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US-60/Grand Avenue COMPASS

Loop 303 to Interstate 10

Access Management Workshop
City of Glendale
March 4, 2014; 2:33 – 4:15 p.m.

Transportation Planning Conference Room
5800 West Glenn Drive

AGENCY ATTENDEES

Debbie Albert
Cathy Colbath
Bob Darr

Jon Froke
Stuart Kent
Chris Lemka

MAG STAFF

Bob Hazlett

CONSULTANT TEAM

Phil Demosthenes
Jason Pagnard, Burgess & Niple

Audra Koester Thomas, PSA
Jim Townsend, Wilson & Company

HANDOUTS

Agenda, PowerPoint presentation, draft access management advance information sheet.

INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Hazlett, MAG project manager, welcomed everyone and after a brief review of the project, asked all participants to introduce themselves.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

Phil Demosthenes, team expert on access management, provided a thorough review of access management policy and plan concepts.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Jason Pagnard, study team project manager, introduced a "straw man" access management plan for review and discussion. The following issues, opportunities and ideas were offered during the discussion:

- Access at 63rd Avenue/Orangewood: access is closed except for northbound-access to a City facility.
- Access at Missouri should be a $\frac{3}{4}$ access point, not a right-in right-out access point.

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- An analysis of needed storage/queue length for each intersection along US-60/Grand Avenue (particularly between 71st Avenue and Camelback) would be beneficial.
- Completed access management improvements and agreements from city efforts needs to be memorialized through this study.
- Bringing access into downtown Glendale should focus at Glendale “gateways” of Myrtle and 57th Avenue.
- Desire to consolidate/reduce access points between 71st Avenue and West Royal Palm to mirror effort that has occurred south of Northern.
- Desire to look at better system management (e.g., ITS, traffic cameras).
- Do not like use of “continuous” right turn lanes.
- Desire a standardized corridor signage package and advance/way finding signs.
- Left-turn lanes need to be reviewed as larger truck’s mirrors are being clipped from oncoming traffic.
- Many pedestrians linger in right of way throughout the corridor; pedestrian access and movements will need to be considered.

Mr. Hazlett also requested any information for underground utilities and other potential obstacles at Bethany Home or 67th Avenue be forwarded to the study team.

Additional items are noted on the attached roll plots.

Mr. Hazlett concluded the discussion highlighting zoning overlays as a potential implementation tool communities could use in incrementally applying an access management plan. Decision trees and draft policy language would be a final product of this effort. Jon Froke, Glendale Planning Director, indicated that there would be potential in taking the overlay district concept to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Mr. Demosthenes also noted that ensuring access management rights are included in deeds is another important tool, particularly for Glendale who has been proactive in acquiring access and right-of-way. It was also suggested that the study team potentially meet with Roger Miles from URS Corporation who assisted the city in right-of-way acquisitions.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Hazlett reviewed potential operation improvement strategies, including Median urban Diamond (MUD) and Upstream Signalized Crossover (USC) being considered for use in the corridor.

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LANDOWNER AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

The following key landowners and stakeholders were identified by participants as potential candidates for meeting one-on-one to review draft access management elements and planning ideas prior to the late spring public open houses.

- Sands Chevrolet (53rd/Grand Avenue)
- Sanderson Ford (53rd/Grand Avenue)
- Bethany Heights community (northeast corner of Missouri/Grand Avenue)
- ZyTech Building Systems (67th/Grand Avenue)
- Bob Swaddley (property owners at the southeast corner of Northern/Grand Avenue)

Presentations to the Planning and Zoning Commission, CTAC, and City Council were also suggested at the completion of the study.



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