

Hoover, Greene, & Hill Improvement Project Discussion Summary

Hoover, Greene, & Hill Improvement Project Public Meeting #1

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

Time: 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ann Arbor City Hall Basement, 301 E Huron St, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Attendees: Public present: 13; refer to Appendix A for sign-in sheet.

Council members present: 5; Kathy Griswold (Ward 2), Jack Eaton (Ward 4)

City staff present: 1; Nick Hutchinson

Wade Trim staff present: 4; Chris Wall, Jeremy Schrot, Eva Koester, Adam Chludzinski

Re: Hoover, Greene, & Hill Improvement Project

SUMMARY

Note: The following is not a direct transcription of the meeting discussion. This summary has been prepared from notes taken during the meeting of a question and answer portion with attendees.

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*'.

Participant comments made in the feedback forms are verbatim and can be found in Appendix B.

Project Overview and Construction Impacts:

1. What erosion control measures will there be at 323 Hoover?
A: Inlet filter at catch basin for soil erosion control during construction. Will also review erosion around catchbasin for improvement.
2. Where will the crosswalk be located on Hill Street?
A: Between the Greene St and Adams Ave intersections, matching the existing location.
3. What will the sidewalk access be during construction, particularly during full closure?
A: There will be direct access to all buildings and temporary crosswalks across the road during construction where required.
4. How can local business owners and citizens be informed on construction scheduling?
A: There will be regular construction updates sent out from the project manager.
5. What gas main work will be done on this project?
A: DTE gas main will be replaced on the south side of Hoover from Main to Green. Gas construction will time with water to minimize impact.

6. How will the design consider future proposed developments in the area?
A: The plans have accounted for utility connections and utility work associated with City approved developments.
7. How will the bike lane travel through Hoover?
A: The bike lane will continue all the way through the entire street, whereas it is currently cutoff between the railroad track and Greene Street.
8. Will driveway access be maintained for local businesses?
A: Driveway access will be maintained, and any closures will be communicated in advance.
9. When will visitor lot on corner of Greene and Hoover be closed?
A: Closure time will be minimized to avoid disruption of business parking. Timing of closure will be reviewed with contractor and coordinated with U of M.
10. What is the purpose of the "bump out" on the Greene and Hoover intersection?
A: It functions to align the drive path on the east side of Hoover to west side.
11. How will the design account for the loss of parking spaces on Hoover for local business owners?
A: The parking spaces are removed to allow the continuation of the bike lane. There is currently no plan to replace these on-street spaces.
12. Will the closure of Hoover and Hill be done at the same time?
A: No, they will be done separately.
13. What parking is allowed on Greene?
A: Parking on Greene is currently allowed on one side during evenings. This will be restricted during construction on Greene.
14. Why is the storm redesign being done – can we prevent basement flooding in the area?
A: Storm water redesign is to minimize flows to Allen Creek. Improvements should help current conditions. Stakeholders have not mentioned this issue within the project limits.
15. Has the future construction of utilities been considered so the new road won't be ripped up?
A: Yes, for approved site developments.
16. How will the bike lane interact with busses?
A: The bike lane currently exists, except between the traintrack and Greene intersection. Interaction with busing will be similar to existing conditions.
17. How will construction noise be managed?
A: Contractor is required to follow City polices and work with specified times.
18. Why is there no bike lane on Hoover from Mary to State?

A: The road is becomes narrow here and to accommodate the turn lanes, the bike lane becomes shared lanes.

19. Does the hydrology on Buffalo St need to be fixed?

A: That is currently a parking lot and not within the project limits, but will be reviewed.

20. Will there be regular water shut offs while the work is being done?

A: Water main will be installed along a portion of Hill (Adams to Fifth) and along Hoover (Main to State). During installation, there will be times when the water is shut down temporarily so services to buildings can be switched over. Any shutdown will be coordinated with the property owner in advance, so there should be no surprises.

Appendix A: Sign-In Sheet

Sign-In Names
Michael Gerry
Brandon Francis (DTE Energy)
Kyce Soerries (Corby Energy)
John German
Colette Kenville
Gary colce
Andrea Paine (Huron river watershed council)
Wayne & Colquitt
Julie Weatherbue
Toun Bletcher
Joan Knoertzer
Kristi Gilbert
Kathy Griswold

Appendix B: Feedback Forms

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Note: The following text has been prepared from feedback forms and emails provided by attendees and other participants of the January 17th, 2019 Public Meeting #1. The feedback forms are divided by project area and are verbatim to what was written. Text in italics represents writing that was unclear.

FEEDBACK FORM (1)



How do you interact with the Hoover, Greene and Hill Project area?

- I live and own property within the project area
- I live within the project area, as a renter
- I work within the project area
- I own a business within the project area
- Other

Do you have any concerns related to construction impacts, from the upcoming project?
If yes, please explain:

N/A

The City of Ann Arbor Non-Motorized Plan and the Treeline Allen Creek Urban Trail Master Plan recommend bike lanes in each direction along Hoover. To address the existing gap in the bike lane network (Hoover –between the train tracks and Greene Road) the existing on-street parking is planned for removal. Do you have any feedback specific to the planned parking removal and bike lane implementation?

Construction projects at 151 E. Hoover and 327 E. Hoover will increase need for on-street parking. Removal will negatively impact businesses at these sites and at 323 E. Hoover.

A crosswalk will be added across Greene, at Davis. Do you have any feedback specific to the planned crosswalk addition?

N/A

Is there any additional feedback that you would like to share related to the Hoover, Greene, & Hill Improvement Project?

N/A

FEEDBACK FORM (2)



How do you interact with the Hoover, Greene and Hill Project area?

- I live and own property within the project area
- I live within the project area, as a renter
- I work within the project area
- I own a business within the project area
- Other

Do you have any concerns related to construction impacts, from the upcoming project?

If yes, please explain:

Dust, noise, traffic (Track traffic on residential streets)

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Sidewalk bike cone?

A crosswalk will be added across Greene, at Davis. Do you have any feedback specific to the planned crosswalk addition?

If it connects to something on the east side.

Is there any additional feedback that you would like to share related to the Hoover, Greene, & Hill Improvement Project?

Sanitary sewer problem between E. Davis & Hill.
