

Lincolntonville Neighborhood Association
Riberia Street Improvements Progress Update
St. Paul's AME Church
Minutes of Meeting – May 18, 2009

Project & City Staff Presents

Vice Mayor Jones, John Regan, Chief Operations Officer, Martha Graham, Public Works, Jason Hall, ETM

Concerns and Comments

1. There was support from the community to complete Phase 2 project as a whole.
2. Recommendation was made from City to seek bond funding after beginning of Fiscal Year.
3. Vice Mayor Jones commented on the sponsoring/endorsing of a bond initiative, and that it will affect taxes.
4. Cash McVay expressed concerns in regards to traffic patterns and that detour routes would be on MLK and Washington Street. He wants the opportunity to review the detour plans.
5. Additional comments were made to improve the traffic signal timing at ML King and Riberia. Increase in the cycle time for outbound Riberia St. and MLK traffic need to be approved.
6. John Regan spoke about the fact that any recommendation to pursue bonding would have to go through the City Commission and that staff was working on preparing a recommendation to go to the Commission to make this a seamless project. Vice Mayor Jones empathized with the difficulty of the project.
7. Residents from Washington Street recommended that during construction the traffic be made 2-way traffic on Washington Street. They also expressed concerns that the detour route has to accommodate emergency vehicles.
8. Question was made regarding the San Sebastian Harbor project and about its impact on the Riberia Street. Martha Graham commented that the traffic was considered in the design and that the permit for that project had expired and would need to go through review process.
9. There was a question on how long would it take to complete the project if it would be completed as one project and concern of having it finished by the City's birthday celebration and John Regan commented that the goal would be to have the project finished by the 450th.
10. Comments regarding detours and the trolley train operations would need restrictions for time of day and specific streets. It was recommended to hold a stakeholders meeting workshop to review the detour routes. The 3rd week in June was recommended for this meeting.

11. For the period of construction, parking of vehicles to be prohibited on certain streets to improve access for emergency vehicles and detours.

Action items from the Meeting:

1. Schedule a Detour Route Review meeting for 3rd week in June. Email copy of notice to Missy. Participants – Fire Department, Police Department, Trolley Trains and residents from the community.
2. Contact FDOT regarding traffic signal timing improvement for MLK & Riberia.
3. Schedule a follow-up meeting with Neighborhood Association in Oct – Nov. 2009 timeframe for progress update.

Attachments

Sign-In Sheet & Overhead slides