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3411 South 3rd Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070



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Janine Jordan  
Laramie City Manager  
406 Ivinson Avenue  
Laramie, WY 82070

Re: N232067 - Laramie 3rd St.; North Median Location; Clark St.-Lewis St.

Dear Ms. Jordan,

City Staff has expressed their concern about the location of the proposed median on north 3rd Street, specifically that WYDOT's most current plan issuance did not reflect the City's and City Council's decision to move the median to mid-block. This was an omission on our part and not a conscious decision to move the island back to the original location. We will certainly adjust our next plan issuance, however I do feel that more discussion is necessary based on discussions at the meeting and on other feedback I have received. It's critical that this median meet the needs of all stakeholders involved and be safe for the traveling public.

WYDOT has several concerns that may not have been taken into consideration with the move to mid-block:

- Safe pedestrian crossing opportunities across 3rd. St. has been a concern in this area. The original median concept at Clark St. provided a refuge to help facilitate safe ped crossings at the intersection, and we received positive feedback for this at the public meeting held for the project. On the other hand, a mid-block island may encourage peds to cross at that location which is a less safe condition.
- The mid-block island must not restrict sight triangles for the adjacent intersections, and as a result cannot contain any features or visual obstructions above curb height. This would limit the installation of the gateway treatments which originally justified the island.
- Per the original agreement, the design of the islands is the responsibility of the City of Laramie. The designs we have received from the City's consultant do not show a mid-block configuration.
- The conceptual drawing attached to the resolution depicts left turn lanes on 3rd St. on either side of the proposed mid-block island. WYDOT agrees that this is best for operation and throughput on 3rd St., but this would leave very little length left for the island once adequate left turn lane storage is provided.

It is critical that this median island meet the goals of all the stakeholders involved: The City, Downtown Laramie, adjacent businesses, WYDOT, and most importantly the traveling public. It must also serve a clear purpose to justify the long term maintenance that it will require. For these reasons I feel it would be most beneficial to hold a discussion with all the stakeholders involved and agree on the best path forward.

Please call if you have questions or would like to discuss prior to setting up this meeting.

Sincerely,

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District Engineer

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Kory Cramer, P.E., Resident Engineer, Laramie  
Representative Trey Sherwood, Downtown Laramie  
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