

Pontiac, Swift, and Moore Project Discussion Summary

Pontiac, Swift, and Moore Project Public Meeting #1

Date: Thursday 13th, 2022

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Public present: 9

Council members present: 0

City staff present: 2; Andrea Wright, Nick Hutchinson

Wade Trim staff present: 6; Chris Wall, Breanna Anderson, Vaughn Martin, Carmelle Tremblay, Ryan Brown, Nolan Mullett

Re: Pontiac, Swift, Moore Project

Questions and Answers

Note: The following is not a direct transcription of the meeting discussion. This summary has been prepared from notes taken during the meeting; comments are paraphrased. Where staff responses or clarification were provided at the meeting, they are marked with an 'A' and denoted in italics. Where clarifications or responses have been added after the meeting, these are denoted as '**Post-Meeting Note**'.

1. The LowerTown mobility study recommended improvements to the Moore/Pontiac/Longshore intersection such as a roundabout and possibly two-way traffic on Moore. Are any of these included in this project?
 - A. We're aware of the recommendations of the roundabout at the location but that will be part of future projects, at a time when we have the opportunity to receive grant funding. This applies to the two-way traffic on Moore St. as well.*

2. Do plans for this project include a potential bike lane on Wright between Pontiac [correction: Longshore] and Broadway?
 - A. A bike lane at that location hasn't been discussed yet; however, we can discuss that with the city staff to see if that is applicable. Currently, a bike lane on Wright between Longshore and Broadway is outside the scope of the project. A bike lane on Moore St. and Pontiac Trail is the main priority.*

3. Will the canoe livery be closed during the construction to minimize congestion?
 - A. We haven't discussed outside impacts yet, however detours for roads and bike paths are to be expected. We will look at it and try to maintain*

businesses and activities around the area. Highly unlikely that canoe livery will be shut down during construction.

4. *When Pontiac Trail is closed where will traffic be rerouted?*

A. We haven't planned traffic maintenance during construction yet. Right now, we are still planning the project and deciding if roads will need to be shut down. Detours will be provided as necessary for any road closures.

5. *Is it possible to put in a pedestrian crossing from Pontiac Trail to the park entrance on Swift Street?*

A. We are interested in accomplishing that, and it will be considered during design.

6. *Why is water main work not being done on Wright St. between Kellogg and Longshore?*

A. Wright north of Kellogg got added because of consistent pipe breaks in the area. Wright south of Kellogg is not included. Wright Street between Kellogg and Longshore will be part of a future project.

7. *What are you going to do about those whose cars will be blocked during the Plymouth Rd section?*

A. During construction, access is maintained to all residents and emergency access. Our intention is to facilitate a convenient route for traffic to bypass construction. If you have a driveway directly on Pontiac; local residents will maintain access to driveways even if it is closed to thru traffic. There is no work being planned on Plymouth Road for this project.

8. *Is the Traver Street water main replacement scheduled?*

A. It is scheduled in the Capital Improvement Plan for 2024, however due to inflation, it might be forced to be rescheduled.

9. *Will the Pontiac trail bike lane travel in both directions or only with traffic?*

A. At this time, we imagine it will be a bike lane, not a 2-way bike path, that just goes in one single direction with traffic flow. We will further study this topic, however, during the design phase.

10. Will the Swift / Broadway intersection be addressed? Installing the planned trail link from northeast-bound Broadway, looping back on the south side of Broadway to the B2B Trail, will reduce surface crossings of Broadway by bicyclists and walkers and improve safety.

A. The project scope stops at Broadway so no construction will be done on Broadway besides watermain connections. However, if we realize further into study that there are large benefits to redesigning Swift and Broadway, we will consider.

11. Would you consider looking at running the bike lane on the left hand (east side) of Pontiac Trail and the continue it down Swift Street to Broadway? This would eliminate issues with traffic continuing and coming from Swift to the west and make a direct connector to Broadway.

A. That is something we can look at. Our main goal is to provide a safe and efficient lane for bikers. We will investigate it and see if makes sense practically.