

## E 10<sup>th</sup> (Smith to Deckard) Sidewalk Project – Public Input Summary

Thank You to everyone who was able to participate in the public input meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 or has otherwise provided input on this project! The information below provides a brief summary and responses (shown in blue) to that input.

- Concerns regarding fast traffic along 10<sup>th</sup> Street, requests for advance warning and high visibility for the pedestrian crossing.
  - This project uses multiple techniques to enhance visibility of crossing pedestrians. A median island, school zone, pedestrian hybrid beacon, pavement markings, and advance signage will significantly increase visibility of this crossing. These modifications are also expected to reduce speeding, particularly during times when the school zone or the pedestrian hybrid beacon are active.
- Requests for continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the length of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and requests to install sidewalk on the north side of 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Tamarron to Russell.
  - While the City agrees that these facilities would be beneficial, they are beyond the scope of this project. The focus of this project is to facilitate pedestrian access between the University Elementary School and nearby residential areas. Instead of providing sidewalk between Tamarron and Russell, the City is encouraging the pedestrian route through the Tamarron neighborhood.
- Requests for a traffic signal or roundabout at the intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> St (SR 45) and Smith Rd.
  - This intersection is operated by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). INDOT has indicated they have no current plans for a traffic signal or roundabout. Regardless of any modifications to the 10<sup>th</sup>-Smith intersection, the 10<sup>th</sup>-Deckard/Tamarron intersection is a beneficial location for the proposed pedestrian crossing.
- Recommendation that the sidewalk should be a multiuse path to accommodate bicyclists on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - The proposed sidewalk is planned to be 10' wide and can accommodate bicycle use. Because of the relatively short length, people bicycling on 10<sup>th</sup> Street may not find this connection beneficial unless they are traveling between Smith and Deckard/Tamarron.
- Will vehicles still be able to turn from Deckard and Tamarron onto 10<sup>th</sup>?
  - Yes, the City will check the design to ensure all access is maintained.
- We haven't seen many children walking to school along this route. Should the crossing be placed somewhere else?
  - Many children currently ride the bus or are driven to school due to concerns about crossing 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The Tamarron/Deckard intersection is the most convenient crossing point for pedestrians as it facilitates approaches from the Eastern Heights neighborhood as well as the residential areas to the southwest including Meadow Park Apartments, Grandview Hills neighborhood, and others. Increased pedestrian activity is expected upon completion of this project.
- The turn from the E Tamarron Drive sidewalk to the connection at the back of the Elementary School is difficult for bicycles. Request for curb ramp into the street on E Tamarron Drive to facilitate use by bicycles.
  - There is an existing tree in the location where a curb ramp would be installed. However, it should be possible to install a small amount of additional concrete in the corner to facilitate the turn between these two sidewalks.
- Numerous other comments expressing support for the project, requests for project funding, and gratitude that children would be able to walk or bicycle to the elementary school and between neighborhoods.
  - Funding for the project is being pursued by the City and INDOT in coordination with MCCSC.