



Boones Ferry Road to Brown Road Connector Corridor Plan

Open House Summary Report

Public Outreach Overview

In October, 2016, the City of Wilsonville hosted a second public meeting to share information with the community about the Boones Ferry to Brown Road Corridor Connector Plan, evaluation process, and the alignment alternatives being considered. Input was gathered from the participants about the evaluation process and the alternatives being considered. Community feedback generated from the open house will be provided to the City Council to consider when deliberating a decision on the selection of a preferred alternative.

Outreach Methods

Community members were invited to attend the public open house in a number of ways, including:

- Announcement in Boones Ferry Messenger distributed on September 30.
- Postcard mailing sent to approximately 640 area residents and businesses on October 11.
- E-mail distributed to the project stakeholders list (72 people) on October 11.
- Posters distributed at City Hall on October 14.
- Announcement posted on the City's website on October 24.
- Press release distributed to local media on October 24.

Open House

The City of Wilsonville held a public open house for the Boones Ferry Road to Brown Road Corridor Connector on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, located at 29799 Town Center Loop E, Wilsonville, OR. Approximately 40 people attended, as well as staff from the City and the consultant team.

The meeting was an open house format with a presentation beginning at approximately 5:15 p.m. The presentation provided an overview of the project alternatives being considered, the findings from the alternatives analysis, and the estimated project costs and timeline for completion. Following the presentation, members of the public had the opportunity to visit informational displays, review project handouts, and chat with the project team.

Attendees were encouraged to complete comment forms to provide written comments (one is included in this summary).

Summary of Public Input

Overall

Nearly half of the open house attendees were from the Old Town neighborhood, most of which were in support of the Bailey connection over the 5th Street connection. Concerns raised by the Old Town residents centered on safety and increased traffic congestion.

Other questions were raised about the project design plans, cost, funding source and timeline for completion.

Appendix A

Public comments received via written comment forms and in person with staff at the public open house:

- Several comments were made about speeding, traffic congestion and unsafe turning movements at 5th Street in Old Town before and after church hours and that this was a concern that would need to be addressed if the connection was made at 5th Street. It was also noted that there were impaired sight lines at this location (primarily buildings located too close to the corner). Other concerns were noted related to noise, safety at crossing for children going to and from the daycare and dance studio. Some inquired how increased traffic into the Old Town neighborhood would be managed if the 5th Street alternative was selected.
- A few people had concerns about the Grange building and whether the 5th Street alternative would impact the building. Other comments were noted about the design plans, such as whether the road will be a 3-lane cross-section or 2-lane cross-section and how much right-of-way will be needed.
- Several comments were made about the need for sidewalks along Boones Ferry Road to improve safe pedestrian travel connections. One comment regarding impact to exiting properties if additional right-of-way is needed for improvements to Boones Ferry Road.
- One person felt that a connection at 5th Street wouldn't support the vision outlined in the Old Town Plan. For example, he indicated that the Old Town Plan called for no street improvements, such as curb cuts, gutters and sidewalks.
- A representative from Boones Ferry Village Apartments indicated their support for the Bailey Street connection.
- One person noted that having a stop sign at Bailey Street would cause additional back-ups and queuing along Boones Ferry. She added that it would be helpful if local businesses staggered business hours to alleviate traffic during peak hours.
- A former railroad executive was in attendance and indicated support for the 5th Street connection due to the huge cost impacts to create a public railroad crossing at Bailey Street. He felt the cost would be upwards of \$2 million for the new public crossing.
- At least one person asked whether at 5th Street undercrossing of I-5 been considered from Old Town?
- Wilsonville Concrete has concerns about Phase 1 construction; traffic on Kinsman will compete with their concrete trucks.

- Concerns about Tim Knapp steering the decision so consultants and staff would choose 5th.
- A few people inquired about City utility services to property west of the railroad tracks at 5th if Bailey is chosen.
- Bailey would work best for the extended road out of Old Town. 1st we don't need or want additional traffic down into Old Town. On the intersections of 5th and Boones Ferry there is a dance studio and a childcare center. When parents arrive and park across the street, children see Mom and Dad and run to them, which may mean running across one or the other street and standing a chance of get hit and getting hurt or killed. Where Bailey is already wider and in a business area. OrePac owner was on the City Council for years and knew there was a chance an access road could go through there but now complains. He has purchased this property on the other side of Bailey and he would be concerned about his fork lift driver getting hit. Having several family members that still drive or were drivers of 18 wheelers. They delivered many times to businesses and were split by a street. It may cost a little more to put the access road through Bailey Street, but in the long run it would be the best option. Please let us keep our Old Town quiet and without additional traffic. Thank you.