



MEETING NOTES

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Date/Time: May 16, 2017 / 5:30 - 7:00

Subject: Belmont Bridge Replacement Project (VDOT Project #0020-104-101 / UPC #75878)
Downtown Business Association

Attendees

Kirby Hutto	Charlottesville Pavilion
Tony Edwards	NDS - Development Services Manager
Caroline Citera	
Brian McPeters	Kimley-Horn
Sal Musarra	Kimley-Horn

PURPOSE

This meeting of the Downtown Business Association meeting is the third step in the Belmont Bridge conceptual design process. This step builds on the outcome of the design charrette and includes review of conceptual design alternatives to help advance plans toward a preferred concept. The meeting will focus on reviewing refined concepts and offering guidance to the project team to help advance concepts prior to the June 1 Open House.

AGENDA

Presentation

Project Updates

- Process and Schedule
- Charrette Recap

Discussion

Preferred Concept Design

Presentation

Next Steps

- Open House (June 1st – City Space)

Public Comment

SUMMARY

This was the third in the series of meetings between the Downtown Business Association and the project team for the Belmont Bridge replacement project. Below is a brief description of the items discussed.

Summary of Discussion

Project Updates

Following brief introductions, Sal Musarra (Kimley-Horn) gave a background presentation that highlighted process, schedule, and conceptual design progress. An informal discussion followed focused on review of the current design concepts with discussion organized around the following topics:

Design Approaches

The design approaches were presented in two different categories, which were defined as Roadway Sections, and Corridor plans.

Roadway Sections

Roadway concepts reviewed included alternatives for the intersection of 9th Street/Avon Street with Levy/Garrett and 9th Street with Market St. Additionally, the cross sections presented alternatives for old Avon Street by reducing it to northbound only or full closure.

Discussion

Discussion and input regarding Roadway Sections included the following:

- It was noted that the proposed raised median near Market Street would be problematic for truck turning movements exiting the Pavilion. The design team will evaluate options to remove the median in that area with the City.
- The overall functional layout was reviewed including background analysis to support the two-lane bridge section.

Corridor

Corridor concepts reviewed include the short-term concepts (Old Avon Street one-way in and full closure) as well as a conceptual long-term build-out beyond the current project limits. Discussion included the following:

- Incorporation of a pedestrian passageway located near the intersection of Graves and 9th St. could be a positive feature.
- Overall, a reduction in surface parking in the interim condition from the existing inventory was understood. Temporary and long-term shared parking solutions on adjacent development parcels were discussed and encouraged.
- The concept closing old Avon St. fully was favored.
- Kirby expressed concern regarding improvements to the pedestrian zone adjacent to the Pavilion at the “knuckle” and event security agreements with the City that would be affected.

Next Steps

The community engagement process will continue with the Open House on June 1, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm at CitySpace.