

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

Olive and 59th Avenues Intersection Safety Improvements

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Glendale Community College, Student Union (SU) Room 104E
6000 W. Olive Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302
March 1, 2016



Meeting Agenda

- ◉ Welcome
- ◉ Project introduction
- ◉ Existing conditions
- ◉ Project scope of work
- ◉ Environmental studies
- ◉ Project schedule
- ◉ Questions
- ◉ Adjourn to open house



Meeting Objectives

- Provide information regarding project background, preliminary design, and anticipated schedule
- Provide an opportunity for questions and comments

Project Introduction: Our Team

- City of Glendale
- Arizona Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- AECOM
- Logan Simpson



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Project Introduction: Public Involvement

- ◉ Notification postcards (English/Spanish)
 - > mailed to residents and businesses within 1 mile of the intersection
- ◉ Newspaper advertisements
 - > published in the Glendale Republic and Glendale Star
- ◉ Glendale Community College (GCC) staff, faculty, and students notified by GCC
 - > via email, signage on campus, and social media

Project Introduction:

Project Limits

- Approximately 1,000 feet along each leg of the intersection
- Constructed primarily within City-owned right-of-way
- New right-of-way and temporary construction easements from private landowners will be needed on the northwest and southeast corners



Project Introduction: Project Purpose

- The purpose of the project is to:
 - > Improve roadway safety
 - > Enhance pedestrian movement and safety



Existing Conditions

- Two-way center lanes allow for left turns in/out of properties within the project limits; no medians are currently present



Existing Conditions

- Bus bays are present along Olive Avenue on the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection



Existing Conditions

- Pedestrian features are not in compliance with the current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards



Existing Conditions

- The Olive and 59th Avenues intersection has been identified as a high priority location for safety improvements
- The multitude of left-turn movements leads to vehicular conflicts
- The current bus bay configuration and high pedestrian activity leads to vehicle/pedestrian conflicts

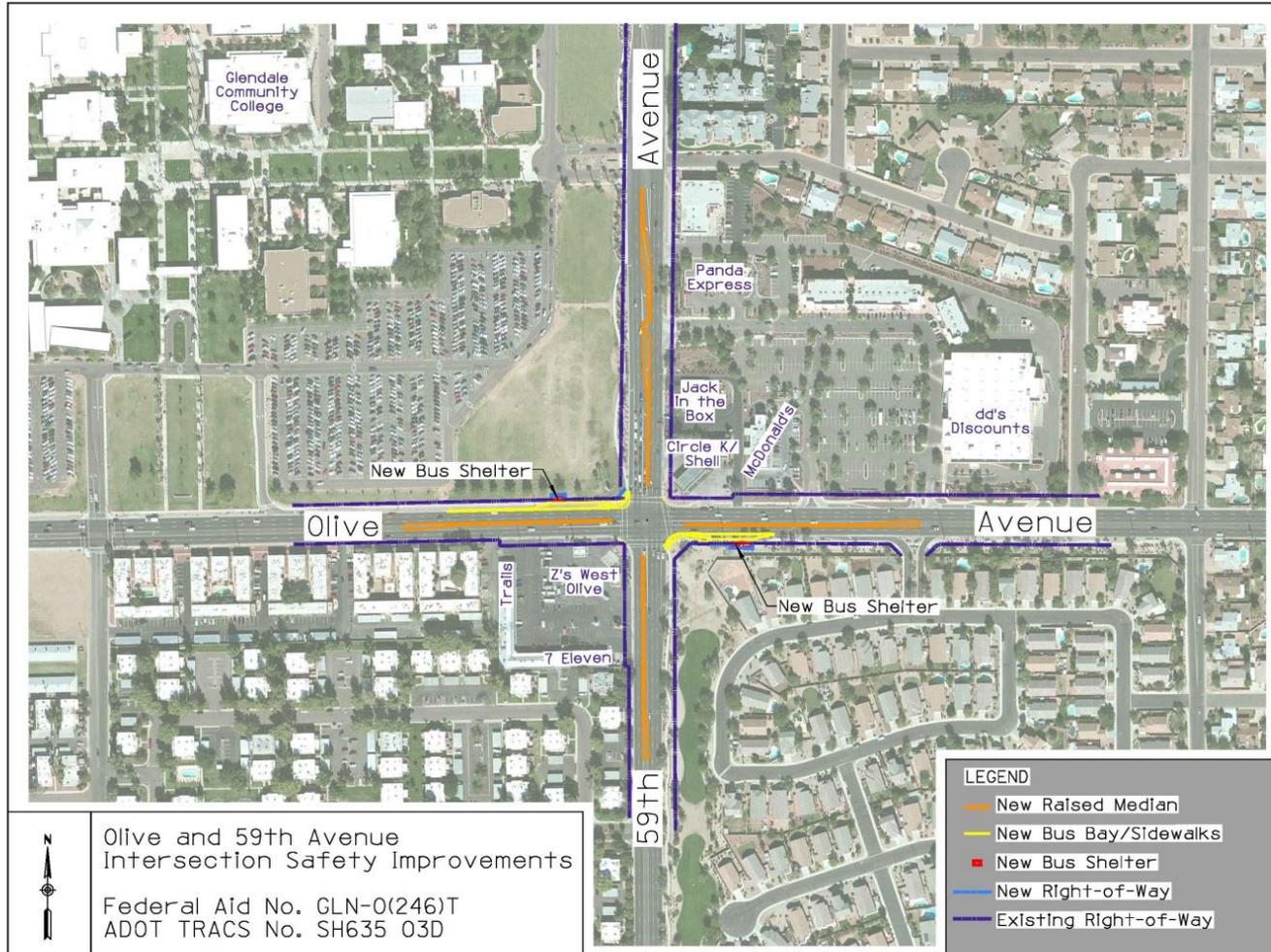
Project Scope of Work

- ◉ Constructing raised concrete medians and median paving on 59th Avenue and Olive Avenue
- ◉ Modifying the existing bus bays along Olive Avenue, on the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection
 - > Including new curb and gutter “bulb-outs” (i.e., curb extension that acts as a traffic calming measure)
- ◉ Relocating existing bus shelters, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters to accommodate the modified bus bays on the northwest and southeast corners of the intersection

Project Scope of Work

- ◉ Constructing ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps at the Olive and 59th Avenues intersection
- ◉ Installing new street lighting for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles along Olive Avenue on the northwest and southeast corners
- ◉ Relocating utilities, as needed

Preliminary Design Concept



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Impacts During Construction

- Staging and contractor use areas are anticipated to occur within the project limits
- Through traffic on all roads will be maintained during construction
- Temporary traffic controls (e.g., lane closures) may be implemented
- Minor traffic delays are anticipated
- Driveways may be temporarily closed or restricted, but access to properties will be maintained during construction

Changes After Construction

- Driver safety will be improved due to raised medians that will prevent left-turn movement into/out of commercial driveways
 - > along 59th Avenue between Townley Avenue and Sunnyslope Lane
 - > along Olive Avenue between 58th Avenue and 60th Lane
- Pedestrian safety will be increased due to “bulb-outs” at the bus bays, ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps, and new lighting

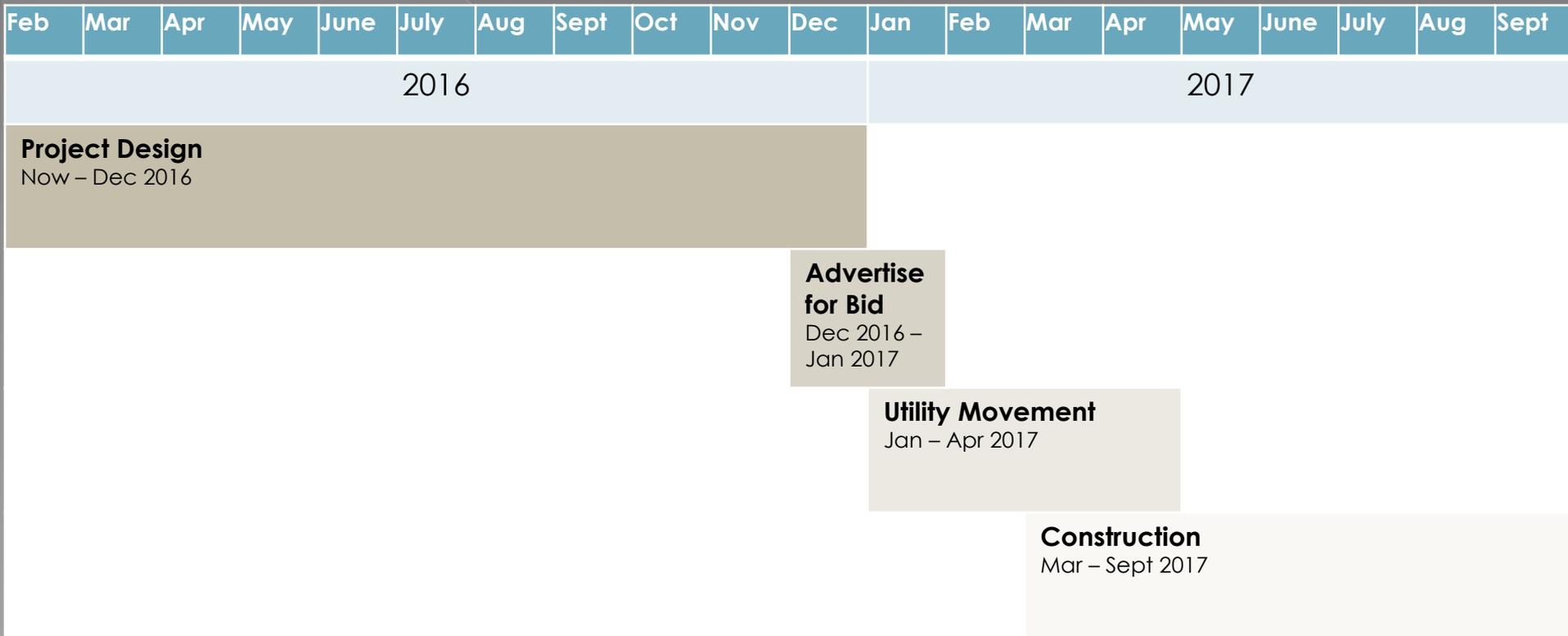
Environmental Studies

- ◉ Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is required for federally funded projects
 - > This project will utilize Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds from FHWA
 - > A Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been determined to be the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for this project
 - > The City is working with ADOT and FHWA to ensure compliance with NEPA and associated environmental regulations

Environmental Studies

- ◎ Cultural resources
 - > No historic properties affected
- ◎ Biological resources
 - > No effect to federally listed species or critical habitat
- ◎ Hazardous materials
 - > A Preliminary Initial Site Assessment and lead-based paint survey are currently underway

Project Schedule



Other City of Glendale Projects at Olive and 59th Avenues

- ◉ Waterline installation
- ◉ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) installation
- ◉ Additional roadway improvements

Your input is important!

You can provide us your comments or questions tonight with any staff member, or after tonight by email, U.S. mail, or phone

- > Comments are requested by March 19, 2016
- > Please provide comments in writing
 - Spanish-English translating services are available if needed
- > The City will respond to individual comments as needed

Questions?

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Comments or concerns can be submitted via:

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