Aikens Street Comment Summary
Online open house | July 19 – August 4, 2017

We received 30 responses to the online survey with 63% (19) either approving or strongly approving of the project. The top comments we received regardless of the questions were:

- Improves downtown circulation. (6)
- Gives businesses on Aikens improved visibility. (4)
- This would improve egress from Aikens St. (3)
- Consider making First St. a two-way street. (5)
- Concern about limited parking and remote parking. (4)
- Concern about changing the characteristics of a quiet dead end street and safety. (6)
- Waste of taxpayer dollars/tax dollars better spent on other nearby streets. (6)

Below are the four questions asked during the online open house:

Q1.

Do you agree or disagree with improving and extending Aikens Street between Eagle Road and 2nd Street?

- Agree or strongly agree
  - Best thing to happen to downtown Eagle.
  - Improves downtown circulation.
  - Improves residential and business access
  - Gives businesses on Aikens improved visibility.
  - Much needed improvement.
  - This would improve egress from Aikens St.
- Disagree or strongly disagree
  - Concern about limited parking and remote parking.
  - Concern about added traffic/activity
  - Concern about changing the characteristics of a quiet dead end street and safety.
  - Concern about cut through traffic to avoid downtown congestion.
  - Focus on improving the intersection of Eagle/State St and widening State St. first.
  - Loss of privacy
  - Poor use of taxpayer dollars

- Neutral
  - It might help flow of unbearable traffic at the four corners in Eagle
  - Consider making First St. a two-way street.

Q2.

Is there anything we missed or special considerations we need to take into account?

- State Street is unsuitable as a through way. Widen that instead.
- Consider a thirty-five-foot driveway apron for residences.
- Concern that left turning traffic from Aikens St onto Eagle Rd will cause backups on Aikens.
- Make 1st Street a two-way street.
- Use night sky friendly street light designs.
- Yes, the fact that right now it is a quiet secure little dead end street for the residents who live there. From where I see it there are no major businesses that are being impacted by the streets current format and it would be a waste of Tax payer money. Use the empty field next to
Rembrandts if you need more parking!

- The people who live here.
- To make sure that a vehicle can turn left onto Eagle from Aikens, as needed.
- I live at 92 S Eagle Road and appreciate the 7-foot sidewalk width along my property. If it is 10 foot you will take out my garage and destroy the livability of my house. In my backyard, I have two vehicle width gates accessing onto Aiken and the eastern most gate is necessary to park trailers and RV. The western most gate can be reduced to a man gate. Access must be maintained to the front and rear of my house.
- Concern about how much the construction will impact the small businesses.

Q3. General Comments:

- ACHD needs to watch spending much more carefully.
- It will be a favorable addition to that part of town and provide improved access.
- The Eagle Rd/State Street intersection is a bigger concern and needs to be addressed.
- Please reconsider, Aikens is currently a nice quiet street.
- Not in favor of the project.
- It will improve downtown circulation and provide better egress from Aikens.
- This is a much needed improvement.
- Work closely with property owners to mitigate impacts to physical property.
- Concerns about 2nd St & Eagle Rd traffic flow based on increased numbers of left turns to and from the new Aikens.
- Would like to see 1st Avenue turn into a 2-way street.
- Anything that keeps more traffic flowing will help ease congestion.
- The landscaping and sidewalks will greatly enhance down town Eagle.
- Idaho St. from Eagle Rd to the east needs enhancement.
Q4.

How did you hear about this project?

Other:
- ACHD updates
- Email
- City Council members