

# Community Meeting #1 Summary

January 27, 2016

## **In Attendance:**

Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Brinkman

City Representatives:

Public Works & Utilities Director, Mark Relph

Community Development Director, Jocelyn Mills

Transportation Engineering Manager, Aaron Heumann

Traffic Analyst, Tim Weaver

34 Residents (signed in)

## **Discussion:**

Debbie Brinkman welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of this first Community Meeting to discuss the Mineral Avenue corridor between Platte Canyon Road and Polo Ridge Drive. Debbie introduced Mark Relph as the relatively new Public Works and Utilities Director for the City.

Mark introduced the staff representatives from the City including Jocelyn Mills, the Community Development Director, Aaron Heumann, the new City Traffic Engineer, and Tim Weaver, a Traffic Analyst who has been with the City for many years.

Mark indicated the intention of the meeting was to develop a cooperative and collaborative working relationship between the residents in the area and new City staff. The purpose of the meeting was to collect issues and concerns that residents have and not present or solicit any solutions at this time. The intention was for residents to use the sticky notes provided to write down their messages and place them on one of the three wall maps in the appropriate location of their concern.

Tim Weaver provided a brief explanation of the historical traffic volume and accident data represented on one of the wall maps for reference.

There were several resident questions that should have been collected in the comments submitted at the meeting as summarized below.

## **Comment Summary:**

### 1. School busses

- Access Mineral Avenue via Wolff Street, Dusk Court, Overlook Way and Polo Ridge Drive
- Difficulty turning left onto Mineral from Polo Ridge Drive; supposedly have one of the students push the pedestrian button to change signal

### 2. Accidents

- Increased especially at Mineral Avenue/Platte Canyon Road
- At Wolff Street due to two inside lanes queued and third outside lane not stopping
- Due to speed along Mineral Avenue
- Due to weather and maintenance, which creates a parking lot along Mineral Avenue

- Consider severity and safety risk at intersection and not just volume and frequency
  - Restrict Mineral Avenue/Platte Canyon Road left turn movements to protected only
3. Side street access
    - Left turns difficult onto Mineral Avenue at Wolff Street(both sides), Utica Drive, Dusk Court/Overlook Way and Polo Ridge Drive (both sides) and Platte Canyon Road at Polo Club Drive
    - Left turns dangerous due to speed of vehicles on Mineral Avenue
    - Require right turn onto Mineral Avenue and U-turn to head eastbound in morning
    - Right turns onto Mineral Avenue also difficult
  4. Mineral Avenue left turns
    - Dangerous when two inside lanes are queued and third outside lane not stopped
    - Eastbound cannot enter Meadowbrook during evening rush hour
    - Difficult to see around westbound left when eastbound turning at Wolff Street
    - Difficult to turn into Overlook Way
  5. U-turns
    - Used as means to exit Meadowbrook in morning to go eastbound
    - Not safe as means to travel east on Mineral Avenue
    - The Mineral Avenue eastbound restriction at Wolff Street has resulted in turning into Meadowbrook and U-turning at Hinsdale Court
    - Meadows at Platte Valley westbound traffic use eastbound Mineral Avenue and U-turn at Overlook Way or Polo Ridge Drive
  6. Traffic signal control
    - Promised by The Meadows at Platte Valley developer; put in signal
    - Change Polo Ridge Drive to full signal
    - Coordinate timing between Platte Canyon Road and Polo Ridge Drive
  7. North side trail
    - Bikes need to yield to cars
    - Dangerous trying to pull out from Wolff Street, Dusk Court and Polo Ridge Drive with pedestrians and bicycles along trail
  8. Land use
    - Additional multi-family planned to the south along Platte Canyon Road that will increase traffic on Mineral Avenue even more
    - Ensor property development will impact Mineral Avenue traffic
  9. Lighting
    - Seems inadequate at locations along corridor
    - The commercial businesses in Meadows at Platte Valley leave their lights on all night
  10. Sight distance
    - Difficult to see speeding vehicles on Mineral Avenue at Polo Ridge Drive access

- Improve visibility of pedestrians when exiting Overlook Way

#### 11. Planning

- Mineral Avenue, Bowles Avenue and Belleview Avenue only Platte River crossings; need flyover to eastbound C-470 from Platte Canyon Road as alternative for Jefferson County traffic
- Expand Platte Canyon Road for improved access to Bowles Avenue

#### 12. Additional/Alternative Access

- Provide full movement access at Platte Canyon Road/Mineral Drive
- Meadowbrook has no alternate means of access compared to other neighborhoods
- Overlook residents use Mountain Gate roadways to access Platte Canyon Road; Mineral Drive is narrow and busy with pedestrians and kids
- Need center acceleration lane along eastbound Mineral Avenue for vehicles turning left out of Wolff Street

#### 13. Enforcement

- Speeding on Mineral Avenue
- Illegal U-turns at Wolff Street

#### 14. Pedestrian

- Lack of Mineral Avenue pedestrian crossing locations
- Dangerous walking along Wolff Street due to vehicles U-turning
- Look into reconnecting the trail from Mountain Gate to the Nature Preserve to reduce the number of pedestrians walking on the streets in Overlook neighborhood

#### 15. Miscellaneous

- Lost traffic circling Hinsdale Avenue cul-de-sac
- Sunlight in drivers' eyes eastbound in morning and westbound in evening
- Inadequate setback of apartments causes icing on Mineral Avenue
- Inadequate snow plowing of outside lanes
- Noise caused by the joints on the road that need to be resealed
- Reposition the speed radar signs to more accurately inform eastbound drivers of speed further to the east

#### 16. Questions

- What additional development is planned to the south along Platte Canyon Road and how will this impact Mineral Avenue traffic?
- What will be developed on the Ensor property and how will that impact traffic backups along Mineral Avenue?
- Can the State be involved in providing a flyover access to C-470 eastbound from Platte Canyon Road?
- How many speeding tickets have been issued along Mineral Avenue in the past year?
- Is the Meadows at Platte Valley offer to install a signal still available since they are still building?