



AGENDA ITEM # 9.2.A

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: Rasmussen Road & South Washington Avenue Projects - Update

Report: While there has been a lot of design going on in the “background”, the main activities this last month have been three Open Houses, one focused on South Washington Avenue and two focused on Rasmussen Road. The highlighted comments are as follows.

- Schedule/Phasing/Access - We told people we were still working on the schedule and intermittent milestone dates we might hold the construction contractor to. There is a requirement the Contractor maintain access to businesses and residences. It will not be dust free, hard-surfaced access to the front door every day, but there will be provisions for access.
- Right-of-Way (R/W) - We did talk to several attendees that we need to formalize R/W as property descriptions go out to the section line (close to the centerline of the road). Our Engineering Contract scope of work includes preparing R/W maps / sketch & description, but any of our assistance that might be needed in actually acquiring easements and R/W would be an additional service. We will be working with Staff these coming weeks to lay out a process. There was one question about compensation for R/W, but we said the Council had not discussed this subject.
- Path on the West Side of Rasmussen Road - Versus having a wider road with multi-use lanes / shoulders, we created a path behind the curb on the west side of the road (south of Woodman) in the platted R/W. This path will require removal of trees and other ‘personal’ improvements in the R/W.

- **Costs/Special Assessments** - There were questions about the cost of the project, and special assessments. We told people that, at present, the Council has not talked about specially assessing. Does the Council want to discuss implementing its special assessment policy? The City Attorney told us that, while there are several steps, the main things to focus on is holding the Preliminary Special Assessment Hearing before the project is bid, and then holding a Final Special Assessment Hearing after the project is bid, towards the end of construction.

We do not yet have a 100% final set of Plans and Specifications, as we are updating them based on these last month's comments and activities. We anticipate this set at the January City Council meeting.

Council Action Requested: Council direction whether or not to specially assess for the Rasmussen Road and South Washington Avenue Projects.