

Grant Road Coalition – Central Segments Meeting 10/19/2022

Phases 5 & 6, Central Segments (First to Tucson Blvd)

Present – Bob Roggenthen (COT), Alejandro Angel (Psomas), Randy Cheney (Psomas), Joan Landers (Kaneen), ZOOM - Steve Kozachik (Ward VI), Jane Hoffman (SAMOS), Diana Amado (Ward VI)

SAMOS: Bam Miller, Denise Ceron **Catalina Vista:** Janet Fischer, Alison Hughes **Campbell/Grant:** Ben Elias

Jefferson Park: Joanne Osuna, Colleen Nichols, Joan Daniels, Stuart Lorch, Karan Schreiber

Country/Glen: David Winslow **Ward III:** CJ Boyd

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION SHARED BY PSOMAS/DTM

Note: Facts shared will be codified in the white paper. If there are any errors, please contact Joan Daniels with corrections: jdchama@msn.com

RTA-Steve K indicated that at the last M&C meeting the city was insisting that RTA NOT place Grant Road into “RTA Next”. They should complete Grant Road as originally planned.

Noise abatement-

- Traffic Noise - Noise studies are in the process. Neighborhoods will be informed if they will qualify for walls. The erection of a wall will only be done with 50%+1 agreement of the residents affected by the wall, not the associations. Where, and if, there will be walls will be shared depending on the timing of the project.
- Pedestrian noise signals will be adjusted near residences.

Mitigation for light

- Street light shields to protect residences will be part of the plan.
- Mitigation for headlights at Michigan Lefts will be addressed – walls or ?

Remnant Parcels

- Reselling of remnant parcels – the City no longer must sell the properties and reimburse RTA. The City buys the properties with RTA money but does not have to reimburse the RTA unless the parcel is sold.
- Remnant parcel maintenance – Contractor maintains for 2 years then the parcels are the responsibility of DTM. Existing trees will stay and will be irrigated. Landscaping is 4% of construction budget – no landscaping on the back area of the parcels.
- Funding for Greenspace/Linear Trail – After construction of road is completed the remnant parcels will be maintained by DTM, but not indefinitely. Funding must be found to maintain as greenspace (Linear Trail) or city will pursue selling the remnants.
 - Possible monies from Ward Offices - GSI? Ward III and VI
 - Grant Writing
 - Collaboration with Tucson Clean and Beautiful

Property Acquisition in Central Segments – not being done at this time

30% - 60% - 90% PLANS – Current 30% has some added changes – Dutch Intersection at Mountain Ave., Pelican crossings at Vine and Warren. The 60% is likely in early December. No Task Force meeting until early Spring and will review 60% plans then.

Overlays – Still being considered and introduced by Steve K. Might be appropriate for some neighborhoods. Overlays increase the acquisition costs for RTA.

Art Budget –

- 1% of construction costs

- What is the estimated construction costs? Not known at this time -inflation
- Seven neighborhood members on the Art Committee. When to get involved and how. Seven members from neighborhoods. See procedures at https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Government/Transportation/Admin%20Proc%203-16%20rev%2051809.pdf
- Need to get contact information about Art Committee processes/timing
- Weaving Art along Grant Master Plan at <http://www.grantroad.info/public-art>

Pelicans on Grant – Pelican crossings have a stop in the middle of the road with buttons for each crossing each lane. Pelicans at Vine, Warren, Plumer and Olson.

Monument Signs – Psomas will put in plans but needs the dimensions. Two for Jefferson Park, one for SAMOS.

NEIGHBORHOOD QUESTIONS NOT ADDRESSED IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS or wish to be emphasized

Catalina Vista-

- No overlay
- Still wants designs, walls/planters/vegetation, for prevention of car crashes.
- PSOMAS says 8" curbs
- Wishes to use Art monies at this section, wants neighborhoods to participate in Art decision

Campbell Grant

- No basin will be built due to inadequate drainage and filtration, so idea was scrapped. Excess water to be funneled into the storm drains. Try for adequate drainage with rainwater basins and will adjust Grant Road for the 100 year flood. Shared by Psomas. What will be in its place?
- Campbell/Grant is considering an overlay. Discussions ongoing in the neighborhood

SAMOS

- No overlay-R1 to stay
- Continuance of Linear Trail
- Maintaining existing trees
- Monitoring vacant homes for vagrants and treatment for mice/cockroaches when homes are demolished
- Backyard at Warren and Campbell will have berms or safety walls (8 feet)
- No 138Kv poles

JEFFERSON PARK

- No overlay-NR1 to stay
- Santa Rita to Highland continue as Linear Park
- Monitoring vacant homes for vagrants and treatment for mice/cockroaches when homes are demolished
- Obtaining funding through grants, etc.
- Sidewalks on south side of landscaping not adjacent to private driveways
- No 138Kv poles

NOT ASKED! TEP POLE PLACEMENT How will the placement of the poles effect the design of final project. Which sides of the road?

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