



Sidewalk Project Open House

Open House Summary April 9, 2019

Washington County held an open house for three Urban Roads Maintenance District (URMD) sidewalk projects within the Farmington Rd/185th Ave area in Aloha 5-7pm Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Mountain View Middle School (17500 SW Farmington Road). No formal presentation was held. This was joint open house for three upcoming sidewalk projects: 179th Avenue (Ivy Glenn Drive to Farmington Road); 185th Avenue (Burnsridge Park to Bethel Court); and Rosa Road (198th Avenue to Farmington Road). Members of the public were invited to stop in at any time during the event to review displays, meet the contractor and design team staff, ask questions, inform staff of issues, and to submit comments.

To inform the public and interested parties of the event, Washington County sent out approximately 4,900 postcards to adjacent property owners and the surrounding neighborhoods, which included areas of CPO 6. County staff sent a media release to its standard list of local and regional media. The project websites included an announcement of the open house and other County web pages and newsletters advertised the event, including Washington County Roads (www.wc-roads.com) and the *LUT NEWS* e-newsletter. Social media outreach was conducted on Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor.

The purpose of the open house was to present the proposed improvements for the three locations. An informal open house format was used at the meeting, allowing the members public to discuss the aspects of the design with the contractor and members of the project design team. Members of each project's design team and several additional staff from Washington County were available to answer questions. Attendees were encouraged to meet the project team members, ask questions, and to record their comments/concerns on the open house comment form.

The following exhibits were available for review at the meeting:

- SW 179th Avenue sidewalk improvement strip map;
- SW 185th Avenue sidewalk improvement strip map;
- SW Rosa Road sidewalk improvement strip map;

Handouts:

- "Fast Facts" sheet and schedule
- Comment forms
- Moving Because of Highway or Public Projects brochure
- Acquiring Lands for Highway and Other Public Projects brochure

Open House Summary (cont'd)

Comment forms were available for those attending the open house. Three (3) people submitted comments. The following is a summary of comments received at the open house and staff responses:

Comment(s)	Staff Response
All comments are typed verbatim and were reviewed by the project team.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When will it go from “proposed” to final decision regarding which side sidewalk is going? Been on hold for approx. 1 year and told was to be decided by end of last summer. 2. When did “right-of-way” increase to current sizing from 3 feet? Told tonight that it’s almost 10’ into yard. 3. How to get the intersection of Rosa Rd (SW side) and 196th to be a 3-way stop? Currently, Rosa has right of way and 196th stops. However, too many people on 196th see the next stop sign and runs thru the intersection. This has caused numerous near misses 	<p>It is assumed that these questions pertain to the Rosa Road sidewalk project and are answered based on this assumption:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The alignment of the sidewalk is set. The county is trying to balance the limited budget of this project while trying to utilize existing sidewalk. 2. Right-of-way on Rosa has not changed, and it not planned to as part of this project. This project is proposing to construct these pedestrian improvements within the existing right-of-way. 3. The major traffic movement is on Rosa Road thus the free movement. Understanding the issue and your concerns, we are re-evaluating these two intersections and will discuss with our Traffic Engineering group.
<p>Can we consider speed impediments between 185th and 196th? Vehicles going both directions speed before/after the light at Rosa and 185th. We’ve worked to have the Sheriff out there more and that hasn’t helped</p> <p>Also, can Clean Water Services evaluate storm drainage 185th to 191st instead of leaving as a ditch? We have pedestrians consistently leave trash in the ditch.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the county is not planning on installing any speed “humps” as Rosa Road is a collector.</p> <p>We have passed your concerns on to Clean Water Services for consideration regarding the filling in of ditches. Due to budget constraints, this project would not be able to absorb the additional costs of this work.</p>
<p>I appreciate the effort to put in a sidewalk but the speed of traffic remains unaffected. Cars fly by w/o hedence to speed postings. The dangers are still present for the majority of us on the road/who live on that road when we pull in and out of our driveways or our children are loading/offloading from the car. Speed bumps would also be appreciated.</p>	<p>The county acknowledges your concerns but is not planning on installing any speed “humps” as Rosa Road is a collector. By constructing these improvements at least should remove pedestrians out of the road giving them a safe location to walk.</p>

END OF COMMENTS