



Summary of Resident Feedback and Discussion at the 5/12/2022 Informational Meeting on the S. McCarrons Blvd. Retaining Wall Project

- Residents asked why the wall would be replaced instead of repaired.
 - Staff response: The existing wall is not appropriate for current conditions, citing the lack of mortar in the wall, the steep ground slopes at the top of the wall and the lack of soil wrapping. It would not be prudent to continue to put funding into repairing the wall, rather the recommended course of action is to replace it with a wall that will last. As a note, shorter sections of the wall may continue to be maintained by City staff, similar to short walls throughout the City.

- Residents asked if the new wall can be placed where the old wall is located to preserve parking. They also questioned why the new wall would need to be five feet in front of the existing wall.
 - Staff response: Taking down the old wall would require significant impacts to the properties adjacent to the wall. It would also require sheet piling to hold the hill in place during the construction which would increase costs by orders of magnitude. That type of construction could also be invasive to the properties above the wall, impacting their vegetation and trees. Additionally, the City would need to negotiate to do work on the private properties as that type of construction would include work outside the right-of-way. The City is not pursuing this as an option for the above-mentioned reasons. The new wall would need to be five feet in front of the existing wall to accommodate the new wall thickness and the construction process. The wall consultant can give more detail on this at the next neighborhood meeting.

- Residents discussed the longevity of a future wall: 30-year life vs. 100-year life.
 - Staff response: The City is required to meet State Aid Standards when choosing a wall type in order to use Municipal State Aid funds to pay for the wall.

- Resident are concerned about parking spaces on S. McCarrons Blvd. They reported spaces are heavily used for lake access and for guest parking for several properties. They also wanted parking moved to the lake side, so they wouldn't have to cross the road to access the lake.
 - Staff response: Initially, parking was going to be eliminated as the new wall would be placed in front of the old wall. But after hearing neighborhood feedback, staff will work to preserve parking spaces near the shorter sections of the wall and pursue adjusting the street lane stripping to maximize saved parking. Staff will also look at shifting parking to the lake side.

- Residents are concerned about the aesthetics of the retaining wall. Concern about graffiti and the look of plain concrete was discussed. A resident brought up plantings at the bottom of the wall to screen it. Another resident asked where they could go to see different wall treatment styles.
 - Staff response: The City will provide opportunity for residents to guide the selection of wall treatment styles. Staff will present several options and request input later in the summer as design of the project moves forward.

- Residents asked about keeping existing openings in the wall for access.
 - Staff response: Currently, the plan is to keep the existing accesses open and available for residents to use.

- Residents are concerned about the street corner north of the wall. Line of sight and pedestrian visibility was discussed.
 - Staff response: Staff will look at this area for safety and how the wall replacement may affect visibility at this location.

- Residents are concerned about wildlife in the area, specifically discussed turtles getting stuck by the wall.
 - Staff response: We will discuss wildlife concerns and remediations with our consultant during design.

- Residents are concerned about how the drainage and groundwater flows will affect the wall. Residents also asked if engineers could look at the drainage in the alleyway and between the properties to see if improvements could be made.
 - Staff response: The wall will be designed with drain tile and depressions at the top of the wall to route the water away from the wall without affecting the structure. The City can evaluate the drainage in the alleyway, but any improvements would fall under the City's Assessment Policy – meaning residents would pay for some portion of any improvements.

If you have additional comments or your comment was missed in this summary, please contact the project staff at the phone numbers or email addresses below.

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