

South Street (227) Pedestrian Safety Focus Group

Meeting #3 Highlights
March 22, 2006

Information

- City has posted information on the web
<http://www.slocity.org/publicworks/transportation/South.asp>

Review of non-options

- Signal warrants not met
- Stop sign warrants not met
- Marked crosswalk not appropriate under current conditions
- Pedestrian activated flashing beacon not appropriate under current conditions
- Mid-block pedestrian signal not warranted. Nevin Sams serves on a statewide committee where the pedestrian volume warrants are being reviewed.
- Raised median island at King St – not possible with current footprint due to loss of bikelane.

Focus on possible options

- Road Diet – reduce from 4 thru lanes to 2 thru lanes with left turn channelization and possible raised medians.
 - City provided a simulation.
 - Concerns raised were less gaps and traffic impacts on nearby local roads. Nationwide studies indicate that spillover onto nearby streets has not been observed.
 - Give consideration to colored median islands if raised islands not feasible
 - Does not qualify for CT funding (as a new project) with the Highway Safety Improvement Program at this time.
- Raised median islands between intersections – consider if Road Diet is not feasible - would result in loss of parking.
- Roundabout at King St – a 30 meter diameter roundabout may fit at this location and would be considered as part of a long term strategy. City provided several photos of existing roundabouts.

- Group was asked by Nevin Sams if they would support a flashing beacon on the new pedestrian warning signs. The group was in favor.

Reviewed DRAFT ACTION PLAN handout with the following changes:

Item 1, Halloween Safety:	Changed Oct. 2006 to Summer 2006
Item 5, Safe Route to School:	Re-evaluate after physical changes
Item 8, Additional lighting:	City to review lighting levels
Item 11, Additional left-turns:	To be considered as a fall-back option
Item 12, Grade-separated ped xing:	Considered and Discarded
Item 13, Prado Rd Extension:	3 – 5 years away
Item 14, 227 relenquishment:	3 – 5 years away
Item 15, lateral marker rumble strips:	Considered and Discarded
Item 16, Expand driver awareness:	Considered and Discarded
Item 18, Ped warning beacons:	CT to pursue
Item 19, Speed feedback signs:	City to pursue grant
Item 21, BeeBee/South widening:	In Construction currently

Outstanding Information Needs

- Conduct mid-block Ped count
- Determine funding sources for Road Diet striping w/raised island changes.
- Update school kids address locations to determine crossing demand at King St.

Draft Recommendations in the following order:

1. Order Flashing beacons for new pedestrian warning signs.
2. Re-stripe South St between BeeBee and Lawton to implement Road Diet by grinding and striping without a seal coat.
3. Re-stripe South St between BeeBee and Lawton to implement Road Diet as part of the upcoming Rehabilitation Project if stripe shadow is determined to be an issue.
4. Add median islands and left-turn channelization with current 4-lane configuration if Road Diet is not feasible in the corridor. Requires parking removal at specific locations
5. Implement Roundabout at King Street as a long-term consideration

Actions

#	What	Who	By When
1	Develop a strategy on reporting the groups' recommendations	City & CT (Tim & Nevin)	Next mtg
2	Develop striping plan for Road Diet. Determine impact of stripe shadows.	CT (Chris)	Next mtg
3	Conduct mid-block ped count	City & CT (Jake & Chris)	As part of striping plan
4	Update school ped addresses	City & school	Next mtg
5	Add Category to Criteria Worksheet "Considered and Discarded"	CT (Aileen)	Next meeting

Next meeting

April 12, 6 pm at intersection of South St and King St. Field review then meet at the Hawthorne Elementary School at 6:30 PM. Meeting to adjourn at 8 PM. Location at the school to be determined.