

# Arctic Boulevard Surface Rehabilitation

FIREWEED LANE TO TUDOR ROAD

## IDLE WHEELS TRAILER COURT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2004 DOWL ENGINEERS TRAINING ROOM

### MEETING MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** Idle Wheels Trailer Court Informational Meeting

**ACTIVITY:** Public Meeting Number Two

**DATE & TIME:** August 12, 2004, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** DOWL Engineers Training Room

**ATTENDANCE:** 20 people, including 7 project staff

**MEETING MATERIALS:** 1) PowerPoint Presentation, 2) Visual Displays, 3) Agenda/Fact Sheet Materials Handout, 4) Comment Forms and Comment Box, and 5) Sign In Sheets

**STAFF PRESENT:** DOWL Engineers - Steve Noble, P.E. PTOE; Bill Coghill, P.E. PTOE; Mike McKamey, P.E.; Robert Kniefel, P.E.; and Nan Llewellyn

MOA PM&E - Steve Gillette, P.E.

### MEETING INFORMATION:

Bob Kniefel, who served as the moderator, started the meeting with staff introductions and a review of the meeting objectives. Steve Noble, the Project Manager, then made a presentation that covered the following topics: project location and phases, project goal, accident and traffic data within the project boundaries, and the purpose and need for the project. Steve's presentation focused on Phase II, additional southbound right-turn lane at Tudor Road, as well as briefly discussing Phases I & III. Phase II will impact the Idle Wheels Trailer Court property and is scheduled for construction in summer 2005. The extent of Phase II's impact to the trailer court will be better understood after a survey of the individual trailers can be completed. Survey is schedule for the week of August 16. Steve also noted that Phase III may have an impact on the trailer court, but that Phase III is in its early stages and roadway alignment alternatives have not yet been analyzed. Steve noted the City plans to hold public meetings for Phase III in spring 2005 after preliminary alignment alternatives have been analyzed. Phase III is not scheduled for construction until 2007 or 2008.

The audience had the following questions and comments. Staff's responses and comments are in italics.

- What is the percentage of fatalities as a result of crashes in the crash rate diagram? (Refer to slide #10)

*There have been no fatalities as a result of a car crash in the project corridor, at least within the last ten years, the time period the data is based on. However, approximately one-third of the crashes have involved injuries.*

- A southbound to westbound right-hand turn lane onto Tudor will not work. Cars will not be able to find gaps on Tudor due to the steady stream of vehicles.

*The signal at C and Tudor causes gaps in the traffic flow and cars will have a chance to turn onto Tudor from Arctic.*

- How is the Arctic Boulevard project connected to AMATS?

*The project is listed in the AMATS plans and is being funded with AMATS money.*

- Is it possible to turn Arctic into an overpass over Tudor?

*No, an overpass would be more costly and would have a greater impact on the surrounding area than the planned right hand turn lane from Arctic onto Tudor. In order to turn Arctic into an overpass over Tudor, most of Idle Wheels Trailer Court would need to be eliminated. To put it into perspective, the Minnesota interchange cost approximately \$30 million. Phase I of the Arctic Boulevard project is estimated to cost \$3.5 million, while Phases II and III will cost \$800,000 and \$10 million, respectively.*

- Will the residents get money to relocate their trailers?

*The project team is not planning on moving the entire row of trailers; rather they are looking at alternatives that would have the least impacts on the residents of Idle Wheels. Options being reviewed include rotating the trailers or moving them forward a short distance. Based on project engineers' current evaluation of this alternative, only one out of every ten trailers would have to be relocated to make this option work.*

*The project has three phases. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on Phase II (Tudor Road right-turn lane) and try to discuss possible resolutions. A meeting will be held at a later date to discuss Phase III (five-lane section between Tudor Road and 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue).*

- What if the trailers are too old to move? Is there a person with the City that the manager of Idle Wheels can talk to about relocating trailers?

*The MOA Project Manager will be meeting with the Municipality to find out what is involved with moving the residences to a different area within the trailer court.*

- People have a negative perception of "trailer parks" but they are a nice alternative for low to middle income families who do not want to live in apartments.

- If the trailers along Arctic are shifted inwards what impact will this have on the driving lane between the two rows of trailers?

*The shorter homes will not interfere with the road. The longer ones do present an issue and this is something the project engineers will be looking at.*

- It is scary knowing that a car crash off Arctic can land in our backyards or hits our homes at any time.
- There is a lot of cut-through traffic through the Idle Wheels area from people who do not want to deal with the light at Arctic and Tudor. The vehicles often speed and show disregard to the Idle Wheels residents.

- Will there be surveying in yards? Many people have dogs.

*Yes, there will be surveying in the yards and the survey crew will hang flyers on doors the day before they begin work to notify residents when the surveying will take place.*

- Can DOWL and the MOA make an owner of a trailer move even if they do not want to?

*At this point, the project staff does not know what will happen. Until the survey work is complete, the staff does not have an idea about who will have to move, or how many homes will need to be moved. Again, the goal is to find the solution that has the least impact on the residents.*

DOWL will be happy to meet with people individually to answer any questions that may come up. The contact information is on the comment forms at the sign in table or on the Arctic Boulevard web site.

The formal discussion period ended at 7:30 p.m. At that point, people went to the displays laid out in the front of the room and asked the project staff questions until 8:00 p.m.

***Follow up items:***

- Complete the survey work.
- Draw up true locations of the trailers to determine impact of additional ROW.
- Determine if trailers can be shifted or rotated to avoid relocating trailers.
- Steve Gillette will ask Planning/Building Safety about previous issues with using NW corner of Trailer Court for additional spaces, and issues with moving trailers (rotate or exchange spaces).
- Create Excel spreadsheet of meeting attendee's addresses

Attachments: Sign-in Sheet  
Presentation  
Comments