

## Shoal Creek Boulevard Transportation Project - Frequently Asked Questions

Approximately 325 citizens attended the Shoal Creek Boulevard Transportation Project Public Meeting held on May 11, 2005 at the Gullett Elementary School cafeteria. The following is a list of frequently asked questions along with the Public Works staff response:

Q: What can citizens do to expedite removal of the curb islands?

A: Citizens can provide input about the project to the Project Manager, Keri Juarez, at 974-7298.

Q: How do the curb extensions make Shoal Creek Boulevard safer for cyclists, motorists or pedestrians?

A: Public Works staff is currently monitoring the safety of the project for all road users.

Q: How long will the monitoring continue?

A: The current phase of evaluation will continue for approximately six months.

Q: How can the public participate in the monitoring?

A: Citizens can participate in the monitoring process by contacting the Project Manager, Keri Juarez, at 974-7298.

Q: How can two large vehicles and two cyclists arriving simultaneously safely navigate areas where two curb extensions are directly opposite one another?

A: Monitoring shows that motorists and cyclists are able to safely maneuver around the curb islands.

Q: Why were the curb islands installed all at once?

A: City staff and stakeholders worked for five years to develop a plan with the intent of satisfying all stakeholders. City Council and management encouraged staff to promptly implement the plan.

Q: Do the curb islands slow traffic?

A: Results from speed analyses performed before and after construction indicate that the project did not significantly slow the speed of traffic.

Q: How was the project funded?

A: The project was funded by the Neighborhood Match Traffic Calming Program, per a March 29, 2001 City Council resolution.

Q: How was the Allandale Neighborhood Association involved in the planning and design process?

A: Members of the ANA were instrumental in communicating to City Council and staff that bicycle lanes with restricted parking were unacceptable. Many members of the ANA participated in the Working Group that was formed to develop a solution to satisfy all stakeholders. Information about the project was distributed to ANA members through a listserve and newsletters.

Q: How were residents notified of the public meetings?

A: Residents were notified of public meetings through a combination of mailed postcards, posted signs, emails, newspaper notices and flyers.

- Q: How will the crepe myrtles be maintained to prevent branches from protruding into the travel areas?
- A: The contractor will maintain the landscaping until April, 2006. The City inspector will monitor to ensure the contractor trims the crepe myrtles appropriately.
- Q: How are the curb islands visible at night and in rainy or foggy conditions?
- A: Raised reflective pavement markers, reflective curb paint and object markers all add to the visibility of the curb islands.
- Q: How can the City encourage cyclists to obey traffic laws?
- A: Cyclists are expected to follow the same traffic laws as motorists. Cyclists who do not obey traffic laws can receive a traffic citation.
- Q: Does City staff and management believe that the project is safe?
- A: Monitoring performed by City staff has not shown that the curb islands are a hazard.