



SUBJECT: Tudor Area Traffic Calming Study W.O. D59148
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting No. 3

DATE/TIME: January 17, 2006
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: DOWL Engineers' Training Room

GROUP: Committee Members: Brenda McNees, Michelle Goldstein-West,
Barbara Garner

MEETING MATERIALS: Informal Binder updates; Sign-In Sheet; Aerial photograph with 40th
and 42nd Avenue diagrams

STAFF PRESENT: DOWL Engineers - Tim Potter, Brad Doggett, Kevin Doniere, Kelly
Brown, and Alex Post
MOA, Fire Department - John Drozdowski
MOA, Traffic - Bob Kniefel and Jennifer Satterfield

MEETING INFORMATION:

Six committee members attended the third Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at DOWL Engineers (DOWL). Comments and questions submitted by the CAC members are summarized in the following pages. Project staff's comments and responses to questions are shown in italics.

Brad opened the meeting and started with round table introductions. He noted that there was a lower attendance than previous meetings but stressed that continued community input was important. He asked people to review the project schedule and meeting agenda. The goal of the third CAC meeting was to review the project area diagrams to confirm that community concerns had been addressed prior to the draft report being written. He directed committee members to review the map. He listed the concerns that had been brought up at previous meetings including pedestrian improvements at 46th, 42nd, and 40th Avenues; the extension of 40th Avenue to Lake Otis Parkway; and the volumes of traffic on East 40th Avenue between Dale and Piper Streets. He noted that lateral shifts and chicanes have been put into the plan to discourage speeding on 40th Avenue. A roundabout at 40th Avenue and Piper Street is also shown on the plans. Other measures depicted include pedestrian improvements along Dale and Folker Streets. A diverter has been planned for 42nd Avenue to reduce cut through traffic in the residential area.

Brenda asked about pullouts for city buses. Bob replied that buses do not currently run through this area.

Brenda commented that she liked the plans.

Kelly asked if a four-way stop instead of a roundabout at Piper Street and 40th Avenue would reduce traffic.

Brad commented that he did not believe that it would have a great effect.

Bob commented that the Municipality had recently completed traffic counts on 40th Avenue before and after Piper Street was upgraded. Use of Piper Street has not caught on very quickly. He asked if at Dale Street left-hand turns onto Tudor Road would be prevented.

Brad replied that this was slightly out of the scope of the study but added that it would be mentioned in the study. He added that the majority of turns were right hand turns.

Bob added that the advantage of a roundabout is that they offer the ability to travel through an area at a constant speed. Access to the Hospital and the South West Campus was discussed.

Brad directed members to the Round Table Discussion questions on the Agenda. He first asked if the graphics reflected the community's desired solutions or if anything needed to be changed.

Michelle expressed concern about on street parking on her street.

Brad replied that the plan was trying to address the parking problems.

Bob asked if Michelle could move her driveway to Piper Street. She replied that this would be ideal, but an expensive option. Bob asked that Michelle contact him at his office. Michelle also asked that the streets not be widened and added that she would like sidewalks to be added.

Barbara discussed trail access from Folker Street. *Brad commented that the streets are designed to be collector streets with sidewalks.*

Kelly asked how adding another stop light in the Lake Otis Parkway area would affect traffic. *Brad replied that there would be an impact on Lake Otis Parkway.*

Barbara suggested that a frontage road be added to Lake Otis Parkway to allow people to access a stoplight. Bob replied that the Tudor Road and Lake Otis Parkway design project was going to look at options for this area.

Kelly commented that she liked the diverter, as it would separate the residential and business areas of the neighborhood.

Brenda commented that she liked the plans and added that they could be used for a long time.

Barbara asked why this project should take place if there is a possibility that 40th will not go through.

Bob asked that members talk to their assembly representatives as a bond package work session will be held on January 27, 2006. The bond package includes a \$40 million roads and drainage bond with \$800,000 for 40th Avenue design. He asked if there were interim measures that people would like to see for \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Barbara mentioned that she does not want speed humps but would like a gravel trail along 42nd Avenue.

Brad commented that a back up plan might be required if 40th Avenue does not go through.

Bob suggested that the money be requested in stages. Barbara asked how State money works into a local project. Bob replied that legislators can earmark money and provide a state grant.

Brad offered to build a cost estimate for the project.

Bob asked what the radius on the roundabout is. *Brad replied that the usual radius is 120 feet.* John with the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) mentioned that he was willing to support whatever the community wants but would like the biggest circle possible. *Brad asked for any final comments.*

Barbara mentioned that on 42nd Avenue, between Wright and Folker Streets, there is very little on-street parking. A discussion followed regarding the use of Folker Park. *Brad commented that the diverter should limit traffic to local residents. Tim commented that the diverter would have vertical elements that are too narrow to fit a car through.* Barbara suggested that the traffic calming coordinate with the Piper Street project. She asked that water be incorporated into the project to allow for flowerbeds to be watered. She would also like the neighborhood to have a name.

There was discussion about timing of when members should contact city and state representatives.

Brad commented that all the agenda items had been covered. He then reviewed the project schedule.