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Dear Downtown Business Owners,

Thank you for expressing the concerns of some of the downtown businesses regarding the upcoming 2nd & 3rd Street South Roadway Rebuild project.

We believe it's important to keep the lines of communication open as we navigate through this project that will ultimately improve the appearance of Downtown Nampa and make all of us Nampa Proud. Our goal is to improve the aging roadway infrastructure while contributing to the revitalization of Downtown Nampa.

Thank you to those that attended the Downtown Association meeting when we discussed this project and the rolling block meetings that we recently held.

If you missed any of the information that the City has distributed for this project, we have everything available on a web page dedicated to this project. You can navigate there by following the simple steps below or follow this link: <http://cityofnampa.us/2ndand3rdrebuild>

1. In your web browser visit the City website at www.cityofnampa.us
2. Click the red tab in the top left corner titled City Construction Projects.
3. Scroll toward the bottom of the webpage and select the 2nd & 3rd Street South Roadway Rebuild Project hyperlink

We appreciate your continued participation throughout the design process. We have considered recommendations that were suggested during previous meetings with the Downtown Business Association and business owners during the rolling block meetings. Those questions along with your concerns identified within the recent letter dated May 9, 2017 are below. The questions to the City are in bold:

- 1. Schedule this project for the Spring to avoid our peak revenue months (typically June through December.)**

The City has considered the project schedule and started design a year in advance of construction to strategically bid and construct the project during the least impactful time of year for businesses. We expect to finalize plans and specifications later this fiscal year and anticipate a winter bid and a spring construction.

- 2. When selecting a contractor, give preference to those who have the capacity to mobilize quickly and complete the project in the shortest amount of time.**

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The City must abide by Idaho State Law which includes public advertisement of the project and acceptance of the lowest qualified bidder.

3. Excluding residential areas, perform as much of the work as possible at night when most of our businesses are closed.

Historically, the costs for night time construction increase substantially. As funding for this project is limited night work is not likely.

4. Provide economic incentives to the contractor(s) for the early completion of work.

The City will consider providing economic incentives for this project. Historically the City has limited construction timeframes and included substantial penalties if construction was not completed within the allotted construction time.

5. Provide sustained access on streets and adjacent sidewalks to the extent possible.

Access will be limited during construction for businesses located adjacent to the lanes being reconstructed during each phase. Sidewalk, lighting and pedestrian ramp improvements will be limited to intersections only, this allows businesses to remain open during construction. The anticipated construction phasing is identified below:

- a. Phase 1, 3rd Street South - re-construct southern two lanes and parallel parking, while the northern lane and parallel parking areas will remain open. Pedestrian ramp improvements to intersections adjacent to the southern lane along 3rd Street South will be repaired at one time to minimize business impacts. 2nd Street South will not be under construction during this phase.
- b. Phase 2, 3rd Street South - re-construct northern lane and parallel parking, while southern lanes, parallel parking and pedestrian facilities will have been completed and open. Pedestrian ramp improvements to intersections adjacent to the northern lane along 3rd Street South will be repaired at one time to minimize business impacts. 2nd Street South will not be under construction during this phase.
- c. Phase 3, 2nd Street South - re-construct southern two lanes and parallel parking, while the northern full lane and parallel parking areas will remain open. Pedestrian ramp improvements to intersections adjacent to the southern lane along 2nd Street South will be repaired at one time to minimize business impacts. 3rd Street South will be completed and open.
- d. Phase 4, 2nd Street South - re-construct northern lane and parallel parking, while the southern lanes, parallel parking and pedestrian facilities will have been completed and open. Pedestrian ramp improvements to intersections adjacent to the northern lane along 2nd Street South will be repaired at one time to minimize business impacts. 3rd Street South will be completed and open.

Please note that if the selected contractor has a good reason to vary from this phasing plan, it will be taken into consideration by the City and Engineering team.

6. Provide free parking in the parking garage for the duration of the project. Parallel parking will be reduced during construction for each phase, but will not be eliminated. The Nampa Development Corporation manages the Downtown Parking Garage. The City will share your request with NDC.

7. Minimize the physical length of traffic diversions. At the posted speed, there is no need to divert traffic several blocks ahead of where construction work is actually occurring.

Traffic control plans will be submitted by the contractor prior to construction and reviewed by the City for their correctness and feasibility. Appropriate warning signs and channelizing devices will be installed. Channelizing devices will be used to merge traffic into open travel lane(s) in advance of the construction zone to improve safety for both construction workers and the traveling public. To keep everyone safe, traffic control must extend in advance of the construction zone. The City will work with the contractor to minimize the length of the lane closures when no work is being performed.

8. When not in use, keep traffic diversion cones, barrels and signs clear of parking spaces, and sidewalks.

Traffic control will be a point of emphasis in the contract documents. We will make our best effort to encourage the contractors to remove excess traffic control devices in areas where safe, fiscally responsible and are not being used.

9. To maintain parking spaces for our customers, require contractors to park non-construction vehicles off site (perhaps in City owned parking lots or the parking garage.)

The City is currently exploring options to maintain customer parking spaces. Construction parking and staging areas have not been discussed but will be explored based on your recommendation.

10. Provide active dust abatement.

Provisions for dust abatement will be included within the contract.

11. Provide signs identifying access routes into our businesses and parking areas.

Additional signs may be provided during construction however parking areas will not be designated for specific businesses.

12. Schedule planned outages of utilities (power, sewer, water, phone) to occur at night.

Utility outages are not anticipated during this project.

13. Develop a strategy with the BID to draw people downtown during the project.

The City's Economic Development and Engineering staff will work on strategies with the Downtown Business Association and others to promote business during construction.

14. Provide a point of contact for direct communications between us and project management for addressing site specific issues or concerns. The City's point of contact will be, Clemente Salinas. The project manager and will address site specific issues or concerns. His email address is salinasc@cityofnampa.us, desk phone number is 468-4462 and cell phone number is 249-9929. During construction, you may also directly communicate with the inspection staff on site that has yet to be determined.

As previously stated we have received a few common questions that are a direct result of our previous public involvement efforts, see below:

15. Will sidewalks be fixed? If not is there a way for the property owner to fix the sidewalk?

The project will fix sidewalks and pedestrian ramps at the intersections only. As per city ordinance, property owners are required to maintain sidewalks in front of their property. The City is willing to form a Local Improvement District, (LID), if two thirds of the downtown property owners are willing to pay for their sidewalk improvements. An LID is an option that the City uses to provide property owners a way of making costly frontage improvements. Property owners receive the improved sidewalks and are charged a yearly payment with a low interest rate every year for ten years.

16. Will speeding vehicles be addressed within downtown?

As part of the design, traffic counts and speeds have been recorded. Appropriate signage will be installed as part of the project.

17. Will the project change the roadways to two-way roads?

The roads will not be reconfigured to two-way roadways. The City has studied two-way roadway downtown options dating back to 2008. Capacity will decrease if the roadways were to be modified to two-way roadways. Currently there is only enough space to include a single lane each direction with a two way left turn lane due to the existing sidewalk treatments and parallel parking. Also, limited budget does not allow for the reconfiguration traffic signals.

18. Will bike lanes be added as part of the project?

Bike lanes will not be added as part of the project. The adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan does not have 2nd Street South or 3rd Street South identified to have future bike lanes. The City currently has a project that will install shared lane markings along Front Street to connect the existing bike boulevard along 18th Avenue South to the existing mixed use path located at 15th Avenue South. The mixed-use path provides access to businesses Downtown via Front Street at 13th Avenue South.

19. Install speed bumps to increase safety.

Speed bumps will not be installed with the project as it will cause excessive delay on this highly traveled corridor.

20. Install planters at corners.

Furnishings identified within the Nampa Downtown Streetscape Standards will be installed as part of this project at corners. Planter locations have not specifically been identified.

Thank you again for your valuable input regarding the 2nd & 3rd Streets South Rebuild Project. The City will strive to continue to keep downtown businesses informed and will utilize our website as well as the Downtown Business Association to convey updates. We will continue to support downtown businesses throughout the project to make it a success for all stakeholders.

Sincerely,



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