

May 31, 2011

We Need Your Input!

What's the Problem?

North Shields Street (Larimer County Road 17) between Vine Drive and Willox Lane is a narrow, 2-lane roadway that carries more than 9,000 vehicles per day without adequate accommodations for intersections/driveways, and shoulders/bike lanes, etc. The bridge over the Poudre River is structurally deficient and has poor roadway approaches. Haphazard parking along the road to access the Poudre River Trail is problematic. Because of all these issues, the area has become a safety concern with 21 crashes in the last 5 years.

What's Proposed?

Larimer County applied for and received federal funding to construct improvements in the corridor. In general terms, the project will replace the Poudre River bridge, address parking and trail access, and identify other improvements necessary to accommodate pedestrians / bike and adjacent property access. Design has not yet begun, and we haven't determined any details of the improvements. (Note: Although turn lanes may be considered, the road will NOT be widened to a 4-lane facility.)

The City of Fort Collins has an adjacent project planned to improve the intersection of Vine Drive and Shields Street. The two projects have been and will continue to be coordinated.

What's the Schedule?

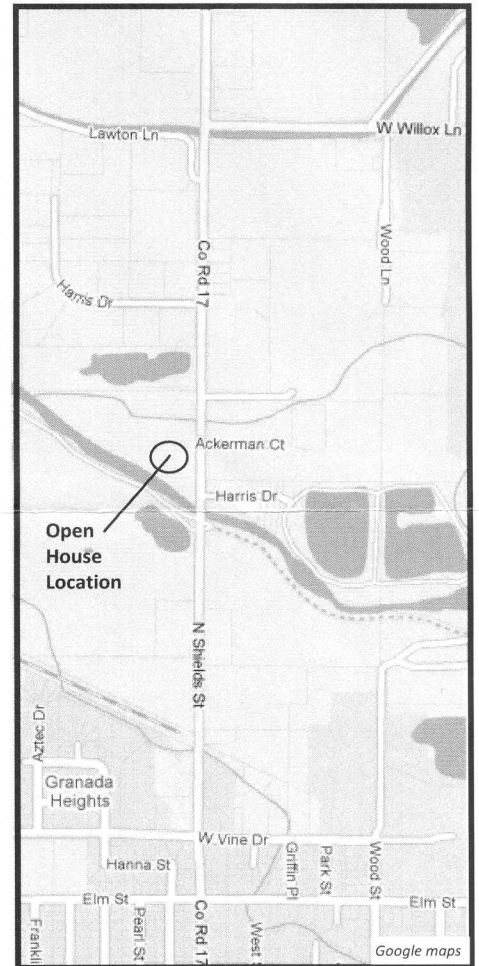
Engineering design will begin in late 2011 and construction is planned in 2014.

Neighborhood Open House Meeting

The project team is holding a pre-design open house meeting to provide information about the project, but more importantly, to gather input, comments, and concerns from area residents and roadway users. Gathering information before the project begins will help guide the design process. Additional public process will occur throughout the design and construction.

The meeting will take place Thursday, June 16th from 5:00 until 7:00 pm at the Emergency Services Building at 1303 N Shields (just north of the Poudre River Bridge). The meeting is an open house format with no formal presentation. You are welcome at anytime during the meeting to come learn about the upcoming project, and submit your thoughts to us. We hope you can attend.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and need more information, call Martina Wilkinson at 970.498.5731 or email at mwilkinson@larimer.org.



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Pre-Design Open House Meeting**

Please join us on

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Larimer County Emergency Services Building (1303 N. Shields Street)