Meeting Notes

Project: Georgetown 2014 Sidewalk Master Plan and Public Facility Access Audit

Subject: Housing Outreach Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Location: 816 S Main St, Georgetown, TX 78626

Attendees: Jennifer Bills, City of Georgetown (Housing)  Nat Waggoner, City of Georgetown  Leslie Pollack, HDR

Project update by Nat Waggoner and Leslie Pollack

Public Open House Schedule

- First Public Open House scheduled for 25 September
  - Downtown (location)
  - The purpose will be to gather information and get input on project prioritization
- Second Open House could be in Sun City
  - Sun City has an agreement with City to install/maintain their own sidewalks
  - The purpose will be to promote project awareness and gather support for sidewalks and facilities funding

Sidewalk Prioritization to Date

- City of Georgetown Housing priority for sidewalk installations to date
  - Local streets – lower priority
  - Main thoroughfares higher priority due to pedestrian volumes

Upcoming City sidewalk projects through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

- 2nd St – Austin to College
  - $160K available on 10/1/14
- 3rd St – Blue Hole Park Road to MLK
  - 2015
  - Requested
  - No funding allocated yet

Future Sidewalk Needs and Known Issues

- Williams Dr
- Austin Ave from FM1460 to the north (will be expensive section)
  - How do we get pedestrians to the east side of the street?
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- Would need curb and gutter
  - Boys & Girls Club across Austin
  - Further south on Scenic – existing trail not sufficient
  - Railroad – sidewalk ADA issue
  - Crosswalks
  - Sidewalks on freeway facilities could be useful – City does see pedestrians walking along the frontage roads.
    - Now required by TxDOT

Future Considerations for Sidewalk Prioritization

- Future urban rail stops
- Schools
- Age
  - Elderly
  - School age
- Income Prioritization
  - 2010 census doesn’t have income data
  - Survey every 3 years of block income data
  - From HUD – Map indicates areas with 47% low to moderate income or greater
    - Less than 80% of median income
    - 80% of the annual median income
      - Family of 1 – $42,250
      - Family of 2 - $48,250
      - Family of 3 – $54,300
      - Family of 4 - $60,300

Misc. Considerations

- Georgetown Housing Authority did not designate all streets to city
  - City maintains street not sidewalk
  - Housing authority owns sidewalk & street
  - Housing authority maintains sidewalk
- What 2000 Phase 1 sidewalks are complete?

City Regulations

- Sidewalk trust fund
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- 20% of cost to sidewalk fund
- Delay until house construction
- Returned if built in 5 years

- City Code has 80% rule that exempts sidewalk construction, unless they are identified in the Sidewalk Master Plan or located within 1,000 feet of a school or park.
- City Code has Alternate Sidewalk Plan