
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 26, 2007, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm **Project #:** 03-0313.000
Project: Alfred Street Corridor Study from SR 19 to Bay Road
Subject: Alternatives Public Meeting
Meeting Location: Tavares City Hall, 201 E. Main St. Tavares, FL 32778

Attendance Summary:

- 73 Members of the public
- 7 Agency & Elected Officials
 - City Council – Nancy Clutts
 - City Staff – John Dury, Jacques Skutt, Nancy Barnett
 - County Commissioner - Debbie Stivender
 - County Staff – Noble Olasimbo
 - Supervisor of Elections – Emogene Stegall
- 4 Consultant Project Team Staff
 - Ralph Bove, Greg Moore, Carlos Asturrizaga, Vasu Persaud, Tracy Bridges

84 TOTAL ATTENDEES

Comments Summary: (See also attached Comment Forms and Related Correspondence)

- 4 Comment forms received at the Public Meeting on July 27, 2007.
- 2 Comment forms received via regular mail.
- 7 Comments received via e-mail/fax
- 18 Comments and questions received orally during meeting

31 TOTAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AS of August 13, 2007

MEETING SUMMARY

The Alfred Street Corridor Alternatives Public Meeting in Lake County was held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Tavares City Hall. Participants were asked to sign in upon entering and comment forms, an overview handout and answers to questions the last meeting were distributed to each attendee as they registered. The format for the meeting was an informal open-house with staff from the consultant project team available to answer questions and discuss the project with the participants. An audio/ visual presentation was then given by the project team to provide an overview of the study and alternatives under evaluation. Following this, questions and comments were fielded from participants and recorded.

The materials presented at the meeting included the project alternatives under consideration displayed over large scale aerial photography. In addition to the footprints for the proposed project alternatives, other details on the displays included street names and property lines. The exhibits on display included:

- Large scale displays of the alternatives under evaluation which included:
 - One-Way Pair alternative
 - Three-Lane alternative
 - Raised median/ Brick texture alternative
- Typical section matrix showing the typical sections being considered for each section
- Alternatives comparison matrix
- Project schedule summary board
- Study schedule summary board

The meeting ended at approximately 7:30 pm. The peak attendance occurred just after 5:30 with a crowd of approximately 73 people. The majority of participants had left the meeting by about 7:00 pm.

COMMENT SPECIFICS

The following is a summary of the written and verbal comments received. These have been compiled by the staff from the consultant project team that facilitated the meeting. Comments have been organized by the various issues to which they pertain. Comments requiring follow-up and the responsible staff involved in follow-up activities have been noted in the “Action Items” section of this summary.

Alternative Preference

- As of August 13, 2007, thirteen (13) comments were received concerning alternative/ typical section preference. A summary is provided below.

Alternative	Downtown	Central	Eastern	Total
1-Way Pair	6	0	0	6
Median	2	4	4	10
3-Lane	4	8	8	20
No-Build	0	0	0	0
Not Specified	1	1	1	3
Total	13	13	13	39

Traffic Operations

- Several comments were received with regards to how traffic would be reduced on Alfred Street as a result of the widening of US 441, also called NEW US 441, located to the north of Alfred Street.
- Concern was expressed about the speed with which the various improvement would operate and about the traffic models ability to take this into account.
- Concern was expressed about the ability of the raised median to handle the left turn queue spill back from adjacent intersections.

Access Management

- Concern was expressed about the ability of the raised median alternative to accommodate U-turns.
- Questions were received concerning the method used to determine the location of the median openings for the raised median alternative.
- Concern was expressed about the safety of allowing U-turns at the raised median openings.

Maintenance of Traffic

- Questions were asked about the source of the funding for the future construction of the proposed improvements.
- Questions were raised concerning possible construction delays and the City's ability to apply pressure to the contractors to have the work completed on time. The ongoing construction of US 441 was cited as an example.
- Questions were received about whether construction of the Alfred Street improvement would overlap with the construction of the Tavares Station and the Judicial Center.

Drainage

- Concern was expressed about the flooding of Alfred Street that occurs in the vicinity of Joanna Avenue and the First Baptist Church during heavy downpours.
- Concern was raised about the use of curb and gutter systems to convey storm water instead of swale systems.

General

- It was asked that the project website be updated with the display information from the meeting.
- Concern was expressed about the affect on businesses along Alfred Street and Caroline Street if the One-Way Pair alternative was implemented.
- Questions were asked about the impact of the project to Herbie the Train.
- It was suggested that the City consider a minor makeover of Alfred Street, involving resurfacing and re-striping, instead of the proposed more major improvements.

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

The following is an identification of the items requiring follow-up. These have been compiled from the comments and discussion resulting from the Alternatives Public Meeting. In order to track the progress of these follow-up items, the responsible staff should provide progress updates to the consultant team as various issues are resolved.

Subject / Issue	Staff Name	Action Required
Update website	Consultant Team	Make display information from meeting available for download from project website.
Responses Memo	Consultant Team	Develop a Q & A Memo to provide documented answers to questions asked by the public during the open comment period that followed the presentation at the Public Meeting.
Misc. Coordination	Consultant Team	Correspondence by e-mail, phone, and postal mail.