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To: Chair Ramos and Transportation and Mobility Commission members

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RE: McGillivray Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project – Goals and Engagement

Background

The McGillivray Boulevard Safety and Mobility Project (Project) is evaluating potential changes to improve safety and mobility for all who travel on SE McGillivray Boulevard between SE Chkalov Drive and SE 164th Avenue, and SE Chkalov Drive between SE 7th Street and SE McGillivray Boulevard, as shown in **Figure 1**. The Project is evaluating how McGillivray Boulevard can better meet the needs of people walking, biking, rolling, accessing transit, using a small mobility device, and driving.



Figure 1: McGillivray Boulevard Project Corridor Boundary

Phase 1 of the Project focused on analyzing the corridor and engaging with community members to understand how they use the corridor and where changes are needed. At the end of Phase 1, specific goals and a Community Engagement Plan for Phases 2 and 3 of the Project were developed. The Project goals will be used to evaluate potential design options during Phase 2, while the Community Engagement Plan will inform engagement and outreach at key milestones throughout Phases 2 and 3 of the Project.

Project Goals Process

Draft Project goals were presented to the Transportation and Mobility Commission (TMC) at the April 2023 meeting. The Project Team received the following feedback from TMC, which was incorporated into the final Project goals.

Feedback on Draft Project Goals

- McGillivray Boulevard is an attractive route for people traveling between I-205 and SE 164th Avenue as recent traffic calming improvements on SE 7th Street and congestion on Mill Plain Boulevard have increased travel time on parallel routes.
- The Project goals should reflect the need to decrease cut-through traffic and support the local road context.
- Intersections and crossings on McGillivray Boulevard are challenging. As most crossings occur at intersections, consolidating improvements to intersections and crossings to one goal would eliminate overlap between goals.

Final Project Goals

1. Lower vehicle travel speeds on the corridor to improve safety for all users regardless of how they travel and to reduce cut-through traffic to support the local road context.
2. Make the corridor safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, roll, use small mobility devices, and access transit.
3. Improve safety and comfort at intersections and crossings on the corridor.

Community Engagement Plan

Following community engagement in Phase 1, the Project Team developed a Community Engagement Plan for Phases 2 and 3, which are summarized in Table 1 on the next page. At a high level, Phase 2 will focus on small group community conversations to share design options, answer questions, and hear directly from community members and Phase 3 will refine and share out the final design option with the community.

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Attachment Links:

- [McGillivray Boulevard Project Community Engagement Plan](#)
- [McGillivray Boulevard Project Community Engagement Phase 1 Report](#)
- [McGillivray Boulevard Project Community Engagement Phase 1 Summary](#)

Table 1: Community Engagement Plan Overview

Topic	Phase 2	Phase 3
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower community members to share input on which design options would best suit their needs on the corridor. • Reach a wider array of community members that live on and use the corridor. • Continue to foster relationships between the City and the corridor community. • Educate community members about possible outcomes for the Project based on scope and funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the outcomes of the design options evaluation, including how the proposed changes will address issues shared by community members. • Confirm that the preferred design option aligns with the Project goals and supported by the Transportation and Mobility Commission.
Engagement Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table at community events to meet community members where they are and have informal conversations. • Host an online survey on the Project’s Be Heard page to gather feedback on the design options. • Send email updates alerting people of new information or upcoming engagement. • Schedule school walk and/or bicycle audits to engage with students. • Provide updates to Neighborhood Association with project updates and upcoming opportunities to engage. • Community conversations, consisting of about ten community members each, hosted in-person or online, to discuss design options and gather feedback from community members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table at community events to share the final design and answer questions. • Presentations at community and Neighborhood Association meetings to share the final design and answer questions. • Host an online open house on the Project’s Be Heard page, sharing the design option and about how the Project goals and community feedback informed the final design option.