

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW Open House Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
PANEL: Aaron Kimsey, Tory Banford – City of Salem; Ron Weigel, Rawley Voorhies –
Century West Engineering; Scott Mansur – DKS

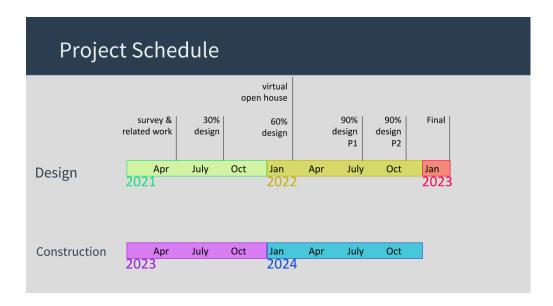
3 to 4 members of the general public were in attendance for most of the meeting

Tory Banford welcomed everyone to the meeting and went over general housekeeping notes about how to make comments using the chat or "raise hand" feature in Zoom. He also said that the meeting was being recorded and will be posted to the project web site after the meeting.

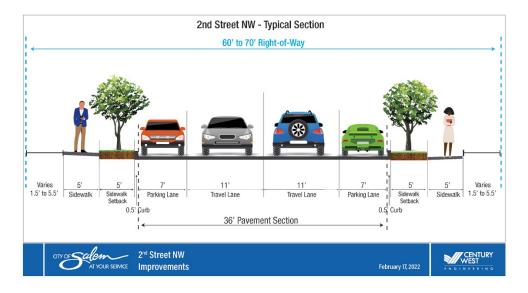
The panel introduced themselves and Tory gave background on the projects in West Salem. 2001 saw the creation of the West Salem urban renewal area as the area was a blight on the City. In 2013 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project started from Rosemont Avenue NW to Gerth Avenue NW; it continued in 2015 with the West Salem business district plan. In 2017 engineering did a feasibility study on extending 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW and in 2020 the design work was started.



Aaron Kimsey gave an overview of the project which will run from Gerth Avenue NW all the way through to Wallace Road NW. The project is still in the design phase so now it is necessary to take it before City Council to ask for the ability to negotiate right-of-way and easements along the path of the future street. He then went over the project timeline and talked about the fact that with Oregon weather and the amount of work involved it probably wouldn't be completed for two building seasons (2024).



Ron Weigel with Century West Engineering took over the presentation at this point and described each block of the project. For the most part the new street will be 36 feet wide except at each intersection where it would narrow to 26 feet as a traffic calming measure and to allow for the addition of ADA compliant ramps at the street corners.



He also explained that along some of the blocks in the project, there were street trees that would need to be removed because they were currently in the right-of-way. He said that there were a limited number of trees that were affected by this project but from McNary Avenue NW to Patterson Street NW the trees on the south side of the street will have to be taken out because the new alignment of the street won't allow them to stay.

He also said that there will be new streetlights installed along the length of the project. They will look like the ones pictured here:



That was the end of the formal presentation and Tory asked if there were any questions or comments.

Steve Anderson, land use chair for the West Salem Neighborhood Association did have a few questions:

- Will there be underground internet added to the area? Tory said they are still
  coordinating with participating utilities on what will be available. There will be
  electrical outlets on the new light poles.
- Will Patterson Street NW be rezoned? The City is coordinating with landowners in the area regarding this possible change.
- Between Patterson Street NW and Murlark Avenue NW on the new street that is being constructed, will there be benches or other features to make it more walkfriendly? The City is still working on what elements to include in that area of the project; Urban Development's redevelopment of the area is still being planned as well.
- In the stormwater facilities along the course of the improvements, will native plants be used to attract pollinators to the area? The consultants are working with a landscape designer for these areas but will make a note to consider native plants for stormwater facilities.

Another question was asked if the graphic would be made available of the presentation. Tory said he would post a pdf of the presentation in the comments so anyone present could download but he would also post it to the project web page as well.

Aaron mentioned that the right-of-way and easements would be going before City Council on March 14, 2022. Since the easements are relatively small, property owners will be compensated with a set amount for any easements that need to be gained for the project.

Tory thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.