

Summary

Business Outreach Notes - 10/30/07 and 11/01/07

October 30

Question 2: What characteristics along Grant Road should be preserved?

- Traffic and crossing light at Dodge Blvd. and Grant Rd. which is used a lot by Southern Arizona Association for the Visually Impaired (SAAVI).
- Small business area at Grant Rd. and Dodge Blvd.
- Wells Fargo Bank.
- Diversity and character of the area.
- Locally owned businesses.
- Keep businesses open and able to financially make it during construction.

Question 5: What characteristics along Grant Road should be changed?

- Vegetation, planning, beautification for medians and side area; make it like Grant Rd. from Swan Rd. going East.
- Bus pullouts, right turn lane.
- Grant Rd. and Alvernon Way congestion needs to be improved.
- Bury utilities; move them underground.
- Add sidewalk along Dodge Blvd. (for safety and area clean up).
- Use consistency of design along Grant Rd. so the area has an identity, i.e. "branding."
- Allow for crisscross and interaction across Grant Rd. (north and south).
- Add public gathering places.
- Make it like Grant Rd. from Swan Rd. to Craycroft Rd. and portions of Speedway Blvd. with median and offset alignment.
- Add pedestrian lighting and make it more pedestrian friendly.
- Add shade on sidewalks with trees and/or sun sails.
- Mixed use.
- More efficient traffic flow (faster).
- Add bike lanes.
- Do something with abandoned gas station at Grant Rd. and Dodge Blvd.
- Open space for public use, i.e. build a park with apartments behind for residents.
- Develop land next to Pottery Blow out and consider changing the site orientation.

November 1

Question 2: What characteristics along Grant Road should be preserved?

- Wags, Grant Road Lumber.
- Other locally-owned businesses.
- Center lane for emergency services.
- SAAVI.
- Utilities as is on the south side of Grant Rd.
- Historic buildings that are over 50 years old.
- Current zoning and parking requirements re: square footage.
- Keep slight curves that are there currently.

Question 5: What characteristics along Grant Road should be changed?

- Water flow and drainage.
- Better sidewalks and footpaths.
- Eliminate unnecessary stop lights and replace and add under and overpass walkways.
- Bus pullouts at every stop.
- Commercial real estate that is unused should be cleaned up.
- Good sidewalks – wider and moved back from the street.
- Dedicated bike lanes, marked by curbs on the inside.
- Clustered, larger parking areas (for several businesses); example: 6th Ave.
- Remove trailer park at Sparkman Blvd.
- Safer pedestrian crossing at Doolen Middle School.
- Improved signage with business' easements.

Question 6: What do we fear and hope for along Grant Road?

FEARS –

- Public process doesn't work—it's too expensive (too many consultants). Prefer a vote by those 1/4 mile within the roadway; vote should present options that identify the costs, the timeline and the style/design.
- Inadequate compensation for businesses.
- Screwing up people's lives for five years or more.
- Pedestrian safety.
- People with disabilities.
- What happens to our businesses during construction, i.e. access to our businesses.
- It is a lot of money for one road; we still need a cross-town parkway in the Foothills.

HOPES –

- Get it done!
- Do it cheap and fast.
- Minimize the negative impact on people's lives.
- Remove trailer park at Sparkman Blvd. [clean up the area]