

# **UNIVERSITY AVENUE PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2017**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Waterloo is conducting a Public Information Meeting to discuss the status of the University Avenue Project and to present the preliminary design for improvements that are being considered. This project extends from Midway Drive to U.S. 63 in Waterloo, Iowa.

This informational meeting is intended to give the public an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the proposed project. This is your opportunity to express views, either as an individual or a group representative. A citizen comment form is provided and can either be turned in at this meeting or mailed to the City Engineer's office. Email comments are accepted as well. Please send emails to [university.avenue@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:university.avenue@waterloo-ia.org). It is requested that all written or e-mailed comments be submitted by October 31, 2017.

## **CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT**

The project is currently in the "Preliminary Design" phase. During this phase of the project, the following activities are being completed:

- Roadway profile alignments and geometric data are being set.
- Construction staging is being designed.
- Storm sewer and utilities are being designed.
- Right-of-way impacts are being determined.
- Accommodation of pedestrians and bicycles is being designed.

Details of the project will be discussed at tonight's meeting, or can be reviewed at any time by contacting the City Engineer's office. Additional information can be found on the City's website at <http://www.cityofwaterlooiowa.com/departments/engineering/UniversityAve.php> or Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/UniversityAveWaterloo](http://www.Facebook.com/UniversityAveWaterloo).

## **PURPOSE AND NEED OF PROJECT**

The purpose of the University Avenue Project is to reconstruct the existing pavement. Improvements on University Avenue are needed for several reasons:

- Reconstruct University Avenue for a 30+ year life.
- Optimize corridor operations to move people across and through the area safely and efficiently.
- Develop a Complete Street corridor that is functional and appealing for motorists and non-motorists alike.
- Provide opportunities for aesthetic enhancements.
- Support growth and revitalization.

The proposed improvements on University Avenue are intended to improve the existing corridor for all users, while providing adequate capacity to accommodate future traffic growth.

## **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Following the public informational meeting, the project development will continue into final design for the University Avenue corridor. Some of the upcoming activities will include:

- Input from the public informational meeting will be reviewed to determine if additional considerations or alternatives should be incorporated into the design.
- The preliminary design will be evaluated to determine their impacts and their ability to accommodate future transportation needs.
- Estimated costs for constructing the improvements will be developed.
- University Avenue Project Schedules:
  - Phase 1 - Public Hearing: February 2018 / Construction Begins: Spring 2018
  - Phase 2 - Public Hearing: February 2019 / Construction Begins: Spring 2019
  - Phase 3 - Public Hearing: February 2020 / Construction Begins: Spring 2020

\*Please note that all schedules are subject to change and that construction schedules will depend on funding availability.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

If you have any comments on the proposed project or questions about its development, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached Citizen Comment Form. Please return your comments by October 31, 2017.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENT FORM**

TO: Mr. Jeff Bales  
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RE: University Avenue Project  
Public Informational Meeting  
October 17, 2017

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