

UDC held their regular meeting on Thursday May 5, 2016 and has prepared a report to the CPC with recommendations for the East River Front Transportation Project. DPW coordinated a joint meeting with Mark Olinger Director of Planning and Development PDR and have reviewed all UDC recommendations for the Project and we would like to offer the following responses:

The Urban Design Committee recommends that the Planning Commission grant conceptual approval with the following considerations:

- That the applicant consider other sidewalk materials and pedestrian lightings more in keeping with the industrial context of the area. DPW agrees with considering other sidewalk materials including brick sidewalk to be consistent with other developers in the area like Rockets and DPW offers ornamental lighting in keeping with industrial context of the area.
- That the applicant consider designating the roundabout a space for signature public art. DPW agrees to designate the roundabout as a space for signature public art and it will be incorporated in design.
- To look at undergrounding of utilities. DPW is considering looking at undergrounding the utilities for this project and have already started a dialogue with Dominion Virginia Power as long as it will continue to fit the Project Budget.
- That an effort is made to reduce the overall right-of-way width, including working with Planning staff on appropriate sidewalk widths, and the reduction or removal of the center median DPW has agreed to maintain a median width of 6ft at pedestrian cross walk areas and reduce the median width to 4ft elsewhere. Sidewalks will remain as planned in conceptual design plans.
- To delete the tree grates and look at a plan for linear verge strips or tree wells along the entire project. DPW has agreed to provide 5ft by 5 ft. tree wells and will eliminate tree grates , and provide continuous planting strips along the median
- That the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph. Speed limit is controlled by City Code and DPW will continue to evaluate vehicular speed limit and recommends necessary changes as the whole area develops.
- That the design ensures that there are pedestrian connections to Fulton Hill and Church Hill neighborhoods DPW will provide pedestrian crosswalks as part of this project that will accommodate future connections to these neighborhoods
- That planning staff provide an overall plan that provides more context to what's going on in the area with other projects and City Master plan work, to include Gillies Creek and Capital Trail connections. DPW is agreeing to this recommendation and is coordinating this effort with Mark Olinger group from PDR.
- That in addition to looking at undergrounding utilities that the applicant look at removing any unnecessary utilities there currently. DPW agrees to this

recommendation and are communicating with Dominion Virginia Power for relocating their electrical power poles

- To ensure that pedestrian refuges remain around crosswalks DPW is providing a 6 ft. median to be used as pedestrian refuges around cross walks to facilitate pedestrian crossings along E. Main Street.

Thanks....Adel