GORE STREET INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN KICK-OFF MEETING 6/19/18 COMMUNITY COMMENT LOG





City Attendees: Kara Falise, Kathy Watkins, Jim Wilcox, Kate Riley

STV Attendees: Nikole Bulger, Dustin Kerksieck

Community Participants: See sign-in sheet

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT
			ACCESSIBILITY / PEDESTRIANS
A-1	Accessibility	General	Accessibility is a problem on Gore St.
A-2	Accessibility	General	Support expressed for raised crosswalks.
A-3	Accessibility	General	Our existing sidewalks on Gore Street are disgraceful. They are in dire need of repair, with existing repairs being poorly installed asphalt to cover large raises in pavement due to tree roots and other obstructions.
A-4	Accessibility	General	How far will sidewalk work extend on side streets?
A-5	Accessibility	General	Concern about future maintenance of brick edging. We either don't want them or don't care about whether or not they are there, but who will remove snow here and control weed growth?
A-6	Accessibility	Lambert	Difficult to cross at this intersection.
A-7	Accessibility	Rufo	Difficult for pedestrians to cross Rufo Road at Gore Street.
A-8	Accessibility	Rufo	Difficult for pedestrians to cross Gore Street at Rufo Road.
A-9	Accessibility	Seventh	Difficult for pedestrians to cross Seventh Street at Gore Street.
A-10	Accessibility	Rufo	Safety issues related to conflicts between pedestrians and cars along pedestrian path from Rufo Rd to Twin City shops.
A-11	Accessibility	Rufo	Pedestrians currently access Twin City shops by walking along sidewalk in front of CHA Care Center.
A-12	Accessibility	Rufo	Pedestrians also access Twin City shops by walking along the east side of the skating rink or through Gold Star Mothers Park.
A-13	Accessibility	Rufo	Need crosswalks for crossing Gore St. at this location, and for crossing Rufo Road.
A-14	Accessibility	Rufo	Could this be a raised intersection or have speed humps?
A-15	Accessibility	Rufo	Sidewalks are needed.

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT
A-16	Accessibility	Rufo	Pedestrian signage is needed for routes through Gold Star Mothers Park to Rufo Road.
A-17	Accessibility	Rufo	Suggest having sidewalk on east side of skating rink building open in the winter. Although a new roof was installed, there was no change to snow management.
A-18	Accessibility	Fifth	Intersection should be more raised.
A-19	Accessibility	94.5-96 Gore St.	Poor pedestrian access at tree.
A-20	Accessibility	92-94 Gore St.	Poor pedestrian access at tree.
A-21	Accessibility	61 Gore St.	Private planters are in right-of-way.
A-22	Accessibility	Third	Request for raised intersection at Third Street.
A-23	Accessibility	Third	There are issues with snow removal at this intersection (and elsewhere). Who is responsible for snow removal at bump outs and curb ramps?
			AESTHETICS
AE-1	Aesthetics	General	Request for brick strips (not all brick sidewalk).
AE-2	Aesthetics	General	We believe properly installed concrete sidewalks should be bordered by brick, similar to other streets in the area. This will, while not cost prohibitive, provide a walkway which is attractive, yet functional and safe for all pedestrians, including the elderly and the handicapped.
			BIKES
B-1	Bikes	General	There are currently no bike markings.
B-2	Bikes	General	Medford St. will have protected bike lanes.
B-3	Bikes	General	Need to address safe crossing of streets if bike lanes present.
B-4	Bikes	General	We do not want bike lanes. The street is too narrow and they are unwanted.
B-5	Bikes	Medford	Somerville is doing protected bike lanes on Medford St Can we keep people biking safe on Gore St. too?
B-6	Bikes	170 Gore St.	Need a lot more bike locking posts.
B-7	Bikes	Rufo	Consider a potential advisory bike lane on Gore St. by Rufo Road.
B-8	Bikes	Gore	Consider bike facilities connecting Grand Junction path to Community Path via Gore Street. Cycle track preferred
	I	I	DRAINAGE
D-1	Drainage	General	In conjunction with the gradually raised speed bumps, the City must install adequate drainage as several people have complained about poor drainage existing currently in and around their property resulting in pooling in warm months and ice hazards in winter.

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT	
D-2	Drainage	General	Consider "Bio Basins" at curb bump outs.	
D-3	Drainage	General	Drainage issues, particularly for lower levels/basements.	
D-4	Drainage	General	Suggestion for porous paving in parking lanes.	
D-5	Drainage	General	Suggestion for porous sidewalks.	
D-6	Drainage	170 Gore St.	Drainage from Gore St. and Twin City Mall leads to flooding in the basement garage on a regular basis. Site management staff sets up pumps prior to large storm events.	
D-7	Drainage	Rufo	Drainage is poor on Rufo Road.	
D-8	Drainage	Fifth St.	Need to address drainage at this intersection.	
D-9	Drainage	Third to Fifth	Add drains along Gore St., Sciarappa St., and Fifth St. Currently on Gore, from Third to Sciarappa St. on the odd side of the street there is only one drain I believe. That is a long block. This will help with snow melt and rain. There is one drain at Winter and Sciarappa but nothing else unless you cross Gore St. We need more please.	
D-10	Drainage	Sciarappa	Drainage came up as a big topic at the meeting last week. Personally, I've experienced a flooded basement already as have a few other neighbors. It feels like there is not enough drainage up on Gore St., and as a result when we experience heavy rains, the runoff flows down streets like Sciarappa and causes issues. I strongly advocate for more drains around the Gore/Sciarappa intersection or other fixtures that could help drainage. Related, the existing drains on Sciarappa are also not working well. See the pictures below that I took just last night as examples (bottom of Sciarappa), where leaf debris impedes drainage (street cleaning was fairly recently too), and also the poor condition of the street itself and the sidewalks cause standing water that doesn't make it to the drain.	
	LIGHTING			
L-1	Lighting	General	Lighting is insufficient between Twin City Mall, Gore Street and Rufo Road.	
L-2	Lighting	General	Desire for street lighting.	
L-3	Lighting	Third to Fifth	The street is dark on Gore between Third St. and Fifth St. Suggest LEDs.	
	PARKING			
P-1	Parking	General	There is a shortage of parking on the street.	
P-2	Parking	General	Improvements should not eliminate too much parking.	

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT
P-3	Parking	Rufo	Parking spaces at front of skating rink need to be turned parallel or the walk needs to be shortened (vehicles extend into travelled way).
P-4	Parking	Rufo	Buses for the skating rink park along the west side of the building instead of using the parking lot at the back of the building like they should.
P-5	Parking	Rufo	There is a parking lot for the skating rink at the back of the building.
P-6	Parking	1 Sixth St.	There is not enough parking.
P-7	Parking	29 Third St.	Bad city parking by 29 Third Street
	L		TRAFFIC
T-1	Traffic	General	Ban trucks.
T-2	Traffic	General	No double yellows.
T-3	Traffic	General	Narrow Gore St
T-4	Traffic	General	Need for increased police enforcement.
T-5	Traffic	General	Increase in big trucks on Gore Street. Trucks used to be excluded (sign still at Third St.). Can they be limited?
T-6	Traffic	General	Traffic calming needed.
T-7	Traffic	General	Truck jake/engine braking needs to be stopped.
T-8	Traffic	General	Trucks were historically excluded on Gore St. but some (not all) of the signs have been removed and it is no longer enforced.
T-9	Traffic	General	Consider removing yellow line to discourage speeding.
T-10	Traffic	General	Consider two travel lanes and two parking lanes between Sixth and Lambert.
T-11	Traffic	General	Do not mimic the intersection design at Fifth & Cambridge Streets.
T-12	Traffic	General	High volume of traffic on side streets off of Gore.
T-13	Traffic	General	Travel speeds are too high. Support for traffic calming. Complaints about people racing on the street.
T-14	Traffic	General	Improve/replace all stop signs so they are visible and not blocked by trees.
T-15	Traffic	General	Gore Street has become a constant throughway with people speeding, failing to stop at stop signs, and oversized vehicles and trucks making improper turns, ignoring one way signs on Sciarappa Street to turn on to Gore, etc.
T-16	Traffic	General	We need traffic calming, not in the form of sidewalk bump-outs, but in the form of raised speed bumps on the street itself that incorporate a gradual incline, similar to ones in several areas of the City.

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT
T-17	Traffic	General	We also need to improve the visibility of Stop signs, often obscured by trees; it is suggested that poles be curved in such a manner as to eliminate this problem.
T-18	Traffic	Lambert	Suggest formalizing movements to eliminate confusion about whether or not there is a turn lane from EB Gore at this intersection.
T-19	Traffic	Lambert	A Cambridge St. restaurant has put tables on the sidewalk that block the sight distance for traffic coming from Lambert, backing up traffic onto Lambert St. and Gore St.
T-20	Traffic	Lambert	Traffic uses the Twin City Plaza as a through street.
T-21	Traffic	Lambert	Traffic calming is needed at this intersection.
T-22	Traffic	Lambert	Traffic does not obey stop signs.
T-23	Traffic	Lambert	Consider one-way.
T-24	Traffic	Rufo	Suggest painting Rufo Road like a normal street but using Sharrows for pedestrian traffic.
T-25	Traffic	Rufo	There must be enforcement of traffic exiting the Twin City Mall from Rufo Road onto Gore Street, with access allowable to residents only, particularly at designated times of the day. Left turns out of Rufo Road onto Gore Street are currently prohibited during morning rush hour, but the sign is commonly ignored.
T-26	Traffic	Rufo	Need enforcement on left turn restriction.
T-27	Traffic	Rufo	Consider one-way in on Rufo Road, although another exit would need to be established.
T-28	Traffic	Rufo	Design Rufo Road as a minor residential road (reference to NACTO).
T-29	Traffic	Rufo	No left turn sign for traffic from Rufo Road needs to be enforced.
T-30	Traffic	Rufo	Buses and other vehicles frequently sit idling at the skating rink for much longer than the allowable 5 minutes. Enforcement needed.
T-31	Traffic	Fifth to Sixth	Traffic is a major issue.
T-32	Traffic	Fifth	Why is there a center line on Gore in this location? It encourages speeding (note cars going 24 mph - 85 th percentile).
T-33	Traffic	Sciarappa	Consider diverter across Sciarappa intersection to disallow cut through traffic.
T-34	Traffic	Sciarappa	Tough intersection sight lines, stop compliance poor by both cars and bikes.
T-35	Traffic	Sciarappa & Third	In addition, on Gore, Sciarappa and Third, there needs to be more traffic enforcement regarding failure to stop at stop signs, the entrance of oversize vehicles, and illegal turning out of the Holiday Inn on Sciarappa.
T-36	Traffic	Third	Add a four-way stop at the Third St. intersection. That intersection is brutal especially during rush hour. This will help pedestrians cross too.
T-37	Traffic	Third	It was noted that, as Gore street has become more and more burdened with heavy traffic, the bumped-out sidewalk on the corner of Gore and Third has actually proved to be hazardous when vehicles are turning from

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT
			Third Street, facing backed up traffic on Gore and, similarly, when Gore Street traffic is attempting to make a left turn onto Third toward McGrath Highway. Better design of this and other bump-outs is necessary.
T-38	Traffic	Third	Intersection gets gridlocked, curb extension is too wide for traffic turning from SB Third to WB Gore.
T-39	Traffic	Third	Why isn't this intersection signalized?
T-40	Traffic	Third	Safety at Third Street intersection is a concern. Control is two-way stop so north-south drivers make turns at speed without looking for pedestrians.
T-41	Traffic	Second	Consider one-way to limit traffic patterns
T-42	Traffic	Second	Need enforcement of one-way restriction.
T-43	Traffic	MOB to Sixth	Consider one-way traffic on Gore St. from MOB to Sixth St.
T-44	Traffic	Fifth to Scarappa	Is yellow line needed between Fifth St. and Sciarappa St?
T-45	Traffic	Rufo	Consider narrowing travel lanes by Rufo Road.
T-46	Traffic	Lambert	Cross section near Lambert has a 10.5-foot WB travel lane, a 14-foot EB travel lane, and a 7-foot parking lane.
T-47	Traffic	Third to MOB	There are issues with speeding between MOB and Third St.
T-48	Traffic	170 Gore St.	Cars for 116 units (about 112 parking spaces) and service vehicles (loading spaces) use the driveway on the east side of 170 Gore Street.
T-49	Traffic	Fifth to Third	Add speed bumps and speed mounds between Fifth and Third Streets.
T-50	Traffic	Gore	We believe that Gore Street should be re-designated by the City as a "neighborhood" street and not a "collector" street, as is currently indicated by the yellow lines. We want the yellow lines eliminated, thereby giving the street a neighborhood "feel" which might not be as enticing to speeding, cut-through vehicles.
T-51	Traffic	MOB	Traffic from NorthPoint will increase.
			TREES
TR-1	Trees	General	More trees wanted.
TR-2	Trees	General	We love trees.
TR-3	Trees	General	Questions about the City policy for planting new trees. Will the City plant trees in a private courtyard if it is close to the street?
TR-4	Trees	General	Many of the residents want trees in front of their homes, while others do not. We believe everyone's wishes should be respected. For those of us who desire trees, they must be trees that have limited roots that will not endanger our foundations or cause damage to the sidewalk. The Snow Goose White Cherry and the Kwanzan Cherry have been suggested for their beauty, low maintenance, and shorter roots.

NO.	CATEGORY	LOCATION	COMMENT
TR-5	Trees	170 Gore St.	Add street trees between existing private property trees.
TR-6	Trees	Twin City	Street trees are small.
TR-7	Trees	Gold Star Mothers Park	Add street trees between park trees.
TR-8	Trees	2 Gore St. Pl., 120 & 122 Gore St.	Trees should be added here but be careful of selection that may limit accessibility.
TR-9	Trees	120 Gore St.	I do not want a tree in front of my house.
TR-10	Trees	101-103 Gore St.	Would city put a tree in a private courtyard?
TR-11	Trees	85 Gore St.	Don't replant this tree before this project because it may want to shift a bit.
TR-12	Trees	Sciarappa	Currently there is one tiny tree at the top of Sciarappa and one gigantic old one at the opposite end. It would be great to add another in between. Currently there is an empty tree box in a great spot, though it's adjacent to a handicapped parking spot. While I don't think a tree there would interfere w/ the resident who parks there, there is also ample space further down the side walk. I've submitted two separate requests on The Works website, and heard nothing back. If there's anything you can do to help, I'd really appreciate it.
TR-13	Trees	33 Sciarappa St.	Dead Branches should be addressed.
TR-14	Trees	69-79 Gore St.	New tree is tiny.
TR-15	Trees	47-51 Gore St.	Small tree is not in great health.
		1	UTILITIES
U-1	Utilities	General	Have the City negotiate on our behalf to have all old electrical and phone poles updated with Verizon or whomever owns them before new sidewalks are layed down. For instance, the one in front of 79 Gore has an X on it for removal. I've been here 16 years and it has not been removed and I have called. It rests closely to my home. This will be a great time to update them. We ask the City to negotiate with these companies. Please.
U-2	Utilities	General	Move overhead utilities underground.
U-3	Utilities	Sciarappa	Fire hydrant at intersection is in bad location, suggest shifting 10 feet.