

# **Jefferson Park Ave Pedestrian Improvements**

## **Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association Meeting; October 10, 2013**

### **I. Purpose of Meeting**

On October 10, 2013, City staff presented concepts for Jefferson Park Avenue pedestrian improvements at the Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association (FSNA) meeting. Earlier in 2013, the FSNA successfully petitioned City Council to lower the speed limit along Jefferson Park Avenue to from 35 M.P.H to 30 M.P.H. Traffic studies based on federal mandates did not warrant a further reduction, and the neighborhood has expressed interest in pursuing other strategies to improve pedestrian safety and reduce driver speeding. Council directed staff to examine short term design solutions that would improve pedestrian crossings and provide visual cues to drivers to increase pedestrian visibility.

The concepts presented at the meeting include the addition of two mid-block crosswalks with curb extensions and median sidewalks to improve pedestrian access and visibility, and formalizing the crossings at Cleveland/Sunset Avenues with high visibility striping and a pedestrian activated, rapid flashing beacon. Pending feedback, the next step will be to develop more detailed designs for these concepts.

### **II. Comments**

- Will bump outs at mid-block crossings take away on street parking?
- What is different about sight distance at Cleveland/Sunset? (Previous traffic engineer did not recommend a crosswalk)
- Do not remove trees on medians for crossings.
- Neighborhood supports 25 M.P.H. speed limit.
- Put all pedestrian and bike infrastructure on one side of median and two way traffic on the other.
- Need for better lighting, but also need to talk to residents about light pollution.
- Light pollution at intersection of Willard Dr and Cherry Ave
- Very dark after crossing the bridge.
- Add flashing lights (RRFB) to existing crossing at Stribling Ave.
- Need better connection to crossing at Old Lynchburg Road
- Who would maintain medians on sidewalk?
- Why not locate crossing at Cleveland/Sunset Ave on south side of intersection to take advantage of median?
- Streetlights are located on the median, not sides of the street.
- No sidewalk along Fry's Spring Beach Club frontage; need a crossing before to transition to the sidewalk on the other side.
- Remove 15 minute parking signs near Stribling Ave now that bridge has reopened.

**\*\* Please note an audio podcast of the meeting can be found on the Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association website: <http://fsna.avenue.org/meetings.html>**

**III. List of Attendees**

Susan Foard	Mary Wilson	Tim Wilson
Susan Dempsey	Geoff Werder	Peggy King
Donovan Branche	Hardy Whitten	Peter Hedlund
Wendy Phelps	Jennifer Maynard	Scott Bandy
Amanda Poncy	Renita Sheesley Banks	Brian Becker
Jeff Greer	Dede Smith	Steven Morris
Susan Elliott		