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Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION (Motion):

Staff will provide an update on the latest design status on the Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project and support a discussion by the City Commission on the proposed goals.

BACKGROUND:

City Commission Goal 2: Address Critical Facility Needs - *Complete the design and begin construction of the Molalla Avenue reconstruction project.*

Molalla Avenue is a key corridor for all travel modes connecting the Oregon City Regional Center with Clackamas Community College and Clackamas County Red Soils Campus, as well as connecting the residential areas on the west side to the commercial areas on the north and east sides. Currently, the corridor is uncomfortable, unwelcoming, and unaccommodating for those walking, biking, or accessing transit.

When complete, the project will include:

- continuous bike lanes along the entire corridor;
- 10-foot wide continuous ADA-compliant sidewalks, street trees, and pedestrian level street lighting along the west side of this developed corridor;
- ADA-compliant ramps along both the east and west sides of the corridor;
- transit amenities along both sides of the corridor;
- street furnishings; improved access management; and
- more convenient and safer street crossings.

At this time, the project team has been working on refining the project elements to accommodate current and future safety and traffic needs.

Traffic Analysis: Traffic counts are done. The technical analysis and design on lane configurations and intersection designs at Beaver Creek, Clairmont, Gaffney, and Fir are underway. Analysis and design of access management medians and three midblock pedestrian enhanced crossings are underway.

Geotechnical: Field work and road section structural analysis is complete. Signal foundation design will follow the 60% design approval.

Design: The City has received and is reviewing 60 percent plans which include a more detailed design with more articulate roadway plan and profile sheets, utility design sheets (water, sewer, and storm), designs for curb ramps, striping, signage, signals, and more details.

TriMet: Tentative transit stop locations have been established.

Public Outreach: Kick-off meeting is complete, outreach plan is complete, project website is complete and up to date, online community survey has been published and is now closed, and communication with the key stakeholders is in progress and ongoing. The first Public Open House was held on March 20, 2019 and the second (60% design) Public Open House is scheduled for July 31, 2019.

Project Webpage: The City has an extensive project webpage which is in the process of being updated in time for the 60 percent Open House with a revised project overview, design updates, public involvement information, and supporting documents. The content available online is significant. The website can be found at: <https://www.orcity.org/publicworks/project/ci-18-04> or by searching Molalla Avenue Streetscape Project on the City's website.