

City of Toledo

Michael P. Bell, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
David E. Welch, Director
DIVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES
Robin L. Whitney, P.E., Commissioner

July 31, 2013

RE: Bancroft Street Repair/Reconstruction Project Public Meeting

Dear Bancroft Street Area Resident:

The City of Toledo is beginning the design process for a construction project to repair and reconstruct Bancroft Street between Ashland and Glenwood Avenues. We have reserved a room at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church (2108 Collingwood, parking off Floyd) for Thursday August 8, 2013 for the first Bancroft Project public meeting and design coordination meeting. We anticipate this first meeting starting at 6:00 PM and lasting roughly 1.5 hours. We will present information on the project limits, street condition, traffic history, budget, whatever information we have obtained by then on right of way and utilities. The City has hired a consulting engineering firm to assist in coordinating these meetings and working with all parties to provide technical and process guidance to hopefully reach consensus on the preferred alternative design concept for this project.

The design concept to be developed with the group's input will include such things as the number of lanes, whether or not to include parking and/or bike lanes, pavement width, and location of sidewalks, utilities, curbs and trees. There are certain constraints that will affect our choices. The design cannot compromise safety for the travelling public (auto travelers, bicyclists, bus riders, pedestrians) and must follow current design requirements (even if it didn't before). The street is within the Old West End and Toledo Old Town Historic districts. Since the project will receive federal funding, we must consider the effect of the project on the historic districts. We would like to work together with members of the community to identify concerns and concepts that we can incorporate into project planning while still addressing the infrastructure needs identified by the City. We assume that taking additional right of way from private properties in the district will have a significant negative impact on the district and so needs to be avoided. Underground utilities are very expensive to rebuild and unless condition dictates a need to replace them to service the neighborhood their relocation should be avoided. We have secured a grant and unless there is some major design oversight we need to stay within that budget to maximize outside grant assistance for this project.

If you are interested in participating in this preliminary conceptual engineering and design work please join us Thursday August 8, 2013 at 6:00 PM at Collingwood



Presbyterian Church as we embark on this collaborative process. We will also have request forms to formalize your role as a Section 106 Consulting Party (per Historic Preservation law) if you desire and will review all recommendations with the 106 Parties as required.

Please feel free to forward this notice to all interested persons through all appropriate avenues and media. We are looking forward to starting this much needed project effort.

Sincerely,

David Dysard
Administrator