
Wallace Avenue Reconstruction

Lamme Street to L Street

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Key Points

- We want to reconstruct your street
- We want it to work for your neighborhood
- We are open to new ideas
- We need your help to get it done

Why?

- N. Wallace Ave. cannot be maintained using standard maintenance techniques => Reconstruction is required
- Important street
- Many of you have expressed interest in the project



What is a Reconstruction Project?

- Reconstruct N. Wallace from curb to curb.
 - Improve road base and new pavement
 - New curbs and gutters
- Upgrade stormwater system
- Replace sidewalk panels damaged by street trees (other sidewalk repairs are owner responsibility).
- Drive approaches between the street and sidewalk will be replaced.
- Provide traffic calming features



Project Sideboards

- Stay within existing right of way
- Maintain existing connectivity
- Costs for traffic calming and other amenities paid for by adjacent property owners

How much will it cost?

- The Engineer's preliminary project cost estimate is ~ \$1.5 million
- Split between the property owners (via a special improvement district) and the general street assessment funds

What is a Special Improvement District (SID)?

- An SID is a common method for funding infrastructure projects
- Process is defined by State law and Commission policy
- SID's are assessments levied on properties benefitted by the improvement.
- For street reconstruction projects, street assessment funds are also used
- The percentage of cost sharing is dependent upon the amount of traffic on the roadway.



**City of Bozeman, Public Works Department
Special Improvement District (SID)**

Where are other SIDs in Bozeman?

- South 8th is a great example of a successful SID.
- Formerly a degrading roadway, it is now a very safe and visually pleasing roadway for residential, university and commercial use.
- East Story Street is currently under reconstruction resulting from an approved SID.



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How will it be paid for?

Commission Resolution 4507 establishes the policy for funding of local street reconstruction projects.

Funding Classification	Average Daily Traffic (vehicles per day)	Funding Split (SID/Reconstruction Fund)
Local	Less than 800	75%/25%
Minor Collector	800-1500	50%/50%
Major Collector	1501-4500	15%/85%
Arterial	More than 4500	100%

N. Wallace Traffic Volumes
2,100-2,500 vehicles per day
(2014 count)

Preliminary Cost Estimates for a Typical Lot

Total project cost	\$1,500,000.00
Estimated cost per front foot	\$250.00
Estimated total cost for a 50 ft. lot	\$12,000.00
15% Property Owner Share	\$1,900.00
Estimated annual assessment (20 years @ 3.5% interest)	\$135.00

(Note: costs for traffic calming and other amenities paid for by fronting property owners)

Costs / Benefit Analysis

(from <http://www.viciedo.com/north-wallace-traffic-calming/>)

- **Costs**
 - Estimated to be around \$200 / year based on 50ft of linear footage
 - Inconvenience of road construction
 - Corner properties "lose" 25 ft of parking but that space is currently illegal to park at anyways
- **Benefits of traffic circles**
 - Increased property values by up to 18%
 - In the 2 studies presented on this website accident reduction was 75% to almost 100% after traffic circles were implemented.
 - Traffic Reduction
 - Truck traffic Reduction
 - Noise/ Pollution Reduction
 - Speed Reduction
 - Safer street for everyone especially kids
- **Benefits of street reconstruction**
 - Increased property values
 - Includes new curbs
 - The best part! Everyone gets new driveway aprons

Next Steps

- Respond to a non-binding straw poll ballot next week.
- If a “super” majority of the property owners support the project, Public Works will initiate design of the project
- Opportunity for public input during design
- Formal cost estimates developed after final design
- Initiate the formal SID process

Formal SID Process

- Resolution of Intent to Create
 - Publish Notice of Public Hearing
 - End of Protest Period (If >50% formally protest creation of the SID the project fails)
 - Public Hearing
 - Resolution of Creation
 - Advertise for Construction Bids
 - Open Bids
 - Award Contract
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When?

- We would like to reconstruct your street next summer.
- Requires your participation in the straw poll, the design and formal SID process



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QUESTIONS?

