

Jan 28, 2025 | 📅 FPNA January Neighborhood Gathering

Questions/Comments Discussed

- Why is the bike lane on the non Children's museum side of the street where it conflicts with parking?
 - Better visibility on this side since bikes and vehicle will face each other
 - The angle of the door is less severe in this direction
 - Interaction with the Seaport intersection
- What is the height of the speed hump? How will it be different than today?
 - Current speed humps were installed on top of poor asphalt, made it difficult to install
 - New speed humps will be city standard , plus the narrowing of the street will make this a much safer street
- Afraid that we are in an endless cycle of schedule slipping. We need to get construction on Congress Street and A Street underway, Sleeper St can wait if it's going to slow us down. I'm a supporter in general, but am going to be vocal about my concern that this is slipping. Can we put some of these out as earlier phases?
- We had Sleeper St turn to a one way for a one day because of a disruption, but we all realized it needed to be that way all the time. Please make this happen.
- Are there more details on the timing to get to completion of design and phasing of construction? Will the plan include the expected schedule?
 - 6 weeks to complete design, have to bid and get a contractor on board, and then a multi-year construction period
 - After a contractor is on board, we will have a full construction management plan, phasing plan, traffic management plan, etc
- Would appreciate scheduling information for us business owners (folks with outdoor dining, for example). Would like to know how we can mitigate some of these issues, especially for those of us who will have our businesses impacted. Could we have a separate sit down? There are only 5 or so restaurants.
 - Asked for contact information to get in touch
 - The contractor will also be expected to communicate
 - We will do our best to let you know when and where we are working
- We might want to consider doing Sleeper St first because of the safety issue
- I realize it may not seem like a big deal but losing 3 spaces out of 19 is a big deal. We need to do everything we can to keep 19 spaces, even if it means turning a few things around the corner on Seaport Blvd to resident
- Concerned about use of 2021 data to evaluate traffic. On Sleeper St, traffic on tuesday, wednesday, and thursday has gotten very bad

- Concerned about no signal at Congress/Sleeper - have nearly been hit by people trying to eek out from Sleeper onto Congress
 - Using physical methods to slow traffic, Traffic signal serves to assign right of way, but relies on behavior instead of design to keep people safe
- Concerned about the schedule and the fact that it hasn't been bid yet. What if bid comes in high? How much latitude do we have to cover the bid. I'm nervous.
- Will the bid include plans for laydown? Is there a staging area identified?
 - The more restrictions we put on a contract, the fewer bids we will get and the higher the price will be
 - We can negotiate with the contractor on items like this
 - You are not wrong that we have seen projects come in over budget. Construction costs have stabilized. We are also in more frequent communication with the budget office about updates. We just did our budget for this project in the last month.
 - This is a top priority for this administration. This will not be delayed because of budget, and there is not federal funding.
- Will there be a pre-construction meeting? Who will manage the construction phase communication?
 - We have a communications team and work with our construction management team to provide updates
- When will we hear from you next? Can you let us know when it goes to bid? Just keep us updated on the process.
 - Public Improvement Commission hearing
 - As soon as we have a contractor we will communicate
- We learned from Summer St - we really care about the construction communications details. We are not going to be satisfied with construction comms, we need more.
 - Hearing that we need to communications planning with you
 - This is the phase where multiple teams internally start to get involved - design team, permitting, construction management, etc. We will do our best to make sure this hand off is experienced seamlessly by the public
- There were a few spots at the end of the street by the church that were assumed by the church. They could be resident spots. Why does the Church have the right to consume 2-3 spots?
- How do we protect this project from administration changes or other external factors? It's critical to move this along so that none of these things impact the project.
- Need to make the proposal for A St parking replacement more concrete with replacement on Melcher and A.
 - Pat promised to not let Sara down

- Can you address the safety issue of Sleeper/Seaport resulting from people needing to take the left onto Sleeper from Seaport Boulevard, and adding in interactions with bikes?
 - Will reduce dramatically the crossing distance
 - Still have to work on the Seaport/Sleeper signal since it was not originally included in the project but needs to be added in now that the project includes the one-way change

From the Chat

- Feel that A Street should be done first.

Action items

