

**MINUTES
PAYETTE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 2008**

6:30 PM Public Hearing

- A. An application by Gary Christiansen & Nan Jones for a Variance to the property setback requirements, Payette Municipal Code section 17.24.040 (e) Accessory Buildings & setbacks, to erect a metal 12'X12'X30' canopy carport next to fence at 234 16th Ave. North, Island View Subdivision, Block 4, Lot 4. The property is zoned A-Residential.**

Gary Christiansen – 234 16th Ave No; Payette, ID

All we are trying to do is put a canopy to protect our motor home from the weather. I'm handicap now and I can't keep crawling up and putting a cover over it, and securing it from the winter. This is the most adequate way that we can do anything, and the safest way for me to maintain my motor home. We have had it parked in the same place for five (5) years and its right up against the fence with some walk space in between it. All I'm trying to do is put the canopy there so it's covered. Last week when we were here Jeff the Fire Chief had no complaints about it, other than it's a pretty safe unit. In our subdivision, I have it all signed off by all of the Architectural Committee, all three of them. Two of them were past presidents and Bob Rocco, who is in charge of the Architectural Committee lives across the street from me. He has no complaints what so ever about my motor home being there or having a canopy up. All I'm asking is permission to put it up legally so we don't have any more hassles.

Councilor Nelson asked Mr. Christiansen if it was all metal. Mr. Christiansen stated that yes, it comes from North Caroline. Councilor Nelson asked if it was flammable. Mr. Christiansen stated no, it is a very high quality of canopy. Councilor Nelson stated that I noticed in our packet that we did have something from the architectural committee that it wasn't allowed under the CC&R's. Mr. Christiansen said no, I don't think so sir. That has to be signed off by the Architectural Committee which is this here. This is the Architectural Committee; it was signed off by all three of them. Before you can do anything in that community you have to get it all signed off, and the three people that are in charge of that have signed every bit of it and agreed with me that it was not that bad of a situation. I'm just looking to protect a big investment. I know people in this neighborhood have more money than I do, but I still have a big investment too. All I'm asking for is a little permission to put my canopy up and no more fighting and hassling; I just want to be left alone. For seven years it has been this way.

Councilor Cochran asked Mr. Christiansen if the yellow highlighted area was where your motor home is, and is this with the 8' setback? Mr. Christiansen stated yes, all I'm looking for is the setback so I can put the canopy against the fence so I have room to get in and out. Councilor Cochran stated that it almost appears that there is enough room for you to move that. Mr. Christiansen stated that he has a 26' boat sitting there in front of the shed with a canopy over it. Councilor Cochran asked if there is a canopy over it. Mr. Christiansen stated that yes, and that was also approved by the Architectural Committee. Councilor Hanigan stated that this application for your Architectural Committee was signed

in October of 2006 almost two years ago. Are these people still on the committee? Mr. Christiansen stated that Bob Rocco is still on the committee. I have had several surgeries and if you notice at the top it says pending completion date, we didn't have a completion date I just had to get everything approved first. I had to go in and get a couple of knees replaced and some other surgeries and that is why it has taken me so long to get it done.

Councilor Heleker asked how permanent this structure is. Mr. Christiansen stated that it can be permanent, but you don't classify it as permanent structure. You have four of them right in the City that I know of that sit in their front yards. To me they are not a bad looking unit, and where I have it set and this lady is going to complain that she can see it out her back window and it blocks her view. Four years ago I planted sunburst locust that are going to be 30' tall and 20' wide, and she can't see anyway. It has been parked there for five years and she's never complained. I just don't want the hassles; I want to do something that I'm paying for legally. It has been signed off and the Planning and Zoning gave a favorable for me to put it up. No one has any complaints except these four people back here, and if I may say that in our CC&R it states no home business, and the committee that Bill Harp belonged to gave it to her. Virginia has a massage parlor out of her house, which is against our CC&R's. The CC&R's don't hold up unless you are one of the good boys, and I'm not a good boy, I'm just me. All I'm asking is to be fair about this, if you're going to have a massage parlor that the CC&R's or the Architectural Committee give you permission to do then I should have that. I already have one canopy covering my boat, and there's no reason why I shouldn't be allowed to cover my motor home. Councilor Heleker stated that the difference being is that your other canopy is not within 8' fee. Mr. Christiansen stated yes, Jeff came over and he didn't have any problems with it sitting by the fence. I asked him to come over and give me approval, because you guys said you need approval with canopies, so I asked Jeff to come over. He looked at it and said it's a nice canopy, you can leave it here, but to be on the safe side move it back to be within the setbacks. Like I said, I have worked with all the enforcement, the Architectural Committee, and I have tried to work with the officers of this beautiful subdivision and that is really hard to do.

Councilor Mussell asked Mr. Christiansen how he was going to secure that to the ground. Mr. Christiansen stated that he is going to pour concrete blocks and lag bolt them into the concrete. The canopy has a 90 MPH wind and a 40 pound snow load, so it is a very well constructed unit. When I do things, I do them correctly and sometimes go overboard. My other canopy sat there for 6 years now and it hasn't moved an ounce. Jeff came over and looked at it and he had not problems with it, and like he said if it sitting next to the fence the canopy will ignite at 1500 degrees. If the motor home is sitting there with 75 gallons of fuel and it goes up, that's going to be a little more than 3000 degrees. The committee last week said that they don't want to come in and start telling you where you can park your vehicles. There are no laws or anything that say you can't park your vehicles next to the fence and all I'm trying to do is cover it. Councilor Hanigan asked where in the higher levels of the law how does a Variance compare with CC&R's. Attorney Osborn stated that CC&R's are irrelevant to the City that is something between the land owner and the people living in the subdivision. All we care about is our setback ordinance.

Councilor Heleker stated that he remembers seeing something that says next to the fence. Is it actually touching the fence? Mr. Christiansen stated that it would be about a half a foot away from the fence. Councilor Nelson asked how tall the boat canopy was compared to this one. Mr. Christiansen stated that its

10' tall and the new one will be 12'. Councilor Nelson stated that the reason he asked was because he drove by Mr. Christiansen's house and did see a smaller canopy back there. Councilor Nelson asked where the motor home will be sitting. Mr. Christiansen stated it will be parked in the same location it is now because that is where I park the motor home for the winter. I have a 12' utility trailer that I park in front of it, but in the summer I park it behind the motor home. All I'm trying to do is cover it for the winter. Councilor Heleker stated that looking at the map there is no other place you can park it that would be further away from the fence. Mr. Christiansen stated that according to the covenants in the Architectural Committee if you are going to park anything it has to be on that side of the fence. Councilor Hanigan stated that you do have a very irregular shape lot. On the very slender back portion what's behind that. Mr. Christiansen stated that there is house back there with no access to the back. Doug Argo asked if the wall height was 12' or the peak height was 12'. Mr. Christiansen stated that the side walls are 10' and the 14' is if I have to raise it to get the motor home under it.

Bill Harp – 1651 River St; Payette, ID

Mr. Harp stated that on a City issue it is an illegal building, it sets right against the fence, its 30' long shedding half that water onto the neighbor's property. I want to touch on this subject of investments. Mr. Christiansen stated that he has a lot of money invested in his boat and motor home. Well there are a lot of investments in homes there too that would be affected by this going up. It's not a plus for the subdivision or the City. The City is here to oversee the setbacks, and 6" from the fence is not a setback. Once you set this as precedence you have to magnify it by every home in that subdivision, and that subdivision has the same rights. We are not here to ask you to respect our covenants, but to respect the City Ordinances.

Sharon Harp – 1651 River St; Payette, ID

Mr. Christiansen already has a couple of structures on his property and in the covenants it says that only one structure is allowed. I don't know why the Architectural Committee signed for this. Being a real estate broker if you magnified this metal awning by 80 xs this is really going to distract from the property. I think this will decrease our property values if allowed. We are asking the City to uphold your own Ordinances.

Carol Nicholas – 1562 Island View Ct; Payette, ID

I'm Gary's neighbor in the back. I can appreciate Gary wanting to cover his motor home. What I'm worried about is the covenants, when we moved into that neighborhood there were certain covenants that we took onto ourselves as homeowner. The other thing is, that I lived in a different area and they did really hold up the covenants in that area and this guy built a huge shed in the back of his yard which blocked all my vision. That is not exactly what Gary's at, but it will obstruct some of my view. My concern is that there is already one shed and a cover for the boat, which was against the covenants and that had to be moved. This is the second one that is against the covenants. My question is where will it stop, and if that is the last thing that Gary does than that's fine, but where does it stop in the neighborhood. What kind of precedence is that setting for every other home owner in the association?

Councilor Nelson asked Mrs. Nicolas if she was the house that borders where the motor home is now. Mrs. Nicolas stated no, I'm the house behind him.

Virginia Collier – 317 17th Ave No.; Payette, ID

I am also concerned about what presence has been set in our subdivision if we allow him to put another one in. I was a president when they allowed him to put the cover over his boat, and the rules were he had to attach it to his house and lower it down. That was the only reason he was allowed to put that in, where as this is a free standing unit in the area. As far as my business goes, I have permission from that I can have a home office, but I am legal to do what I do. Also as a homeowner I value my property to, and this is a big investment for me. Like Sharon said if we allow this one in when is it going to end?

Gary Christiansen – 234 16th Ave No; Payette, ID

I would like to say several things. Virginia set precedence when she got the covenants changed so she could have a business. As far as Carol's concerns, she has been a good neighbor. I have never said anything about her grass or weeds crawling through my fence, hence making my yard look ugly. I just try to go out there and cut them off as they grow through the fence. She doesn't trim her lawn, but she cuts and I appreciate that. She had a motor home sitting next to her house for three years uncovered, so we all have our problems. Bill Harp has never liked me from the day we got here and this is just a personal thing between me, him and Sharon. Everything I have tried to do they have tried to shoot me down.

This is just a very important thing for me know that I am in the situation I am in now. I suffer from post-polio syndrome. I have suffered from it twice now, once in 1949 and one in 1953. I spent a year in the iron lung; I have fought my way through life and earned my living. I wasn't handed a golden spoon, and I have earned every cent I've got. I try to take pride in everything I've got and keep it as well as I can. This is the only reason I'm asking so I can keep that motor home as long as I can.

The neighbor that sits right next to me Anne, she just moved here. I went over and sat down and explained what I wanted to do, she looked at me and said you have a motor home there it doesn't matter if you put a canopy over it. I talked to Masingill's and they have no problem with it. I talked to Don Deboard a big contactor in town, he lives across the street from me and he doesn't care. I have a highway patrolman that lives directly across the street from me and he told me when you get a pass give me a shout, and I'll help you put it up.

As far as this other stuff goes, I don't like to launder dirty clothes, but if they're going to do one thing for someone than they should be able to do it for everyone. Virginia doesn't have an office she has a full blown massage parlor. She has had up to six, seven cars we have counted at times sitting in front of her house. I have a lot of money invested in this, my wife has a good job up in Farwell Bend and we don't want to be bothered. We just want to save our equipment and keep it as long as he can. I appreciate you guys listening to me and if I've been a little abrupt I'm sorry that's just the way I am being a survivor. The reason this hasn't been done in two years is because I have been in the hospital and have had both knees replaced, and both my shoulders. It's just been really tough for me to get things done these last couple of years. So I hope you guys can appreciate it and I'm hoping you will give me a favorable. Mr. Heleker stated that the fence in against which this would sit, what is immediately on the

other side. Mr. Christiansen stated that the neighbor has a little garden she is growing, and there is 13' between her house and the fence. I 'm just trying to get everything together so it looks as good as it can, and it will be taken down and away from my property when I move. Councilor Nelson asked Attorney Osborn if it makes any difference where this is a moveable structure. Mr. Osborn stated no not legally.

B. An application by Kebob, LLC for zoning change 521 S. 9th Street, Fairview Addition, Block 1, Lot 10, Tax 15, from B-Residential to C-1 Commercial.

Jennifer Long – 2808 Hwy 52; Payette, ID

Mrs. Long stated she is here on behalf of the contractor doing the work on this project. Historically this has been a car lot, restaurant, and currently a liquor store. We would like to get the zoning changed to a commercial zoning so we can do a couple of things without having to go through the variance process. This is surrounded by commercial properties with the exception of RT Tires which is residential as well. Councilor Heleker asked what is to the east of that property. Mrs. Long stated that there are storage units to the east.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:00pm

7:00 Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Payette City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Henderson in the City Council Chambers of Payette City Hall, 700 Center Avenue.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Henderson, Ivan Mussell, Jeff Williams (via phone), Georgia Hanigan, Lee Nelson, Les Cochran, Mark Heleker

Members Absent:

Also Present: Police Chief Mark Clark; Street Supervisor Willie Hollis; City Engineer Doug Argo; Mary Cordova, City Coordinator/Clerk; Tiffany Howell Utility Clerk, Bill Harp, Virginia Collier, Carol Nicholas, Sharon Harp, Jennifer Long

PLEDGE

Mayor Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nelson moved and Hanigan seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 8/7/08; 8/18/08; 8/25/08 as written

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL

A motion was made by Hanigan and seconded by Cochran to approve the City Bills & Payroll in the amount of \$164,291.67

At the roll call:

Ayes: Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Williams, Cochran, Heleker

Nays:

The motion CARRIED.

SPECIAL ORDERS

None Heard.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Payette County Planning & Zoning Notice of Public Hearing

PLANNING & ZONING

- A. July 24, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

None Heard.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Matt Newcomb Horrocks Engineering**
 - **Iowa Project Update**

Mr. Newcomb gave a Power Point presentation which follows these minutes.

Councilor Heleker asked why on the west side of the street don't we go with the multi-use instead of separating them again and putting the bike lane closer to the traffic. Mr. Newcomb stated that it was an issue of cost benefit. There are costs associated with the multi-use path, and the County felt like the multi-use path on the east side so bicyclists could travel both ways would be sufficient. Mr. Argo asked Mr. Newcomb what the net width was from back of sidewalk to back of sidewalk. Mr. Newcomb stated that right now back of sidewalk to back of sidewalk it is 49'. Mr. Nelson asked if there would be a curb separating them. Mr. Newcomb stated yes, there would be curb and gutter. Mr. Argo stated that the reason he brought this up was because 7th Ave North is 47' from back of curb to back of curb plus the sidewalk, so its 57' from back to back. Mayor Henderson asked if the project has accounted for the irrigation lines that will go underneath the street. Mr. Newcomb stated they are

aware of the irrigation lines they just have not found anyone to locate them for us. Mayor Henderson stated he will locate them for Horrocks. Councilor Mussell asked what the alternative would be if they came up short of funding. Mr. Newcomb stated that the way these projects are funded, is that if they give you the money they always want to see you build what they are give you money for. The County will have to come up with a plan to get their money.

B. Request for Donation
- Westside Elementary School

Councilor Cochran stated that his wife wrote this letter, so he would like to abstain from voting on this.

Mussell moved and Nelson seconded a motion to provide a family pool pass for the Westside Elementary Auction.

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

C. Michael Moser – Preliminary/Final Plat Application, Moser Subdivision

Mr. Argo stated that there are a couple of minor issues. The issue with the sidewalks, right now the bank comes down to the back of the curb and there is dirt falling off the back onto the street. The recommendation of the staff report would be that sidewalks be installed on these two lots, as part of the plat approval.

Michael Moser – 1803 Lawndale; Meridian, ID

The erosion he is speaking about was there in a way. The house was over grown with weeds, and I had kids out there pulling weeds, and they left them in the gutter. I had so many projects going at the house that is why it looked so bad. A year ago we had a pipe put in and I hooked it up not that securely and water went right down where they had just worked. I went in there and back filled it like I was supposed to. The City cleaner went right down the road today and they didn't have to pull out of the way. I talked to Bobbie Black who works at the City, and her parents used to own the property and she stated they never had any problems. I fouled up the water base, and when the water man came out I visited with him, and they have never known of it being a problem there. What I would like to see done is until I get done developing that lot, or someone pulls a permit on it, I'd like to leave it alone. I would agree to bring it up when a permit is pulled on the other lot. Mr. Argo stated that what he saw was not weeds, what I saw was dirt. I would hold my recommendation that the sidewalks be put in sooner rather than later. I know in some cases we have recommended or allowed people to sign agreements that they will put sidewalks in when everyone else does, but in this case I would recommend against that for the reason stated.

Hanigan moved and Cochran seconded a motion to approve the final plat for Moser Subdivision subject to the completion of the concerns from the City Engineer.

At the roll call:

Ayes: Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Cochran, Heleker

Nays:

Abstain: Williams,

D. Light Guard System Crosswalk at 6th & Hwy 95

This system has an automatic sensor that senses when someone is at the crosswalk. It has lighted crossing signs that when someone is at the crosswalk, LED lights and signs will light up and alert vehicle that there is something approaching the crosswalk. The original proposal also had LED lights that go across the crosswalk lines in the road. ITD does have a problem putting the LED's in the road itself. While we are still negotiating with ITD concerning the LED's mounted in the road, I would ask the Council for approval.

Mussell moved and Cochran seconded a motion to approve the Light Guard System

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

E. An application by Gary Christiansen & Nan Jones for a Variance to the property setback requirements, Payette Municipal Code section 17.24.040 (e) Accessory Buildings & Setbacks

Nelson moved and Heleker seconded a motion to send this back to Planning and Zoning for clarification/reconsideration

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

**F. Ordinance 1298 – An Ordinance of the City of Payette, Idaho, Re-zoning Certain Lands Lying Within the City Limits of Payette; Setting an Effective Date; Severability; Repealer
-First Reading**

Mussell moved and Heleker seconded a motion introduce Ordinance 1298 by Title only

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Heleker moved and Williams seconded a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 1298 on its first reading

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion that 1298 due pass

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

**G. Ordinance 1299 – An Ordinance of the City of Payette, Idaho, Amending Sections 3.12.010 and 3.12.022 of the Payette Municipal Code to Rename the Utility Account Fund and Eliminate Separation of Bank Accounts
-Fist Reading**

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion introduce Ordinance 1299 by Title only

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Heleker moved and Cochran seconded a motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 1299 on its first reading

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion that 1299 due pass

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

H. Mayor's Economic Development Proposal

Mayor Henderson stated we are all aware of the weak economic outlook we are experiencing and how the development has reduced to a crawl. You are also aware of the recent debate we have had concerning Iron Ductile Pipe VS. PVC Pipe and our administration still believe that Ductile Iron gives our citizens the most stable water system. Here at City Hall we are always looking for ways to spur economic growth. To spur new development in the City and offset the difference between Ductile Iron and PVC, we are proposing for all properties that are developed and there infrastructure completed the fiscal year 2009 that the per lot development fee of \$850 that we currently charge be cut in half to \$425.

Heleker moved and Cochran seconded a motion to approve the Mayor's proposal

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

**I. Ordinance 1300 – An Ordinance of the City of Payette, Idaho, Entitled Annual Appropriations for the Twelve Month Period from the First Day of October, 2008 to and Inclusive of the Thirtieth Day of September, 2009; Appropriating Dollars to Pay the Expenses of the City of Payette, Payette County, Idaho, and Specifying the Objects and Purposes of Which Said Appropriation is Made
-First Reading**

Mayor Henderson stated that over the last couple of months administration and the Council have worked together to develop a conservative but workable budget. The preliminary budget that the Council approved a couple of weeks ago, we had proposed a 3% increase in property taxes to deal with the rising cost in fuel and other materials that

the City uses on a day to day basis. Mayor Henderson stated that I think the original budget was sound, administration and the Council has no desire to burden the citizens of our City with the additional expense during this current economic down turn. We have continued to re-work the purposed budget, and we have also had the pleasant surprise recently that our health insurance rates came in well under what we originally estimated. Clerk Cordova has spent the last couple of weeks crunching the number and creating a budget that would allow us to hold the line on taxes and will also result in achieving the lowest rate we have had in almost 20 years. Clerk Cordova stated that we did not have a high claim year and our rates came in about 10% less than we expected, which is wonderful because it puts us right at the magical number.

Heleker moved and Hanigan seconded a motion introduce Ordinance 1300 by Title only

After a unanimous voice vote by the Council, the motion CARRIED.

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion to suspend the rules and pass the revised Ordinance 1300 on its first reading

At the roll call:

Ayes: Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Cochran, Heleker, Williams

Nays:

Heleker moved and Nelson seconded a motion that Ordinance 1300 due pass

At the roll call:

Ayes: Nelson, Mussell, Hanigan, Cochran, Heleker, Williams

Nays:

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None Heard

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None Heard

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- The next meeting will be 7:00pm Monday September 15, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heleker and seconded Nelson by to adjourn.

After a unanimous voice vote, the motion CARRIED, and the Council adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2008.

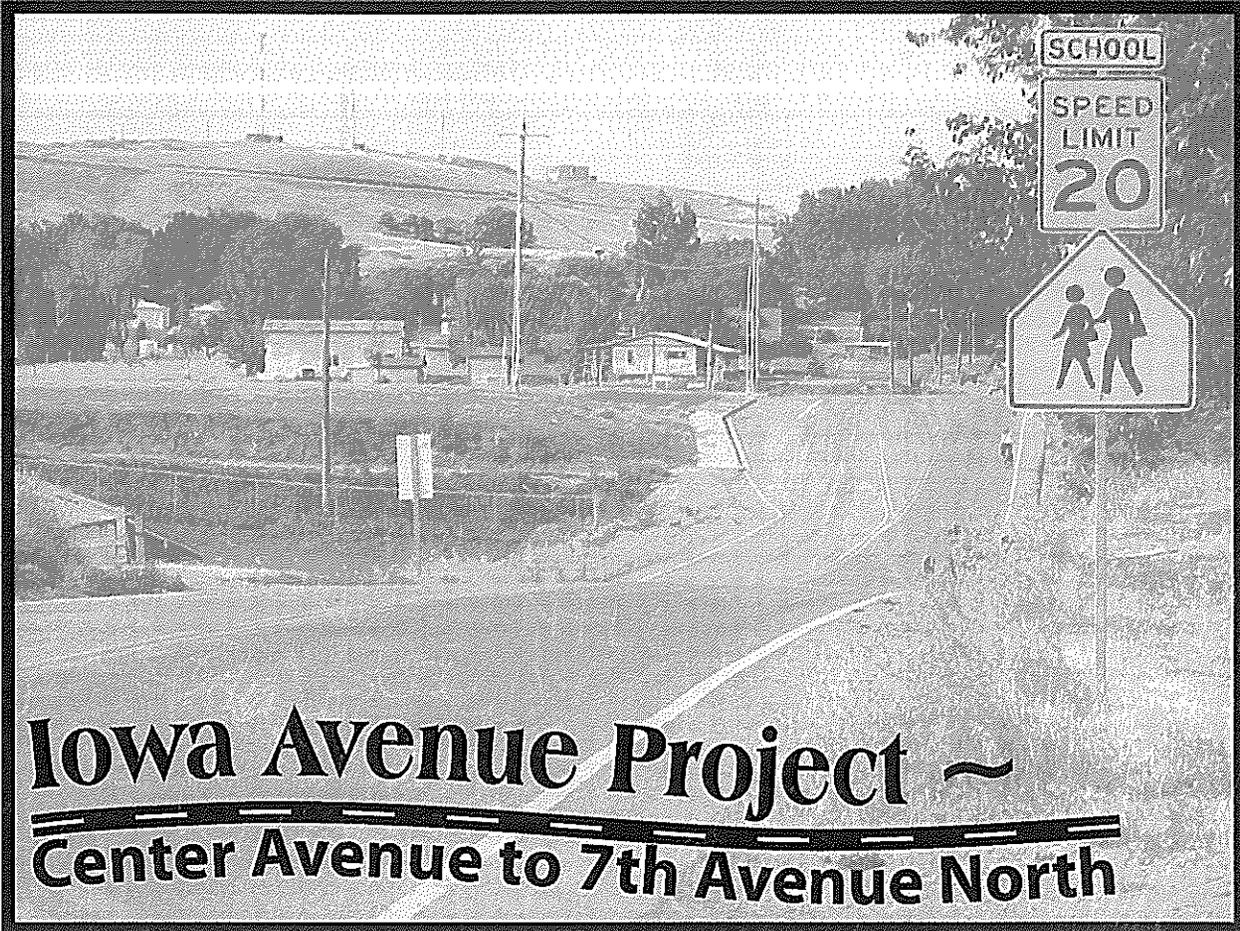
DOUGLAS E. HENDERSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Cordova, City Clerk

WELCOME

to the



Iowa Avenue Project ~ **Center Avenue to 7th Avenue North**

Public Open House Meeting
October 2, 2008
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.



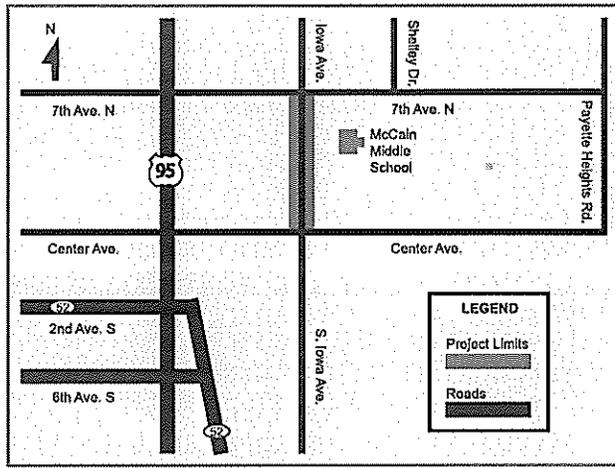
Project Overview



Project Description

The project starts at the Center Avenue intersection and proceeds north a half-mile to the intersection with 7th Avenue North.

With the recent construction of McCain Middle School, pedestrian traffic along Iowa Avenue has increased. This project is needed to ensure appropriate pedestrian/school zone safety, and to upgrade the roadway to current standards, including curb, gutter and sidewalks.



Iowa Avenue, Center Avenue to 7th Avenue North project limits.

Project Objectives

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Upgrade roadway to current standards
- Accommodate future traffic demand

Project Schedule

Task/Event	Anticipated completion date
Public Meeting	Fall 2008
Concept Design	Fall 2008
Environmental Evaluation	Spring 2009
Preliminary Design	Spring 2009
Right of Way Plans	Fall 2009
Final Design	Spring 2010
Right of Way Acquisition	Spring 2010
Construction	Summer 2010 or 2011

Environmental Studies



Which resources are being studied in detail for potential impacts?

Human Environment



McCain Middle School east of Iowa Avenue.



Home and property within the project area.

- **Archaeological Resources**
- **Section 4(f) and 6(f) Properties**
 - **Historic Properties**
 - **Schools, Parks and Recreation Areas**
- **Land Use and Planning**
 - **Land Ownership and Jurisdiction**
- **Property Acquisition, Displacements and/or Relocations**
- **Noise**
- **Hazardous Materials**

Natural Environment



Storm drain near McCain Middle School.



Surface water runoff and erosion on Iowa Avenue.

- **Air Quality**
- **Water Quality**
 - **Surface Water including Stormwater, Irrigation and Floodplains**
 - **Ground Water**
- **Biological Resources**
 - **Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species**
 - **Wildlife and Vegetation**

Alternative Evaluation



Alternatives Considered

Alternative 1

- Two 12 ft. lanes with a left turn lane and a right turn/slip lane at McCain Middle School
- Curb/gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway
- Storm drainage and retention/disposal system
- Two 5 ft. bicycle lanes between the vehicle lanes and the curb

Alternative 2

- Two 12 ft. lanes with a center turn lane from 7th Avenue North to Center Avenue and a right turn/slip at McCain Middle School
- Left turn lanes at intersections with 7th Avenue North and Center Avenue
- Curb/gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway
- Storm drainage and retention/disposal system
- One 5 ft. bicycle lane on west side of roadway between the vehicle lanes and the curb
- One 10 ft. multi-use pathway separated from the vehicle lanes

Alternative 3 - No Build

- No safety improvements would be made.
- Existing roadway would be used in current condition.

Alternative Comparison

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2
Traffic Capacity	Meets Requirements	Exceeds Requirements
Project Cost	\$2,290,000	\$2,612,000
Vehicular Safety	Meets Requirements	Meets Requirements
Property Impacts	Fewer	More
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety	Meets Requirements	Exceeds Requirements

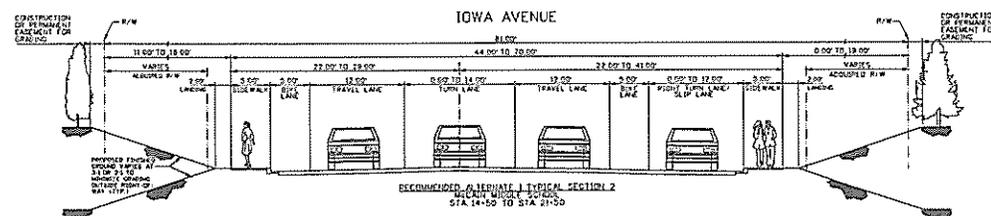
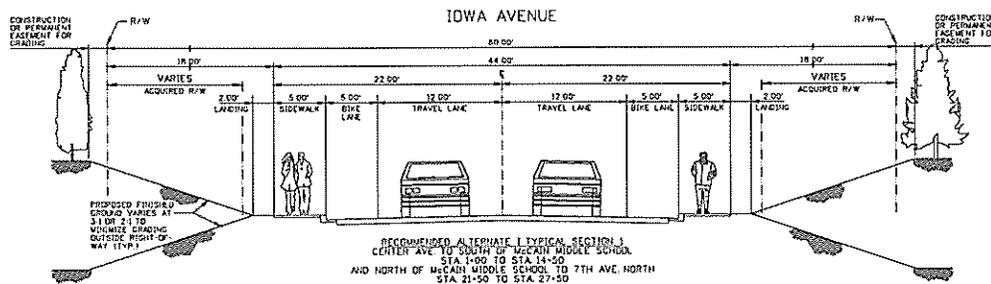
The purpose of this project is to improve operating conditions and pedestrian and bicycle safety by increasing sight distance as well as adding curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bike lanes. These improvements will satisfy current and future traffic volumes.

The primary needs for the proposed action are summarized as follows:

- Increase safety for pedestrian and bicyclists
- Update roadway design and storm drain facilities to satisfy current standards
- Improve school zone safety

Recommended Alternative

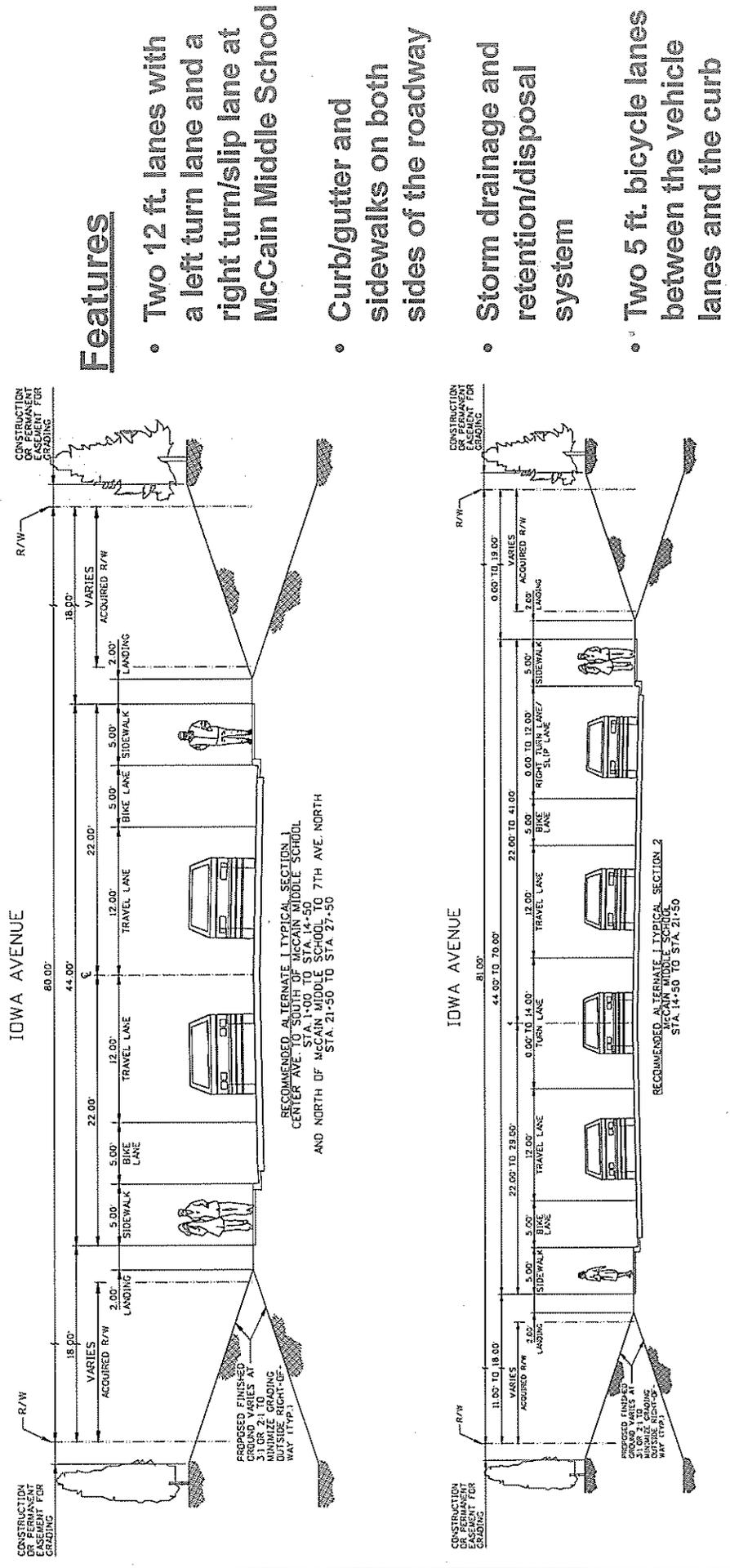
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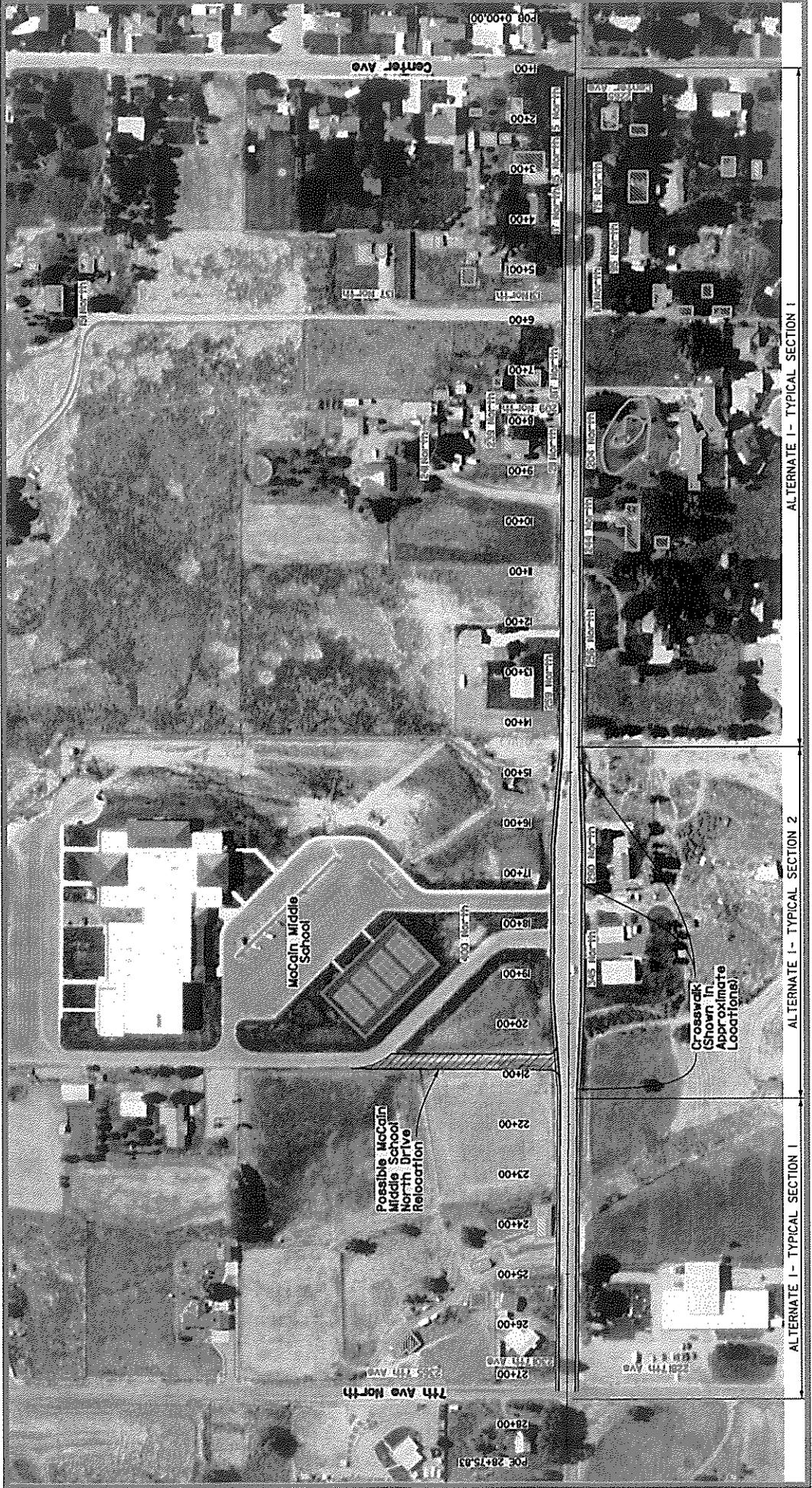
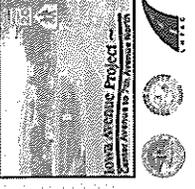


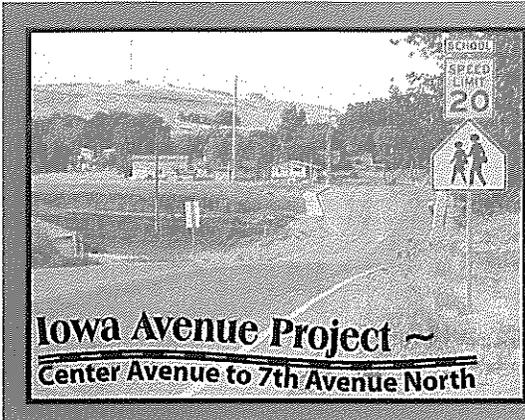
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- Two 12 ft. lanes with a left turn lane and a right turn/slip lane at McCain Middle School
- Curb/gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway
- Storm drainage and retention/disposal system
- Two 5 ft. bicycle lanes between the vehicle lanes and the curb



Alternative 1 Aerial View





Public Open House Meeting McCain Middle School

Project Description

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Project Objectives

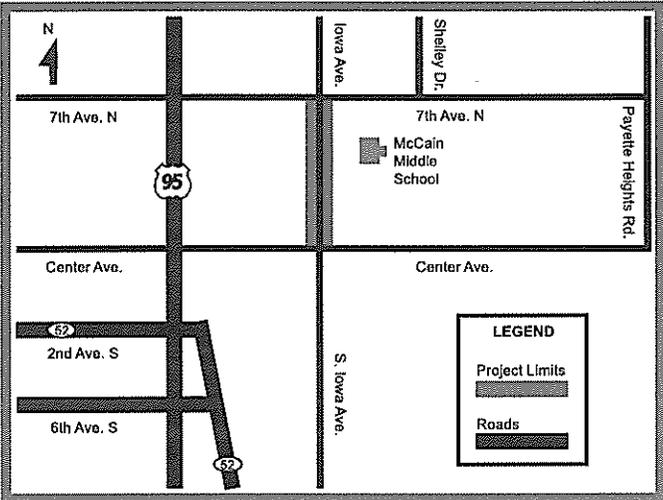
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Upgrade roadway to current standards
- Accommodate future traffic demand

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is this project needed?
A: This project is needed to ensure appropriate pedestrian/school zone safety, and to upgrade the roadway to current standards, including curb, gutter and sidewalks.

Q: Where are we in the process?
A: The project team is developing the initial concept design to address the needs of the roadway. The concept design is being presented to the public for comment. Public input, along with engineering and environmental studies, will be used to determine an appropriate solution addressing the roadway's needs.

More information on back.
Turn Sheet Over



Iowa Avenue, Center Avenue to 7th Avenue North project area.

Project Schedule

(Anticipated completion date)

- Public Meeting - Fall 2008
- Concept Design - Fall 2008
- Environmental Evaluation - Spring 2009
- Preliminary Design - Spring 2009
- Right of Way Plans - Fall 2009
- Final Design - Spring 2010
- Right of Way Acquisition - Spring 2010
- Construction - Summer 2010 or 2011



Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

Q: What is a “concept design?”

A: The objective of a concept design is to answer key questions early and identify a roadway’s long-range needs. This is achieved by involving affected parties, understanding public concerns and collecting key information to support decision making.

Q: Are you considering the impacts of the project?

A: Several factors that must be considered in developing this project include the impacts the improved roadway will have on the surrounding environment and residents. The project team will work to minimize impacts. Potential impacts identified include property owners, Payette School District, irrigation, sewer, power and water facilities, drainage issues, access points for property owners, and pedestrian and bicycle safety. Public input gathered from today’s meeting will help identify additional unknown impacts.

Q: Will right of way need to be purchased? If so, how much and what actions will take place?

A: Yes. The number of right of way purchases is unknown until the design is completed. Project officials will meet one-on-one with affected property owners to review the design and to discuss how the impacts to their property might be minimized. The project team will contact property owners to schedule individual meetings to discuss right of way acquisition.

Q: What can I expect from today’s meeting?

A: The purpose of the meeting is to collect comments regarding the concept design for

the Iowa Avenue Project, Center Avenue to 7th Avenue North. Project information is provided in an informal open house format. Project team members will answer questions and comment forms are available to fill out.

Q: What’s the next step?

A: Public input, along with additional environmental and engineering studies, will continue throughout the design process. Final design is scheduled for the Spring 2010 and construction is anticipated to begin in the Summer 2010 or 2011.

Comments

Please leave your completed comment form. If you would like to complete it at a later date, please send it to:

Idaho Transportation Department
Public Involvement Coordinator
P.O. Box 7129
Boise, ID 83707
Fax: (208) 334-8563

Comment forms postmarked by **October 16, 2008** will become part of the public record for the October 2, 2008 meeting.

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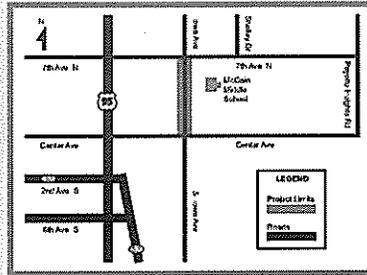
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Project Study Area



Public Meeting

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4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
McCain Middle School
1215 Center Ave.
Payette, ID

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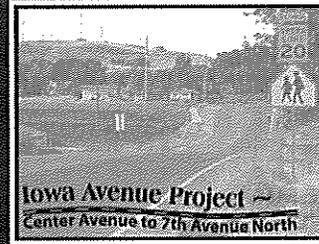
PAYETTE - A public meeting will be held to gather comments on roadway improvements for Iowa Avenue between Center Avenue and 7th Avenue North, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council announced.

The meeting will be held in an open house style from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 2, at McCain Middle School, 1215 Center Ave., in Payette. No formal presentation will be made. Displays illustrating proposed improvements for the roadway will be available for review. Project staff will be on hand to answer questions and comment forms will be available. The public is encouraged to attend any time during the three-hour period.

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The project is funded through a combination of sources that include Payette County, the City of Payette and the Federal Highway Administration. The project is being administered by the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council and the Idaho Transportation Department.

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