rayen Avenue
 - a. Review the bicycle lane buffer color.
 - i. Should we use yellow instead of white?
 - b. Review and recommend if planters should be used along corridor to provide some color
 - i. Could this be something that YSU adopts and maintains
 - c. The busses will utilize the bike lane for drop-off and pick up.
 - i. This is a common practice
 - d. Add green conflict paint at the Wick crossing
 - e. How do we prevent people and delivery trucks from parking in the bike lane?
 - i. This would need to be a policing issue

- ii. Could YSU take this on as part of their normal policing activities?
- 6. Park Avenue
 - a. Not discussed
- 7. Phelps Street
 - a. Keep the loading zones
 - b. Group liked the revisions made from previous version

End of Minutes