Recent Old Town Circulation Discussion Background

Council Reports

March 29, 2018 report p.55

May 17, 2018 report

June 7, 2018 <u>Hillside Avenue Traffic Improvement Project</u> –Overview of Tiered approach to immediate solutions (p.196 - 199/ Minutes (p.13 to 15). A few excerpts from the report:

Background (Excerpt):

- With the approval of City Council, Hillside Avenue was re-constructed in the summer of 2009. At the narrowest section of the re-constructed road, the width is 20 feet, which includes 2.5 feet of rolled curb and gutter, 15.5 feet of asphalt and a 2 foot wide concrete shoulder. This road width meets the minimum Fire Code requirements.
- On December 1, 2014, a request came to the NTMP to evaluate the traffic volumes on Hillside Avenue.
- On December 29, 2014, staff prepared an internal report addressing this Hillside traffic volume concern and outlining a plan of attack,
- On December 4, 2017, Parametrix completed a DRAFT report analyzing the traffic circulation in the Main Street, Swede Alley and Hillside Avenue area.
- On March 29, 2018, staff held a work session with City Council. Council suggested creating a stakeholder group while favoring regulatory action. More information found here.
- On April 9, 2018, staff contracted with Horrocks Engineers to evaluate suggested alternatives.
- On April 17, 2018, Staff met with Grassli Group and Alliance Engineering to discuss constructing a bulb-out at the southwest corner of Main Street and Swede Alley intersection.
- Staff Report to Council on May 17, 2018. More information found <u>here</u>.

Next Steps

Since the report to Council on March 29, 2018, staff has hired Horrocks Engineers to complete a traffic analysis to evaluate and identify a list of solutions that are implementable for Hillside Avenue.

November 29, 2018 Public Comment Minutes p. 8. March 21, 2019 S.Comm. Rpt. p.18 to 26.

At this time, City Council, observed/asked (audio: 1:35):

- a. For a follow up work session;
- b. Identify operational and financial impacts on Lodging:
- c. Follow up on how we communicate with residents and business partners;
- d. Deep dive on options to reduce trips on Hillside including no left and no commercial traffic:
- e. Follow up on if Hillside is functioning as it was intended;
- f. Broad look at circulation not limited to Hillside; and
- g. Pedestrian safety options.

Specific issues City Council was asked to address from a resident:

DRAFT Exhibit A

- h. 90% of traffic going to commercial district;
- i. Underlying zoning specs of road impact or influence on road classification;
- j. Completion of tiered improvements for Hillside (Exhibit B).

Background

Managing impacts stemming from the growth of the tourism economy on quality of life of residents has been a balance since Park City evolved out of the mining era. Numerous administrations have suggested, tried and implemented multiple improvements that still exist today. Each of these studies focus on infrastructure, streetscape, pedestrian circulation and access aimed at ensuring Main Street could continue to be the "crown jewel" to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Such plans include:

- <u>LPA Neigh. Plan 1993</u> <u>-</u> When redevelopment agencies were established in the 80's, a subsequent plan establishing values for the "Lower Park Avenue" neighborhood noted, "In many discussions there appears to be a conflict between economic pressures and the apparent desired future direction for this neighborhood."
- 1999 <u>Downtown Action Plan</u> A subsequent effort that intended to assure the long term viability of the downtown as the commercial core of Park City attracting both residents and visitors. It encompassed similar themes including parking, transit and pedestrian enhancements and has been a blue print for investing the downtown since its adoption.
- <u>2003 Old Town Task Force & 2012 Streetscape and Plaza Plan -</u> are based in reinvestment in the downtown as the "crown jewel" of our town.
- 2016 Nelson & Nygaard Parking Implementation Suggestions
- 2017 & Parametrix Traffic and Circulation memo