

Informational Meeting
April 19, 2010

QUESTION: Can you wait until after the 4th of July to start the project? What about doing 2 or 3 shifts instead of 1? Also, can access from Radstock to mall parking lot be done?

ANSWER: We were hoping the downtown phase would be completed by the 4th of July, with the later bid letting the completion date for downtown would more than likely be July 30. Once the schedule is set then the crews will be set, however, previous experience says citizens will complain of noise at night if there is a night crew. Also, there are two ways to do work days-calendar days or good work days. The access cannot be done through the contract it would have to be done privately.

QUESTION: Are liquidated damages built into the contract? Are dates guaranteed? Are there pre-qualifications for the contractor? Do you know the cost for flowable traffic?

ANSWER: Yes damages are built into the contract. Yes pre-qualifications are required; they are on MDOT's website. It is a safety issue to have two-way traffic. Also, there is physically not enough room to have two way traffic due to the trench and the sewer being only 11 ft. off center.

QUESTION: Can we put flagmen out to alternate traffic?

ANSWER: If this would happen then you would have to throw out the schedule. We would not finish the project at all this year. We've already cut off four weeks from the project. You could shut down the road completely for a shorter schedule....

QUESTION: If we(the businesses downtown) close our doors for two, three or four weeks and you shut down that portion of the road for zero traffic could you get the project (the downtown portion) done?

ANSWER: That is something we would have to ask the low-bid contractor. If he says he can do it then yes there would be nothing wrong with that.

QUESTION: Can Lois Smith stop the project by obtaining a court order?

ANSWER: We have no knowledge of any activities which would warrant the courts to stop the project. Also, that area there is platted which means we (the county) actually own the right of way. There are no easements down there, we actually own that.

QUESTION: Is the ending date of this project firm? And will we know if the date is extended, will the county tell us or will we know because they keep working?

ANSWER: Yes the ending date is firm, October 29th. Only for good reason can an extension be granted. Also, an extension must be approved 2 weeks prior to the original end date. You will most likely know due to the continuation of work.

QUESTION: Can there be an incentive given for an early finish date and penalties applied if there is a late finish date?

ANSWER: We cannot create incentives for early finish date. An outside entity would have to reimburse the Road Commission for that money. The Road Commission cannot just hand out that kind of money as an incentive.

QUESTION: Are there other dollars besides federal dollars going into this project? What happened to the 150,000 dollars in the public improvement fund?

ANSWER: There are federal funds, state funds (Special rural task force road construction), federal enhancement dollars, CMAQ dollars, bonds, DDA, Road Commission dollars, Wayland schools dollars and also township dollars. The 150K dollars is still there, however the contingency is not built up to the point of using those funds for this project.

QUESTION: Will there be one lane the entire time until October 29?

ANSWER: We will need a schedule from the contractor to know. There will be two lanes to the east(East of 18th) while the west(West of 18th) is being done and while the east(East of 18th) is being done there will be two lanes to the west(West of 18th).

QUESTION: People are shocked there is no working timeline yet and that there is no description of this project.

ANSWER: We have a working timeline, and we also have a detailed description available. However, changes have to be made due to late bid letting. Modifications will be made once a contractor is solidified. The addendum will be set in the next eight days.

QUESTION: What about fire and safety? Have you thought about that? Will the fire trucks be moved?

ANSWER: There will be a full time inspector on site. Also, yes, fire trucks will be staged other places, and there are mutual aid agreements in place with area Fire Departments.

QUESTION: What if there are extra monies left over? Who gets those?

ANSWER: It will depend on where there are monies left. The project is sectioned off. For example, if the lights come in under budget with the street scaping then the DDA will keep those dollars.

QUESTION(from Mark DeYoung): If you the business and property owners had to choose which way the one way traffic flowed which would you choose?

ANSWER: Overall consensus was to have traffic move westbound, allowing people to get to Dorr from the highway.

QUESTION: The detours are on dirt roads, will there be a higher level of maintenance during construction? Also will there be signs for the detour?

ANSWER: The Road Commission already regularly maintains the dirt roads. However, during construction there will be a higher level of maintenance. Also, there will be signs as well as 'billboard' type signs for the detours.

QUESTION: Are we dumping money to get rid of parallel parking just to put it in again some day?

ANSWER: Adding parallel parking back in is only a matter of moving the paint stripes. However, if you do that the Federal highway dollars must be reimbursed for all the work you are negating. Parallel parking will remain on the south side of the street as part of the street scaping, the north side doesn't have many legal parallel parking spots.

QUESTION: What about having two way traffic nights and weekends?

ANSWER: If we did that then the contractor and his workers would have to fill in that 14 ft trench every night and dig it all back out the next morning.

QUESTION: Why not have flagmen so there can be two-way traffic?

ANSWER: You cannot have a flagger at night. Also, intersections and driveways would be a problem.

QUESTION: What about having flagmen during the day for two-way traffic and one-way traffic at night?

ANSWER: This would drive the cost of the project up as well as drag the timeline out. Also, we cannot negotiate with the contractor, then there would have to be a re-bidding of the project. Also, with two-way traffic people would have to sit so long for people who are turning they would find other routes on their own and businesses would lose even more.

QUESTION: Can we meet with the contractor? Also, what about a smaller detour through Rancho?

ANSWER: Yes, once we have a contractor we will have another meeting with you all and him. The smaller detour can be something done by the citizens on your own. It cannot be put into the contract.

QUESTION: So you have eight days to decide where your starting point is? Will you work from the top of the hill down?

ANSWER: Yes, we have eight days. The 4th of July committee is not running the show. Once the start point has been determined the 4th of July committee will decide what they are doing. We are going to start downtown first (west of 18th) and go East to Maple. Then we will go up to Dicks and start on the south side. Once that is done we will move to the North side. Depending on the contractor they could start from both ends of the east phase and work towards the center, but once the contractor is on board he may have other ideas.

QUESTION: Is there a stipulation for phasing liquid damages on the July 30th deadline for the downtown area? Is there a special provision built into the contract for that?

ANSWER: Possibly, if it is possible to put that in the contract then yes we could put that stipulation in there.

QUESTION: If there are liquidated damages owed by the contractor for not finishing on time who gets those?

ANSWER: MDOT

QUESTION: Who grants an extension to the contractor?

ANSWER: That would be approved by the local MDOT office.

QUESTION: When will the street scaping be done East of Dorr?

ANSWER: There is not a definite date; the funding makes things a little tricky.

QUESTION: Do we have access to the documents of the project in the township offices?

ANSWER: There is a blueprint of this project in the office already. We (the Road Commission) will leave the proposal here for people to look over. The addendum will be added after it is prepared.