

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
RIVER OAKS CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR JOE ASHTON
MAYOR PRO TEM DARREN HOUK
COUNCIL MEMBER STEVE HOLLAND
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN CLARIDGE
COUNCIL MEMBER DAN CHISHOLM
COUNCIL MEMBER YOLIE RODRIGUEZ

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
CITY ATTORNEY BEN GIBBS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR GORDON SMITH
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT JAMES MYRICK
EVENT CENTER DIRECTOR SHIRLEY WHEAT
FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SHELLEY

ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Ashton called the Regular Meeting of the River Oaks City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at River Oaks City Hall, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

CM Holland delivered the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG

CM Holland led the Pledges of Allegiance to the United States and the Texas Flags.

4. READING OF PROCLAMATION(S) AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY MAYOR.

-PROCLAIM APRIL 2022 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH-Mayor Ashton read the proclamation.

5. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC OR ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE AN DURING THE MEETING BY RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE CITY COUNCIL IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THAT ISSUE, AND NO COUNCIL DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED FOR TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

NONE

6. CONSENT AGENDA ALL ITEMS UNDER THIS SECTION ARE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL FOR THE "CONSENT AGENDA". THESE ITEMS ARE OF A ROUTINE NATURE AND REQUIRE ONLY BRIEF DELIBERATION BY COUNCIL. COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY ITEM ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION

- A. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2022 REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
- B. APPROVE BILLS PAYABLE FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 22, 2022 (FY 2022)
- C. APPROVE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN CLARIDGE AS THE LIAISON TO THE FOUNDATION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER, A 501C3 CORPORATION
- D. APPROVE FY 2022 FINANCIAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, A 501C3 CORPORATION

Mayor Pro Tem Houk moved, seconded by CM Chisholm to approve the Consent Agenda items A-D. All voted "Aye".

7. DISCUSSION OR ACTION TAKEN ON ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DELIBERATION.

NONE

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL/ACTION:

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION FROM PRESENTATION BY DAN KESSLER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE MEANDERING ROAD PROJECT.

Dan Kessler, Jill Hoewya, Paul Paine and Ed Spurlin were present. A power point presentation was presented (attached). On February 24, 2022 there was a virtual Public Hearing held and on March 10, 2022 there was a meet and greet. Many citizens filled out comment cards which the cards will be put on record. This project started 8 years ago and is federal funded. The cost of this project is \$16-\$18 million. This project is in partnership with the City of River Oaks, City of Fort Worth, TXDOT, NCTCOG and Lamb-Star. The plan is to start construction in quarter three of 2023 and end construction in quarter one of 2025. In 2019, Council approved to move forward with the round-about. Some Council Members were opposed but the motion passed. It was decided that a round-about was not recommended for the intersection of Roberts Cut Off and Meandering Road. A traffic light would be better. The round-about at Meandering and Yale, will have pedestrian and bicycle facilities and the purpose of this round-about is to slow drivers down. If a traffic light was put at Meandering and Yale, it will cost the city and there would be a continuous maintenance cost.

CM Claridge-concern is the community did not want a round-about in the beginning.

CM Holland-the problem is the city cannot afford to fix this problem. Roundabouts work well. The concern is the private properties that will be impacted. The professionals concluded that the solution for the Meandering Road and Yale intersection would work well.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk-feels that roundabouts will work in certain areas. The citizens do not want the roundabout and feels the meeting held on March 10th, should have been held after citizens got off work so they could attend. Everyone wants the road improved. Comment cards need to be given out to more people. Maybe a signal light that stays green on Meandering and when someone pulls up on Yale, the light will change. Safety is a concern with a roundabout.

Mayor Ashton-was opposed to the roundabout. The issue is that they were told a signal light would be safer for pedestrians. There is one house 10-feet away from the curb and they want to take a portion of that property so that would make that house even closer to the curb. Need to get the cost of a traffic light.

Dan Kessler-a 4-way stop of any kind will require more ROW's according to standards. Operation costs for a traffic light would be significant. With a roundabout, there is less wear and tear and emissions on a vehicle. Roundabouts are 50% safer than lights.

CM Rodriguez-concern is safety for the kids. Every citizen that she has talked to is against this roundabout. After seeing the big picture of this roundabout, she understands it better.

CM Chisholm-the vision many, many years ago was to get the road re-done. There has always been a volume of vehicle issues at this intersection. Other countries have tons of roundabouts and they work good. Talked with the citizen whose house will be greatly impacted and he is devastated out losing part of his yard.

Brad Inge (812 Roberts Cut Off) (who also owns 25% of that corner)-professionals say that people prefer not stopping in front of their homes. Feels the benefit of a roundabout would be amazing.

Brent Forrester (5601 James)-biggest issue is transparency and doesn't see the width figures adding up correctly.

913 Gillham-concern would be holiday traffic of people going to Burger's Lake. It already backs up and a roundabout will make it back up even more. Dan Kessler-can barricade lanes off during events and can meet with the city to develop a traffic plan.

Jeanie Baker (5600 Meandering)-sees a lot of road racers. Why do we need three lanes? Concern is the maintenance of the sidewalks. What is the city doing to protect the future because the city is saying they cannot afford to replace or fix this street. Council-this is the only concrete road in the city and it would be very expensive to replace. Dan Kessler-this is being done to support the base. Meandering Road is a small piece of puzzle when compared to the HWY 183 re-do.

Clifton Andrews (928 Yale)-drainage is an issue. Would like a four way stop but the roads must be lined up.

Sandy Celusniak (305 Makarwich)-been coming to these meetings about the Meandering Road project since 2013 and surprised citizens are not clear about this project. Another Public Hearing needs to be held to show citizens clearly the project. Mayor Ashton agrees and would also like them to meet with the property owners and show them.

Shirley Wheat (5225 Blackstone)-important to have the road fixed. Heard if we do not accept this round-about, we will lose the funding. Dan Kessler-it is not up to him if we lose the funding but he will fight for us not to lose it. If we do not go with the round-about, there will be at least a six-month delay on starting construction. We did not go into this concept over 20 years ago with a round-about.

Mayor Ashton-will have another Town Hall meeting and get more questions answered. Mayor tentatively set the meeting for April 7th at 7:00 p.m. CM Gregory-was told that because we are in the 90% percentile, if we did not go with the round-about, the project would be killed. Dan Kessler-it could kill it but don't know for sure. It is not his decision.

Mayor Ashton announced a ten-minute break at 9:37 p.m.

Mayor Ashton reconvened into Open Session at 9:51 p.m.

9. CITIZEN APPEARANCE OF TARA CONNER AT 808 THERSA DRIVE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE PERMIT NOTIFICATION PROCESS, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL TO WAIVE PERMIT FEE FOR RECENT PLUMBING WORK DONE ON HER HOUSE.

The citizen withdrew the request.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED FROM JANUARY 25, 2022: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED APPLICATION TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.566 ACERS OF LAND DESCRIBED AS BEING RIVER OAKS DENTAL IN BLOCK 1, LOTS 2 & 3 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 5308 & 5312 BLACK OAK LANE IN RIVER OAKS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS FROM "C-1" COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO A "PD" PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 18 OF THE RIVER OAKS ZONING ORDINANCE #1331-2021 AS AMENDED IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY FOR TOWN HOMES. (ZONING CASE #PZ 2022-0001 RZ).

At 9:52 p.m., Mayor Ashton continued the Public Hearing.

Chris Edmondson and Debbie Mitchell were present. This went before the Planning and Zoning, and they passed the rezoning 5 to 0.

There will be three buildings. Building A, Unit 1 will be 1,742 square feet with a 266 square feet single car garage. Unit 2 will be 2,060 square feet with a 406 square feet double car garage. Unit 3 will be 2,096 square feet with a 414 square feet double car garage.

Building B & C, Unit 1 will be 1,992 square feet with a 388 square foot double car garage. Unit 2 will be 2,096 square feet with 414 square feet double car garage.

This is a town home development that is platted as multi family. There will be a sprinkler system in the yard. The exterior will consist of brick and stone. Vehicle access will be in front. There will be fences in between the properties. These units will be rental property. A retail strip was looked at, but that location is hard to get to.

At 10:06 p.m., Mayor Ashton closed the Public Hearing.

11. ACTION FROM PUBLIC HEARING: IN ORDER TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE #1338-2022 ON THE PROPOSED APPLICATION TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.566 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED AS BEING RIVER OAKS DENTAL IN BLOCK 1, LOTS 2 & 3 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 5308 & 5312 BLACK OAK LANE IN RIVER OAKS, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS FROM "C-1" COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO A "PD" PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 18 OF THE RIVER OAKS ZONING ORDINANCE #1331-2021 AS AMENDED IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE PROPERTY FOR TOWN HOMES. (ZONING CASE #PZ 2022-0001 RZ).

CM Claridge moved, seconded by CM Rodriguez to approve Ordinance #1338-2022 and to allow an outdoor sprinkler system. All voted "Aye".

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

12. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING ENGINEERING AND CLARIFIER ISSUES AT THE WATER PLANT.

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ALAN PLUMMER AND ASSOCIATES TO DESIGN PLANS AND ACCEPTING COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS ON SURFACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS TO REBUILD THE RAW WATER CLARIFIER.

This item will be discussed in Executive Session.

14. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON APPLYING HA5 HIGH DENSITY MINERAL BOND TO THE NEW ASPHALT PAYMENT ON THE STREETS RECENTLY COMPLETED IN THIS YEAR'S STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH TARRANT COUNTY.

The prices have increased, and we also added the north and south side of Roberts Cut Off to the list. This product will extend the road 10-15 years longer. This will be postponed to the next meeting.

15. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING UPDATES FROM THE CITY MANAGER ADVISING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON PERSONNEL, CITY'S FISCAL CONDITION, PANDEMIC EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SCHEDULING COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS, FUTURE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND OTHER CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Crud Mobile will be here at City Hall April 2nd from 9 am to 11 am. There will also be paper shredding and electronic recycling.

STAFF REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

16. UPDATE ON SUBSTANDARD PROPERTIES AT:

- 636 SCHIEME
- 1513 SKYLINE
- 1114 HARVARD
- 5016 ALMENA
- 940 CODY COURT

No questions were asked.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS INCLUDING:

17. **POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT** INCLUDING PATROL ACTIVITY, RESPONSE CALLS, NUMBER OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CASES, WARRANTS ISSUED AND ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS INCLUDING CITATIONS ISSUED.

18. **FIRE DEPT. REPORT** INCLUDING NUMBER OF CALLS FOR SERVICE AND FIRE TRAINING EXERCISES.

19. **INSPECTIONS AND CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY REPORTS** INCLUDING NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED AND CODE VIOLATIONS WORKED.

20. **MUNICIPAL COURT** INCLUDING COURT ACTIVITY FROM FINES, BONDS, WARRANT FEES, COURT TAXES, COURT FEES, ARREST FEES, COURT SECURITY FEES, COURT TECHNOLOGY FEES, PAYMENT PLANS, STATE COURT COSTS AND AGENCY COLLECTION FEES

21. **PUBLIC WORKS ACTIVITY REPORT** INCLUDING ROAD REPAIRS COMPLETED, SIGNS INSTALLED, WATER PRODUCTION, WATER MAIN AND SERVICE LEAKS REPAIRED, NUMBER OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND DEAD-END LINES FLUSHED, NUMBER OF SEWER OVERFLOWS AND STOPPAGES, CUBIC TONS OF SOLID WASTE COMPACTED AND PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

22. **PARK BOARD ACTIVITY REPORT** INCLUDING BALLFIELD RENTALS, GRANT UPDATES AND QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO MINUTES FROM THE PARK BOARD

23. **EVENT CENTER ACTIVITY REPORT** INCLUDING NUMBER OF COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

24. **CITY SECRETARY ACTIVITY REPORT** INCLUDING REVENUE FROM SALES TAX, DOLLAR DONATIONS, EDC SALES TAX, TEXPOOL AND CRIME SALES TAX

25. **EDC ACTIVITY REPORT** INCLUDING FUNDED PROJECT UPDATES AND UPCOMING PROJECTS.

26. **STORM WATER TASK FORCE ACTIVITY REPORT** INCLUDING ACTINS TAKEN UNDER THE MS4 PERMIT, COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS REGARDING STORM WATER PREVENTION POLLUTION

27. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT INCLUDING POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING

CORRESPONDENCE:

28. COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CM Claridge-at the intersection of Yale and Sansom Park, observed cars running stop signs.

CM Holland-consider installing stop signs on Yale and let the traffic flow.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk-Springfest Car Show has grown.

CM Chisholm-car show this weekend for the Senior Class of 2022. Did not get Code Red notification Monday evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

29. CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071 Pending or contemplated litigation or to seek advice from attorney;
- b. Section 551.072 Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate;
- c. Section 551.074 Personnel matters – To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an Officer or Employee;
- d. Section 551.076 Deliberation regarding security devices.

At 10:30 p.m., Mayor Ashton went into Executive Session under Section 551.071.

At 11:07 p.m., Mayor Ashton reconvened into Open Session.

RECONVENE:

30. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alan Plummer and Associates recommends replacing the clarifier. The first step towards fixing the problem is designing and going out for bids. The design is 2-3 months, the bidding process is 6 weeks. There are other things at the WTP that must be done besides the clarifier. May need to relook at the cost of us staying on Fort Worth Water vs us maintaining our water plant.

Mayor Pro Tem Houk moved, seconded by CM Claridge to design plans and accept bids to rebuild the clarifier in the amount of \$185,419.00. All voted "Aye".

ADJOURN:

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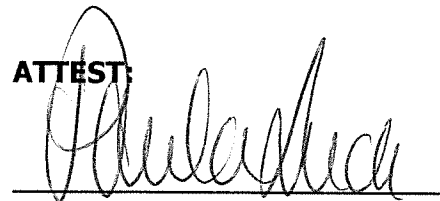
At 11:27 p.m., Mayor Ashton adjourned the meeting. All voted "Aye".

APPROVED:



Joe Ashton, Mayor

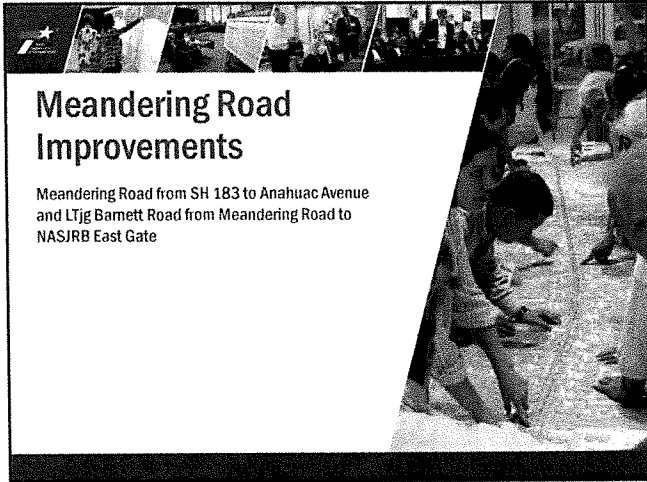
ATTEST:



Paula Luck, City Secretary

Meandering Road Improvements

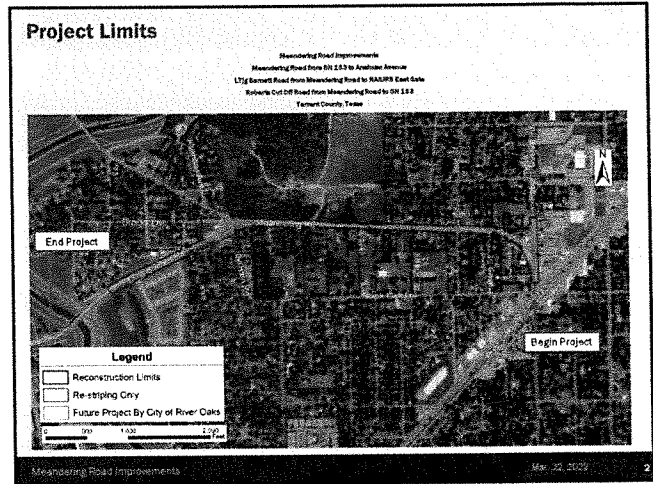
Meandering Road from SH 183 to Anahuac Avenue and LTJg Bamett Road from Meandering Road to NASJRB East Gate



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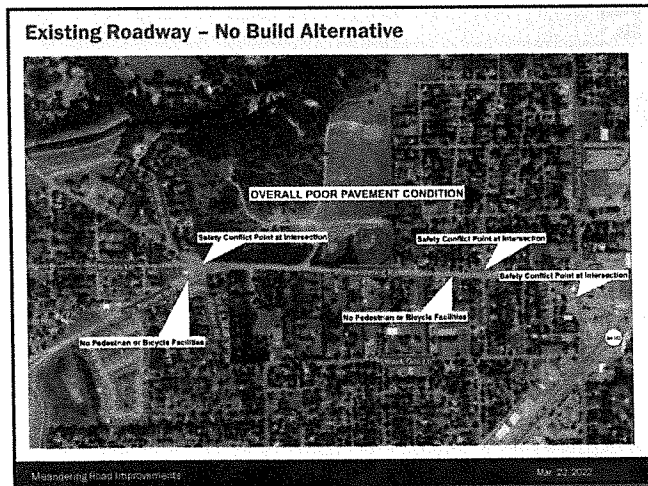
Project Limits

Meandering Road Improvements
Meandering Road from SH 183 to Anahuac Avenue
LTJg Bamett Road from Meandering Road to NASJRB East Gate
Roberts Cut Off Road from Meandering Road to SH 183
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Existing Roadway - No Build Alternative



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Intersection of Meandering Road and Roberts Cut Off Road

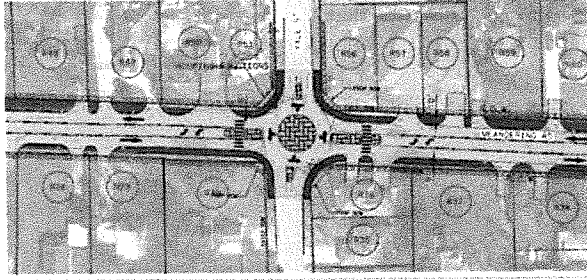


The intersection of Meandering Road and Roberts Cut Off Road would be shifted northward with a new traffic signal installed. Improvements to Roberts Cut Off Road would extend southward, terminating at the limits of the future SH 183 project limits.

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Intersection of Meandering Road and Yale Street

- A roundabout would be constructed at the intersection of Meandering Road and Yale Street. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities would be included as part of the roundabout.

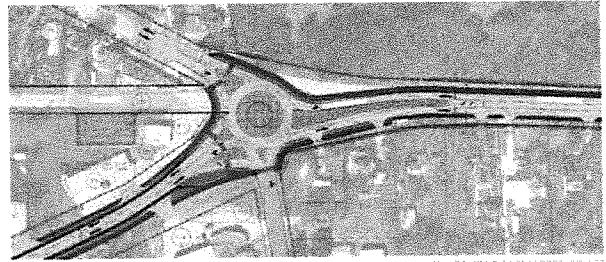


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Intersection of Meandering Road and LTJg Barnett Road

- A roundabout would be constructed at the Intersection of Meandering Road and LTJg Barnett Road. The roundabout would include pedestrian and bicycle facilities. A dead-end would be created by this roundabout at the eastern end of Brocks Lane.

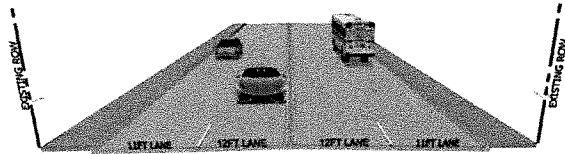


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Existing Typical Section – Meandering Road

- 12-foot-wide inside travel lanes
- 11-foot-wide outside travel lanes
- No sidewalk or bicycle facilities

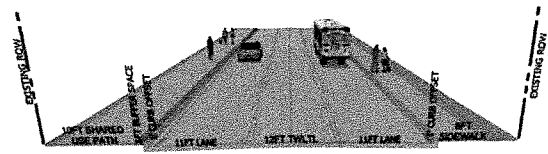


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Proposed Typical Section – Meandering Road

- Reduce from four lanes to two 11-foot-wide travel lanes
- Continuous 12-foot-wide, two-way left-turn lane between travel lanes
- 10-foot-wide shared use path on north side
- Six-foot-wide sidewalk on south side



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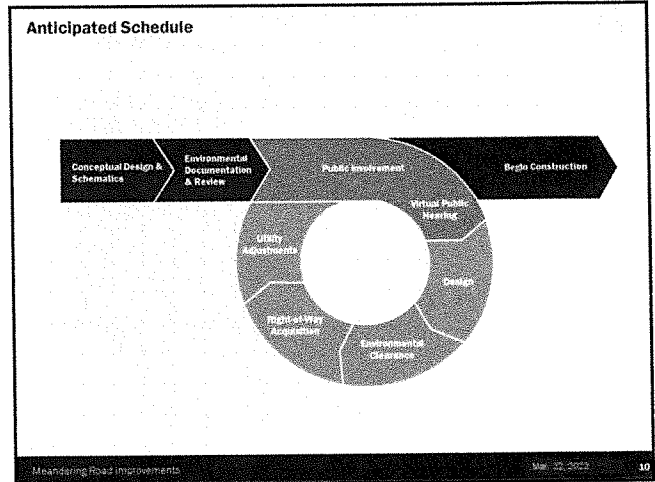
Anticipated Schedule

Q1 2022	Virtual Public Hearing
Q2 2022	Environmental Approval
Q2 2022	Right-of-Way Acquisitions
Q3 2023	Utility Adjustments
Q3 2023	Begin Construction
Q1 2025	End Construction

* Dates are subject to change

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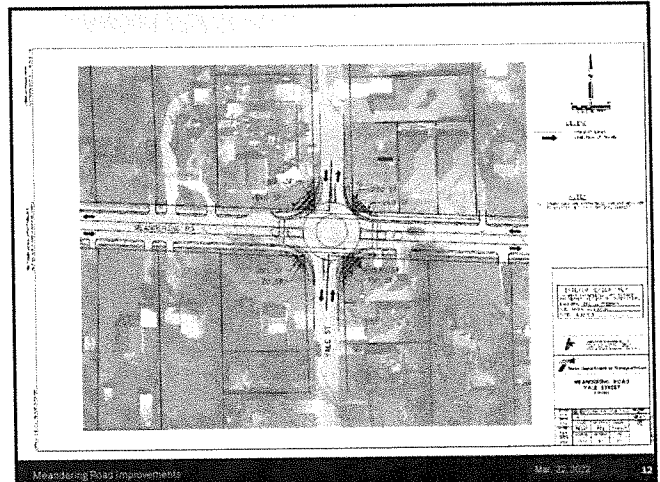


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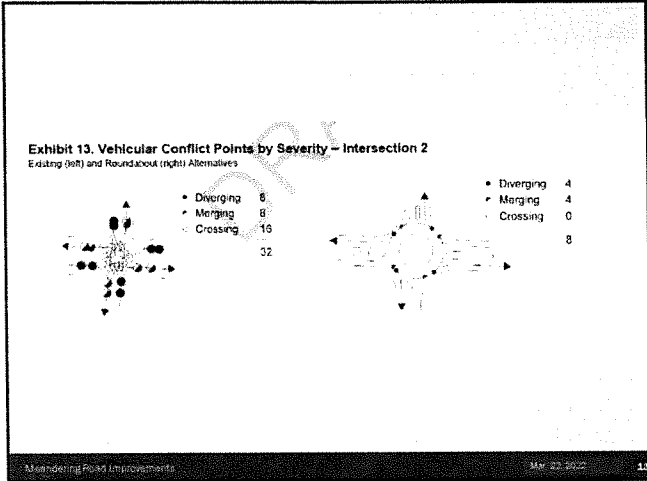
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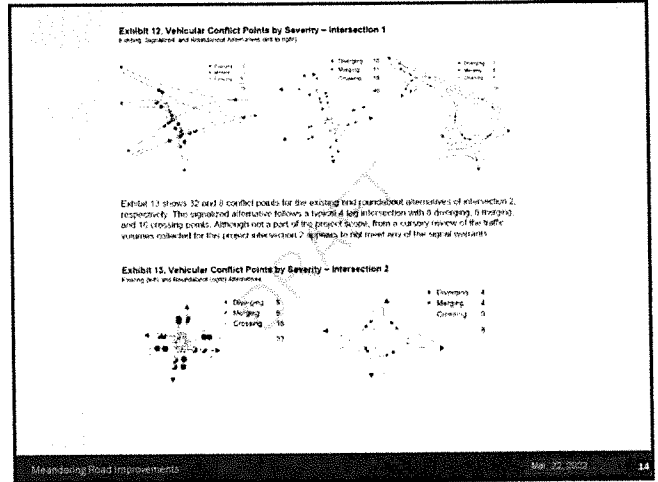
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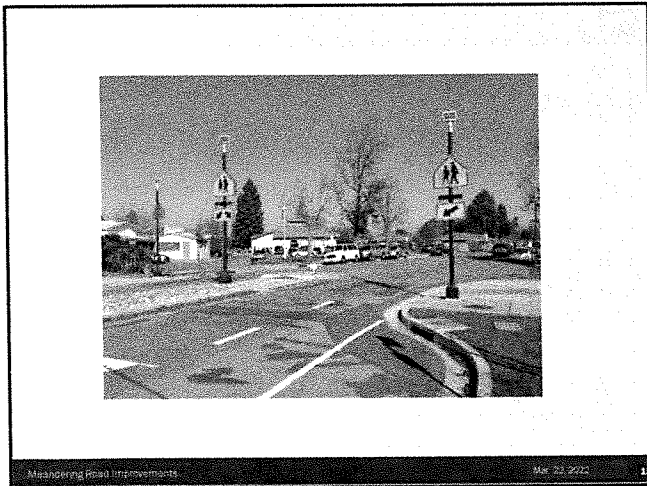
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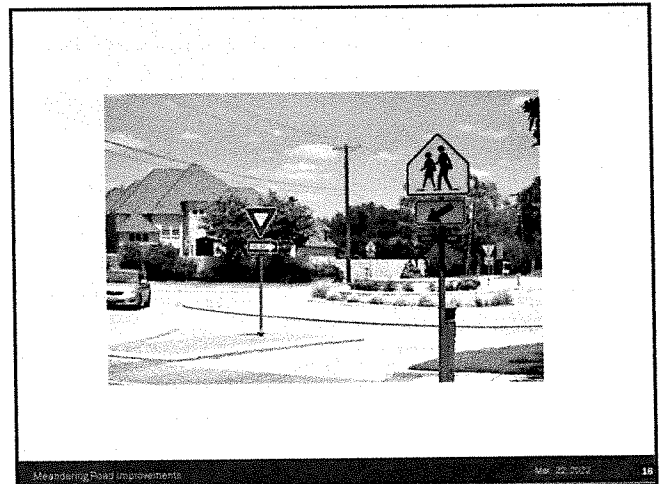
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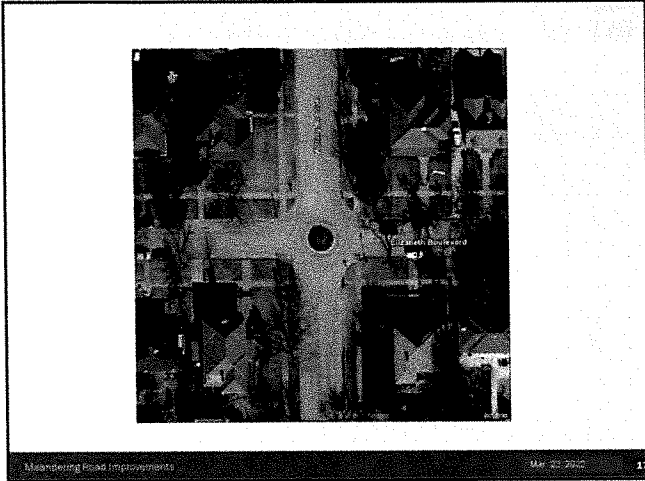
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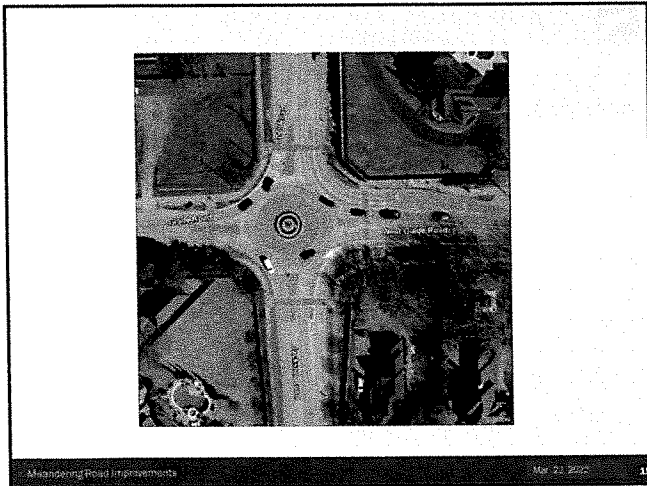
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