

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
From Public Meeting on April 17, 2011
21st Avenue Gateway

What is the area in Hillsboro Village that will see sidewalk improvements? *The improvements are proposed from Blakemore to Acklen Avenue on both sides of the street.*

How much of the sidewalks are being changed? *A 48" wide strip along the back of the curb will be improved with a combination of brick-sized pavers and expanded planting spaces beneath the existing trees.*

Clarify how much of the 48" strip of improvements will be planted? The majority of the space 4ft from the back of the existing curb is being replaced with brick sized pavers. Approximately, six feet on either side of the existing trees will become planters.

Will damaged existing brick be repaired beyond the brick being replaced four feet from the back of curb? *There are some areas outside of the 4ft that will be repaired. These include the driveway ramp at the Gas Station on the corner of Acklen and 21st, and the drive ramp at Jackson's. In addition, there may be spot repairs as needed, based on the severity of the damage.*

Why are there no benches in the current design? Feedback received during the master planning process indicated that benches were not a priority for this project. Due to the limited budget, benches were not included in Phase I.

Is the Summer timeframe chosen for construction a good period for the project? *The Summer was determined to be the best time of year to perform the improvements due to the fact that there are longer daylight hours, fewer bad weather days, and the majority of students (a significant user group in the Village) will be away for Summer break. In addition, in order to reduce the chance of the TDOT grant being taken back, the grant needs to be used as soon as possible.*

Will sidewalks be closed during construction? No. Because only a 48" wide strip beside the curb is being replaced, the existing sidewalk and access to businesses will remain open.

What will the barriers separating the construction zone from the open pedestrian travelway look like? *The contractor will determine the specific barrier used. However, because pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained, the barrier will be narrow and not hinder pedestrian traffic.*

Can custom bike racks be accommodated into the design? *Bollard-style bike racks will be installed during Phase I. However, since the pavers used can be removed and reset easily, future bike racks can be added as funding is available either from public/or private sources.*

Is there funding available for other improvements depicted in the Master Plan, (i.e. Park at Magnolia and Portland)? Due to the budget limitations of the grant, it was not

feasible to include the pocket park within Phase I. However, the master plan provides a blueprint for future funding opportunities as they come available.

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