

Steptoe Street Extension Community Project

Neighborhood Meeting

TOPIC: Environmental Considerations

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WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:

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- Need dust control during construction
- Consider controls when dust/debris in other local projects occur at the same time
- Address cumulative impacts in NEPA evaluation
- Evaluate potential for roadway traffic creating smog
- Avoid stormwater drainage impact to Amon Creek
- Address potential impacts to sagebrush
- Consider impact of far view of river and hills
- Consider impact of near view in backyard

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Dust control program conducted during construction
- Coordinate construction with other ongoing projects
- Cumulative impacts will be part of the NEPA evaluation
- Air quality analysis will be performed and air quality standards met
- Stormwater control will be part of project and stormwater will not discharge directly into Amon Creek
- Impacts to sagebrush part of biological evaluation
- Visual Quality Impact analysis will be done
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WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:

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- Native wildlife will be lost
- Invasive species will increase
- Connectivity to Amon Basin (trailhead) would be beneficial
- Destruction of sagebrush will occur

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Native wildlife will be evaluated in the Biological discipline report
- Landscaping and irrigation will minimize or prevent invasive species in the area and control weeds
- Enhancements to Amon Basin will be considered in project planning (may include a trailhead)
- Impacts to sagebrush will be evaluated in the Biological Discipline Report

WHAT WE HEARD FROM YOU:

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- Landscaping needs to be attractive with a high survival rate for plantings

HOW WE CAN HELP

Landscaping will be carefully planned and include:

- Incorporation of weed barriers
- Landscaping of disturbed areas between the residential neighborhoods north of Center Parkway
- Other parts of the project stabilized with native grasses
- Xeroscape will be incorporated into the project
- Irrigation installed where needed
- Use regionally appropriate plantings that are aesthetically pleasing and easy to maintain
- Maintenance of the landscaping north of Center Parkway will be done by the Cities

HOW WE CAN HELP:

- ***Summarize Environmental Actions:***
 - ***Evaluate environmental impacts of project***
 - ***Conduct field surveys as part of evaluation***
 - ***Coordinate with tribes on Section 106***
 - ***Mitigate impacts where appropriate***
 - ***Satisfy SEPA and NEPA requirements***

EXAMPLES:

- Right-of-Way Map to be printed with station materials