



Oct. 9, 2018 Open House Comment and Responses

Comments	Response
Questions:	
Can you please make sure the overpass will have green areas, nice architecture and good lighting?	The final project and site details are being developed which include lighting and landscaped areas. The project will also include architectural features that will fit with the downtown theme.
I am interested in seeing what the zoning will be for the adjacent areas [to the overpass].	Zoning in the adjacent areas is currently commercial. The City does not have plans to change the zoning in this area.
What is the current estimated cost of an overpass?	Total project cost for the overpass will be \$34.7 million.
What will businesses on the existing Lewis Street be looking at? [What will the side of the overpass look like?]	Retaining walls will elevate the roadway as it approaches the bridge over the railroad. The City is currently exploring options for architectural features for the wall façade to be consistent with the downtown area.
What is planned for the empty lots north of Lewis Street; it's very dusty now?	The City acquired the lots through the project and will follow sale procedures after construction is completed.
I would like to see stairs that come down to 1 st Avenue so that pedestrians don't have to go all the way around to get to the parking area.	Stairs are currently planned to access the new bridges to and from Tacoma Avenue.
To consider: 1) Keeping part of the original underpass with art and plants. 2) Garbage cans at ends to keep it clean. 3) Couple benches at top of overpass to sit and watch trains at work from top.	The City is currently exploring the option of salvaging portions of the existing underpass. The project team understands the historical significance of the underpass and has designed the new structure with concrete barriers similar to the architectural look of the existing underpass but designed to meet today's standards for safety. Additionally, the City is also considering benches and/or garbage cans on either end of the bridge.
A park area or maybe benches for people to sit and rest when walking, jogging, or biking over the bridge.	The City is considering benches or similar amenities as rest points on either side of the proposed railroad overpass.
1) Communication with contractor BEFORE closures. 2) Time of year for project to start. 3) Do better than Oregon Ave.	Using feedback from the nearby businesses, the team will develop a construction plan that minimizes impact to the businesses. The project contract documents will list specific closure times allowed and outline contractor responsibilities. Ideally, construction time begins in late winter or early spring to maximize use of the construction season. However, this project schedule will ultimately depend on funding.
Weekends get the most traffic to businesses near the overpass. Please consider that during construction.	Using feedback from the nearby businesses, the team will develop a construction plan that minimizes impact to the businesses.
Consider local events, such as Cinco de Mayo, in the construction schedule.	Using feedback from the nearby businesses and organizations, the team will develop a construction plan that minimizes impact to the businesses.
Would like bike trail colors to distinguish it from drivers, as well as a bump separation part.	The City is considering means to best separate pedestrians and bicyclists from vehicles. Bike lanes will be marked but may not be colored as that would be inconsistent with the area. In addition to



bike lanes on the shoulder, wide concrete sidewalks will also act as shared-use paths to accommodate recreational bicyclists, families, and users less comfortable riding near vehicles. The shared-use path will be separated from traffic by a concrete barrier.

Place stairs midway from the bridge for all workers and for emergencies.

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Reach out at events on the east side, such as churches, flea market, Tierra Vida

The City appreciates the insight into how to effectively reach and share information with the public, thank you.

Salvage parts of the underpass architecture to integrate into the new design or use in a public art piece.

The City is currently exploring salvaging portions of the existing underpass. The project team understands the historical significance of the underpass. The new structure will have concrete barriers similar to the architectural look of the existing underpass but designed to meet today's standards for safety.

More pedestrian facilities to get across Lewis Street would be helpful; it is dangerous.

Wide concrete sidewalks will be provided on both sides of the new bridges. These will be separated from traffic by a concrete barrier.

Develop additional parking, maybe in the lot behind the angled parking in the design or angled on both sides of Lewis Street. There is a large demand for and controversy over parking.

The City is currently exploring multiple alternatives to maximize parking in the area. This project will add more parking to downtown than currently available.

How will this project and construction affect the local businesses?

The project will provide a gateway into Pasco to enhance access and increase likelihood of further development to increase economic possibility in the area. After gathering feedback from the nearby businesses, the team will develop a construction plan that minimizes impact to the businesses.

Acquisition of property: Are they being purchased or is it City property?

Property needed for construction has already been acquired by the City of Pasco.