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To: Laramie City Council Members

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RE: 22nd Street and Reynolds Street Signalization Project Summary to Date.

In March 2019, the 22nd Street and Reynolds Signalization Design project was advertised, with proposals received in April 2019. DOWL Engineering of Laramie was chosen through the City's Professional Engineering Services selection process. The final estimated amount for services from DOWL was \$34,105.00. In accordance with the City of Laramie Purchasing Policy a contract was produced and approved by the Public Works Department.

DOWL developed a preliminary design with the maximum amount of safety in mind. Due to the width of the streets and requirement for turn lanes, that plan eliminated a great deal of parking on Reynolds and 22nd. With recent concerns from citizens and Council members regarding parking, City staff requested that DOWL complete a second preliminary design to include the minimum amount of parking removal while still maintaining safety and operation efficiencies for multi-modal transportation.

On October 15, 2019 staff met with Albany County School District staff to discuss the intersection and the parking removal bordering School District property. School District staff showed favor in the removal of the maximum amount of parking as they believe this will allow their busses and students to maneuver in the safest way possible.

On November 5th, 2019 City Council authorized an additional \$2,000.00 in funding to allow for DOWL to prepare additional exhibits for and attend a public meeting.

On November 12th, 2019 City staff received the second preliminary design from DOWL and staff scheduled a public meeting for November 20th, 2019 to present the public with the two preliminary designs and receive comment.

On November 13th, 2019 notifications were mailed to all residents directly affected by any parking removal in the area. A press release was sent to all media contacts and was uploaded to the City website and social media pages. In addition, all Traffic Commission members received an e-mail notifying them of the public meeting for this project. At the November 19th, 2019 City Council meeting, Assistant City Manager Todd Feezer publicly announced the meeting time and location.


Six City staff members and two Engineers from DOWL attended the public meeting to field questions and receive comments. Many residents attended the meeting that occurred from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 23 residents signed the sign-in sheet. Nine comments were left on comment cards and eight comments were received after the meeting by e-mail and USPS.

After a review of the comments, City staff is planning to move forward with the design that removes the least amount of parking while still maintaining safety and operational efficiency for multi-modal transportation. DOWL will finalize the design and City staff plans to request bids for the required mast arms and equipment in February 2020. That bid award and any future bid award for the construction will be brought before City Council for approval. Due to the lead time for delivery of the mast arms and equipment, the project will not start until summer 2020 with anticipated completion prior to the start of the next school year.

The normal process for a project like this would be to simply design and build following normal Purchasing Policy procedures. Due to the heavy public interest in this project, staff has taken these extra steps to ensure public input and transparency.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, please feel free to contact Chief Operating Officer Malea Brown or myself and we would be happy to discuss.

Thank you



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Public Works Director