

Geddes Avenue

Round 2 On-Site Resident Meeting Summary

Meetings held on August 9

MEETING PROCEDURE

Five on-site meetings were held Saturday, August 9, with residents along the project area corridor. Meetings included an overview of design options for the corridor. Each resident group walked along Geddes Avenue allowing residents to share input regarding priorities around their property and issues that may be addressed with the road project. The existing road right-of-way had been staked in the field at six different locations for resident reference. Paint was used to show general locations of proposed pavement and sidewalk.

The project team shared the following updates:

- Design options being considered are either a 2-foot wide paved shoulder or a 4-foot wide paved shoulder. Other roadway elements would be consistent for both options (including an 11-foot wide travel lane, a 5-foot wide grass strip between the road and sidewalk, and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on the north side of the road only).
- The large size of the construction equipment and depth needed to install the sanitary sewer will require removal of most of the existing brush along the right-of-way. However, the City will replace removed brush with native shrubs once the construction is finished. The project team will also investigate the possibility of transplanting existing landscaping where appropriate.
- The project team is also working hard to preserve significant trees, historic walls, and similar features.
- Resident access to private property will be maintained throughout the construction, with the exception of some days when large excavations or paving may limit access. Residents will be notified ahead of time if their driveway will be impacted.
- The project team has determined that installation of the sanitary sewer in Geddes Avenue does not require extending and connecting through Riverview. Installation of utility services along Riverview has now been extracted as a future, separate project, rather than a component of the Geddes Avenue Project. The City of Ann Arbor will mail notification of this update to Riverview property owners previously identified as within the project area.

RESIDENT COMMENTS

The following common themes and key perspectives were shared during on-site resident meetings:

- Road Design:
 - Minimize loss of trees and brush; preserve large trees if they are healthy; use retaining walls to minimize impacts to vegetation.
 - Expand road shoulder at mailboxes to increase safety when accessing mailboxes
 - Re-grade and widen curve at Gallup Park to allow cars to make it up hill in icy conditions
 - Re-work pedestrian crossing to Gallup Park
 - Preference toward two-foot wide shoulder option
 - Impacts should be distributed equally between north and south sides

- Traffic:
 - Too much traffic on Geddes Ave.
 - Speeding is a significant problem; enforcement of speed limit is insufficient
 - Residents do not feel safe near the road (e.g., while getting mail)

- Utilities:
 - Preferred locations for utility leads on individual properties were identified at some locations

- Sidewalks:
 - Locate the sidewalk as close to the road edge (and away from right-of-way boundary) as possible
 - A sidewalk that requires residents to remove snow is a burden

- Stormwater management:
 - Stormwater issues on individual properties were identified

- Other:
 - Requested that trees trimmed/brush removed at some locations to improve vehicular sight distances at driveways
 - Concerned with road noise if brush is removed
 - Requested list of species and sizes of proposed plant material used to replace brush