

Summary

Barrio Blue Moon Neighborhood Conversation, December 12, 2007

Question 1: What do we already know about Grant Road?

- It's not very pretty.
- Bike lanes are not adequate.
- Drainage is a problem – between First Ave. and Oracle Rd., at Tucson Blvd. and any north/south intersection; it has lots of “dips” which are neat, aesthetically, but contribute to the drainage problem.
- Pocket park at Grant Rd. and Campbell Ave. – seen as positive.
- Traffic backs up at Campbell Ave. and Alvernon Way.
- There is a school/pedestrian safety problem by Doolen Middle School.

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

- Pocket Park (Grant Rd./Campbell Ave.), antique stores.
- Restaurants such as Bobo's, Kingfisher, French Quarter.

Questions 3 and 4: What do you think with change in the future? How will these changes affect the area?

- Thinning out current businesses to make the remaining ones economically stronger.
- Growth of UA and PCC North suggests the south side of Grant Rd. should prepare for UA growth.
- Higher road capacity.
- Electric cars are a possible trend so maybe there should be plans for plug-in portals for electric cars.

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

- Underground walkway.
- Add bus pullouts.
- Bike and pedestrian crossover or something similar.
- Group together more retail to “park and walk”; uniform retail with restaurants.
- Landscaping and aesthetics.
- Open spaces.

- Utility/power lines to be underground or relocated.
- Future demolished areas could become pocket parks, dog parks, clustered/common use area, or parking to serve grouped retail.
- Traffic noise abatement can include rubberized asphalt.

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

FEARS —

- Project will be over budget and nice things will be cut.
- It won't be done right.
- Continued flooding.
- During construction it will become an area I won't go to.
- It's too little, too late.
- Neighborhood associations and businesses will have too much power over the professionals/engineers.

HOPES —

- No billboards.
- Traffic won't drag and will improve.
- Good communications update during construction with details on alternative routes.