

# Hailey River Street

## IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### Public Involvement Overview

The City of Hailey is making plans to improve River Street in downtown Hailey between Walnut and Galena streets. Public involvement began in the spring of 2019. The document outlines the public involvement activities that occurred in April and May.

Meeting	Purpose	Key Themes from Comments Received
<b>Hailey Urban Renewal Agency Meeting</b>  <i>Date: April 4, 2019</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial discussions on new typical sections and explain deviation from previously considered section (fire code compliance).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporation of Street Trees, parking and pedestrian/bicyclists</li> </ul>
<b>One-on-One Property Owner Meetings</b>  <i>Dates: April 17-19, 2019</i>  <i>Met with 10 property owners.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce the project.</li> <li>Present preliminary design concepts.</li> <li>Identify issues and concerns.</li> <li>Answer questions.</li> </ul>	<p>A few themes were consistent throughout the interviews and Hailey URA and Local Agency meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interviewees were supportive of the project and recognized that improvements were needed.</li> <li>A different typical section may be necessary for each block.</li> <li>Interviewees recognized the multimodal use of the corridor and the need to improve safety for all transportation modes.</li> <li>Interviewees were consistently supportive of sidewalks on River Street, and wider sidewalks when possible.</li> </ul> <p>Additional input varied widely. Other notable comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Parking:</b> In general, businesses expressed a strong desire for more parking and preferred angle parking instead of parallel parking. A few interviewees outside the business community preferred fewer parking stalls, parallel parking, and parking on one side of the street.</li> <li><b>Bikes:</b> Interviewees expressed a diversity of comments. Some requested that bike lanes be separated and protected, while others believed the corridor was already functioning well for cyclists and no changes were needed. Several interviewees did not like the bike lanes in front of Jersey Girls, while others liked it. A few raised the idea of installing an on-street bike path between the angle parking and the sidewalk for serious cyclists and bike commuters.</li> <li><b>Landscaping:</b> Several people supported landscaping and/or</li> </ul>
<b>Hailey Urban Renewal Agency Meeting</b>  <i>Date: April 18, 2019</i>		
<b>Local Agency Coordination Meetings</b>  <i>Date: April 18, 2019</i>  <b>Attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hailey Fire</li> <li>Hailey Police</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mountain Rides</i></li> <li>• <i>St. Luke's</i></li> <li>• <i>Valley Chamber of Commerce</i></li> <li>• <i>Blaine School District</i></li> <li>• <i>Wood River Trail</i></li> </ul>		<p>trees along the corridor. However, interviewees said it would be important for the city to maintain any landscaping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lighting:</b> Most people were supportive of lighting, especially focused lighting or motion-activated lighting. Several liked the idea of lighting the pathway along Bullion Street to Hop Porter Park.</li> <li>• <b>Transit:</b> Interviewees were supportive of transit along the corridor. Specific issues included a safety concern about school buses stopping mid-block on River Street to let students out. Another issue was the transit stop in front of the brewery. If curb and gutter is installed, the bus pull-out would interfere with on-street parking.</li> <li>• <b>Drainage:</b> Several specific drainage issues are noted in the individual meeting summaries.</li> <li>• <b>Alternative 1D:</b> There was general support for Alternative 1D, when presented.</li> <li>• <b>Snow removal:</b> Snow removal was mentioned frequently during these interviews. These issues were unrelated to the River Street Improvement Project, but have been documented in the interview summaries for the City's reference.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Open House</b></p> <p><i>Date: May 16, 2019</i></p> <p><i>Attendance: 35</i></p> <p><i>Comments received: 37</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A general preference for River Street Alternative 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some expressed interest in combining 1 and 3.</li> <li>○ Alternatives 2 and 4 seem not as preferable, because the bike path was not separated and several major safety concerns (i.e. angle parking).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Positive responses for the Bullion Street Pathway Alternative 1 greatly outnumbered alternatives 2 and 3.</li> <li>• The public expressed concerns about safety, parking, and snow removal. Other concerns surrounded how cyclists, cars, and pedestrians are separated, and the general aesthetic of the project.</li> </ul>

Documentation of each activity is included with this document.