FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Public Open House, June 11, 2013
McIntyre Street Corridor
(West 44th Avenue to West 60th Avenue)

Why is Jefferson County undertaking this project?

According to the Jefferson County Division of Transportation and Engineering Major Thoroughfare Plan, McIntyre Street is classified as a Principal Arterial between State Highway 58 and West 48th Avenue and a Minor Arterial between West 48th Avenue and West 64th Avenue. Principal Arterials are typically 4 to 6 lanes and are designated to carry over 25,000 vehicles per day (vpd). Minor Arterials are typically 4 lanes and are designated to carry 15,000 to 25,000 vpd. Currently, McIntyre carries approximately 22,000 (2011) vpd just north of West 44th Avenue and approximately 13,600 (2012) vpd north of West 54th Avenue. The corridor currently experiences heavy traffic volumes in the peak hours with traffic projected to grow by 2030 to 23,400 vpd north of West 48th Avenue.

Some portions of the McIntyre Street corridor between West 44th Avenue and West 64th Avenue have been improved to meet the four-lane Minor Arterial classification while other segments remain as a two-lane rural roadway section, 26 to 28 feet in width, with poorly defined roadside ditches. The County wants to determine the best method in which to upgrade the entire corridor so that it can handle the anticipated increase in traffic and preserves the previously constructed improvements.

The intersections at both West 50th Avenue and West 54th Avenue currently experience localized flooding and the County will identify improvements that can reduce these drainage concerns. Jefferson County Open Space is considering a companion project to incorporate a regional trail along Van Bibber Creek that will traverse McIntyre Street and provisions for this trail amenity will be considered.

What elements might this project include?

The project will consider widening of existing McIntyre Street from two lanes to four lanes to match Jefferson County Minor Arterial standards. A Minor Arterial typical section includes curb and gutter, raised medians, sidewalks on both sides and storm sewer improvements. In addition, on-street bike lanes are proposed to be added in both directions, as well as a soft-surface equestrian trail along the west side of McIntyre Street from West 50th Avenue to Van Bibber Creek. Localized drainage issues will be evaluated and warranted traffic enhancement features such as traffic signals, turn lanes and access management will also be considered. Safety enhancements including improved sight distance and the design of safe roadside clear zones may be incorporated, as needed.

When will the improvements be constructed?

Currently, there is not enough funding available to construct improvements for the entire project corridor. The County is looking to prioritize the improvements to match the most immediate needs. Conceptual cost estimates for segments or specific spot improvements will be developed to identify overall costs and to help prioritize expenditures.

What are the next steps?

Following this Public Open House, Jefferson County will proceed with the preliminary design of segmental or elemental improvements in the corridor that have been identified during this process. As the preliminary design proceeds, Jefferson County will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from impacted property owners and the general public.

Who do I call if I have questions or comments?

We strongly encourage you to write your comments on the comment sheets provided. Comment sheets can be turned in at the meeting or mailed to Muller Engineering Company. You can also contact Gray Clark, Project Manager, Muller Engineering Company, at (303) 988-4939 or Brad Bauer, Project Manager, Jefferson County Division of Transportation and Engineering, at (303) 271-8495.