



# City of Tigard Memorandum

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**To:** Team

**From:** Jeff Peck

**Re:** Murdock Street Improvements Open House Meeting Notes

**Date:** 10/11/22

The City of Tigard conducted an open house to share project details such as (project goals, scope, property impacts, etc.) and to answer questions. The open house was held on September 8, 2022 at Twality Middle School from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. It was well attended with approximately 23 members from the public and 7 members of the project team available for Q&A (comprised of consultant and City staff).

## **Summarized Comments**

- Participants commented on how their properties would be impacted by the improvements and several shared what they would like to have done along their property frontages.
- Participants shared information about their properties including locations of storm drains, easements, minor sink holes, etc.
- Several participants commented on cars driving too fast on Murdock and would like to see improvements to reduce speeding.
- Participants were concerned about the traffic disruptions created by parent pick up from Twality Middle School and Templeton Elementary.
- Some participants thought the width of the shared use path was too wide.
- Participants would like to see bike lanes on both sides of the street.
- Participants mentioned there is sufficient right of way to build the improvements in the roadway without acquiring properties.
- Concern was expressed that the improvements would bring more traffic on Murdock Street.
- Concern was expressed for having a water quality facility (pond) along Murdock that could be home to mosquitos and be dangerous for children.
- Concern was expressed about the removal of mature trees and vegetation screening within the project area and would like the design to be modified to save trees.

- A participant expressed concern about the level of notice received on what the design would look like or how it would impact his property prior to the open house.
- Comments were made about receiving mail during construction.
- Comments were made about parking concerns on side streets.
- Comments were made about a new subdivision being developed on the south side of Murdock Street between 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 100<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### **What We Heard and What We are Doing**

- Our number one goal with the Murdock Street Improvement project is to provide safe access for school children to get to and from Templeton Elementary School and Twality Middle School. The most efficient approach is to continue with a shared use path. That being said, we are refining our approach to reduce impacts to property owners and the environment, but still meet the project goals of providing an improved pedestrian connection between the schools and the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Our team will change the shared use path width from 13 feet to 10 feet (plus 6 inches for curb).
- Our team will evaluate the option to reduce the shared use path width around trees to be preserved. Our arborist will complete an evaluation and make recommendations to narrow the pathway to 8 feet (plus 6 inches for curb) where possible. To accommodate bi-directional bike traffic and pedestrians the minimum width of the path will be 8 feet in these areas, and 10 feet in all other areas.
- Once the cross sections are adjusted, we will share them on this web page and with property owners as the project moves forward. The website will be routinely updated with project updates, schedule updates, etc.)
- Our team will focus on slowing down cars on Murdock Street. We are starting with conducting traffic studies along Murdock and side streets. We intend to enhance intersection crossings for pedestrians, and will introduce other traffic calming measures based on findings of the speed studies and as resources/budget allows.
- The Murdock Street Project has limited budget and resources. The proposed solutions will provide a healthy balance between reconstruction of the street and building out facilities on both sides keeping it a cost-effective project and providing the much-needed safety corridor.
- Our team will work with each individual property owner to discuss project concerns and work towards equitable solutions.
- The City's project manager, Jeff Peck, will always be available to listen to concerns and help find solutions.

**Schedule Update:**

- Our team will revise the cross section and preliminary plans over next few months
- Updated plans expected to be posted (December 2023).
- Final design completed and contractor procurement (April 2024).
- Pre-Construction open house & meet the contractor (May 2024).
- Construction period (Summer 2024).