



MEETING MINUTES

MEETINGDATE: October 24, 2012; *Minutes updated November 2, 2012*

MEETINGTIME: 4:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: Chatfield Avenue (Ken Caryl to Garrison)

LOCATION: Falcon Bluffs Middle School Cafeteria, 8449 S. Garrison St., Littleton

ATTENDEES: Brad Bauer - Jefferson County
Kevin French - Jefferson County
Mike Vanatta - Jefferson County
Dixie Shear - Jefferson County
Robert Taylor - Jefferson County
Jeannie Highsmith - Merrick & Company
Brian Poling - Merrick & Company
Christi Wisleder - Merrick & Company
Jessica Wray - Merrick & Company

See attached sign-in sheet for public attendance.

Purpose of Meeting:

The meeting served as a Public Open House Meeting for the Chatfield Avenue (Ken Cayl Ave. to Garrison St.) roadway reconstruction project.

Discussions:

- Notification process
 - Four variable message boards were placed along West Chatfield Avenue one week prior to the meeting.
 - An advertisement announcing the meeting was put in the Columbine Courier. The ad was run for one publication the one week prior to the meeting.
 - Letters were mailed to the nearby Homeowner Associations and the adjacent affected property owners.
 - Postcard mailers were mailed to the nearby and adjacent residences.
 - Copies of the advertisement and the mailer are included on the enclosed CD.
- Attendance
 - Jefferson County staff and Merrick staff were in attendance to discuss the project and answer questions.
 - The total number of general public attendees that signed the attendance sheet was 69. The total number in attendance is higher, as some did not include spouses or additional party members on the attendance sheet.

- Intent of the meeting
 - The Public Open House Meeting was held to present the final roadway reconstruction design for Chatfield Avenue from Ken Caryl Avenue to Garrison Street.
 - The format of the meeting was an informal open house with exhibit boards set up for public viewing. Jefferson County staff and Merrick staff were present to discuss the project and answer questions. No formal presentation was made.
- Exhibits/handouts
 - Jefferson County Sales Tax Improvement Program display board
 - Quick facts project summary board
 - Aerial map of the project with proposed improvements (shown on 2 - 23' roll plots)
 - Typical sections board
 - Kipling Parkway intersection board
 - Chatfield Commons Entrance intersection board
 - Pedestrian crossing/refuge board
 - Handout of quick facts project summary
 - Copies of the board exhibits and handouts are included in the enclosed CD.
- Public comments summary
 - People attending generally did so to see the planned construction and learn of the construction timing.
 - Some of the verbal comments received include:
 - Several citizens commented that they were glad to see the addition of bike lanes.
 - Several citizens commented that the bike lanes were not needed.
 - A couple of citizens requested "green lanes" for the bike lanes.
 - One citizen commented that the walk width in the porkchop island at Kipling Pkwy. needed to be wider to accommodate cyclists with trailers without having to ride in the street with a child.
 - Several citizens commented that it is difficult to see pedestrians at the trail crossing, and as a pedestrian it is difficult to cross.
 - Several citizens asked if there would be additional bike lanes added east of Everett Way.
 - Several citizens commented that they like the pedestrian refuge at the trail crossing.
 - Several citizens commented that push button actuated flashing lights are needed at the pedestrian crossing.
 - Several citizens commented favorably for the continuous walks and the wider walks on the north side of Chatfield Ave.
 - Several citizens commented that they were glad to see the additional thru lane at Kipling Pkwy.
 - Several citizens commented on the need for a left turn into Park Range Rd.
 - One citizen commented that if a left turn into Park Range is not possible, she would like to see a U-turn area near the pedestrian crossing.
 - One citizen commented that there have been incidents where motorists turn the wrong way on Chatfield Avenue, because there is no signage denoting right turn only or one-way.
 - Several citizens commented that they would like to see a left turn into the south Chatfield Commons entrance since there is a left turn being added to the north entrance.

- Several citizens commented that they want to see the trees maintained in the medians and along the outside edge of the road.
- Several citizens commented that the Cottonwood trees are nuisance trees and were okay with these being removed.
- Several citizens commented that they like the concept of low water use and minimalist landscape.
- One citizen recommended that no shrubs be planted in the medians, as these can cause sight distance conflicts.
- Several citizens commented that a northbound to eastbound right turn lane is needed at Ken Caryl Ave.
- Several citizens commented that turning on to or off of side roads is difficult due to traffic.
- Several citizens commented that they were glad to see the on-street parking between Iris Way and Garrison St. removed, as there have been accidents with parked/stored vehicles.
- Several citizens commented that they like the appearance of the medians between Everett Way and Wadsworth Blvd., and they would like to see the same look carried through this project.
- Thirteen comment sheets were completed at the meeting, one comment sheet was mailed to the County, and one resident sent an email comment. Comments are included on the enclosed CD. The following is a summary of comments not generally captured as part of the verbal comments.
 - One citizen commented that a traffic signal light is needed at Shaffer Place (Cochetopa Pass); another citizen commented that he has concerns regarding the additional traffic at Shaffer Place with the new apartment construction; and another citizen commented that Shaffer Place needs improved traffic control.
 - One citizen commented on responsibility of tax payer dollars and that the bike lanes were not needed.
 - One citizen commented that the addition of the left turn to Chatfield Commons is dangerous due to the horizontal curve.
 - One citizen requested additional information regarding the new low income housing project.
 - One citizen commented that he is glad to hear that walk (pedestrian countdown) timers are being installed at Kipling Pkwy. as part of a separate project.
 - One citizen commented that he is glad the median just south of Ken Caryl Ave. is being preserved.
 - One citizen commented that it is dangerous for cyclists to cross the thru lanes for left turns.
 - One citizen commented that removing the trees will decrease visibility at night due to oncoming traffic headlights.