



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 09, 2021 AT 6:00 PM
NORTH OGDEN, UT 84414**

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Welcome: Mayor Berube

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Council Member Barker

CONSENT AGENDA

- [1.](#) Reading of Determination regarding conducting City Council public meeting without anchor location
2. Call for conflict of interest disclosure
- [3.](#) Discussion and/or action to consider February 2, 2021 City Council meeting minutes
- [4.](#) Discussion and/or action to consider February 9, 2021 City Council meeting minutes

ACTIVE AGENDA

5. Public Comments*
- [6.](#) Resident presentation on intersection of Fruitland Drive and 2100 North
Presenter: Rosemary Jones, Dianne Montgomery and Krishelle Roe, City Residents
- [7.](#) Discussion and/or action on Cherry Days Parade Route
Presenter: Jon Call, City Manager/Attorney
- [8.](#) Discussion and/or action for restriping of 2600 North
Presenter: Dave Espinoza, Public Works Director
9. Council Department Reports:
 - a. Council Member Barker – Building & Planning
 - b. Council Member Swanson - Finance
10. Public Comments*
11. Council/Mayor/Staff Comments
12. Adjournment

Public Comments/Questions

****Please see notes regarding Public Comments rules and procedure***

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned, duly appointed City Recorder, does hereby certify that the above notice and agenda was posted within the North Ogden City limits on this 5th day of March, 2021 at North Ogden City Hall, on the City Hall Notice Board, on the Utah State Public Notice Website, and at www.northogdencity.com. The 2021 meeting schedule was also provided to the Standard Examiner on December 12, 2020. Katie Gerard, City Recorder

- a. Time is made available for anyone in the audience to address the Council and/or Mayor concerning matters pertaining to City business.
- b. When a member of the audience addresses the Mayor and/or Council, he or she will come to the podium and state his or her name and address.
- c. Citizens will be asked to limit their remarks/questions to five (5) minutes each.
- d. The Mayor shall have discretion as to who will respond to a comment/question.
- e. In all cases the criteria for response will be that comments/questions must be pertinent to City business, that there are no argumentative questions and no personal attacks.
- f. Some comments/questions may have to wait for a response until the next Regular Council Meeting.
- g. The Mayor will inform a citizen when he or she has used the allotted time.

March 9, 2021

DETERMINATION OF NORTH OGDEN CITY REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS WITHOUT AN ANCHOR LOCATION

Pursuant to Utah Code Section 59-2-407, the Mayor of North Ogden City hereby determines that conducting an electronic meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location. This determination is based on the November 8, 2020 declaration by the Governor of the State of Utah regarding the increase in COVID-19 cases and the need for caution in people meeting together.

The MARCH 9, 2021 meeting of North Ogden City will be held electronically and will not have a physical location. All attendees will connect remotely, and links for public participation are available on the North Ogden City Website

Mayor S. Neal Berube
North Ogden City

NORTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2021

The North Ogden City Council convened in a virtual meeting on February 2, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83046580843> or by Telephone: US: +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 558 8656 or YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos>. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on January 28, 2020. Notice of the annual meeting schedule was published in the Standard-Examiner on December 13, 2020.

PRESENT: S. Neal Berube Mayor
Ryan Barker Council Member
Blake Cevering Council Member arrived @ 6:10 pm
Charlotte Ekstrom Council Member
Cheryl Stoker Council Member arrived @ 6:22 pm
Phillip Swanson Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Call City Manager/Attorney
Dave Espinoza Public Works Director
Lorin Gardner City Engineer
Katie Gerard City Recorder
Jeremy Hindes Police Lieutenant
Susan Nance Interim City Recorder
Evan Nelson Finance Director
Dirk Quinney Chief of Police
Tiffany Staheli Parks & Recreation Director

VISITORS: Julie Anderson
Brenda Ashdown
Stefanie Casey
Brent Chugg
Susan Clements
Jay D. Dalpiaz
Susan Kilborn
Rachelle Krohn
B. Lucas
Randall Winn

Mayor Berube called the meeting to order. Council Member Ekstrom offered the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **READING OF DETERMINATION REGARDING CONDUCTING CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING WITHOUT ANCHOR LOCATION**

Mayor Berube provided a reading of the determination of substantial risk to health and safety associated with holding in-person meetings amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. **CALL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Mayor Berube asked if any Councilmember had any conflict of interest to disclose. No disclosures were made.

ACTIVE AGENDA

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Winn, 2412 Barker Parkway, commented on the proposal to build a new Public Safety Building in the City of North Ogden; one aspect of option E that appealed to him is the amount of open space in the quad of the campus as there may come a time in the future when the City's administration building may not be adequate and this open space could be used for expansion of that building. He wondered if it would be appropriate to demolish the existing police station to allow for expansion of City Hall at this time, particularly the expansion of the Council Chambers.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CITY RECORDER, KATIE GERARD**

Mayor Berube noted that after a competitive interview process, Katie Gerard has been selected to fill the position of City Recorder, which was vacated upon former Recorder Annette Spendlove's retirement. He indicated this is Ms. Gerard's first City Council meeting with North Ogden and he invited her to provide some information about her background.

Ms. Gerard stated she has 18 years of experience in the public realm, most recently being employed by Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). She is excited to work in a City setting and has had experience in the past working with former Mayor Brent Taylor and several Council Members and she always felt the City of North Ogden was very welcoming. She is excited to be part of this community.

Council Member Ekstrom motioned to appoint Katie Gerard as the City Recorder for North Ogden City. Council Member Cevering seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ON CHERRY DAYS PARADE ROUTE

Parks and Recreation Director Staheli reported that in 2019, in consideration of the upcoming construction at the intersection of 2600 N and Washington Boulevard, the City Council, with the input of City staff and resident feedback made the decision to temporarily change the parade route for one year during construction at the intersection. Staff and resident Cherry Days coordinators have had some continuing concerns with the current parade route aside from the upcoming construction:

- The road (400 E) hill coming down to 2600 N is quite steep and poses some difficulty for certain parade vehicles (carriages, city train, brakeless entries).
- With the width of Washington Boulevard and the UDOT barricades in the middle of the road in multiple sections from 2600 North to the south can cause difficulty and may cause the need to split the parade every other entry, onto either side of the road.
- The width of Washington Blvd. has caused traffic management issues in trying to keep people from going out into the road. Staff and Council have had complaints from residents and those watching the parade because the depth of spectators can get to be 20-30 people deep in places. Those who have saved seats behind the street curbs have been upset by those who walk up before the parade starts and stand in the road in front of the curbs, and in front of those who have saved seats or those who have been sitting in their selected location for the duration of the morning. Even though we have a great police presence at the parade each year, utilizing their motorcade, patrolling the length of the parade route, the length of the parade and the amount of people present has proven extremely difficult to enforce by keeping spectators behind the fog lines on the road.
- Concerns have been raised for years about the safety of the parade and the ability to work with entries to manage or eliminate candy/prize distribution. Regulations have been in place for many years that prohibit entries from distributing/throwing candy and prizes from their entries, but that has been difficult to enforce during the parade. Entries have been required to distribute items via carts or wagons by walking along the side of the road. With the large number of spectators, this has posed a problem with people coming up to and surrounding the distributing entries.
- Washington Boulevard south of 2600 North is a State road and requires permitting for closure through the Utah Department of Transportation.

Ms. Staheli noted some of the concepts that were discussed regarding the temporary new route:

- With a new route, significant communication efforts will need to be made to share the message of the change with residents.
- Most of the road is much less steep than the current route.
- The temporary new route is a much narrower road (2 lanes vs 5 lanes) and the intent was that a narrower road would help keep spectators on and behind the curb rather than in the roadway just due to the narrowness of the road. This would help decrease the depth of spectators and address some of the resident concerns that we have had with others sitting in front of them and obstructing their view.
- The narrowness of the temporary route would help with safety as items being distributed from the entries could easily get to and behind the curb.
- The temporary new route is on a city-owned road which can be closed at the discretion of the North Ogden Police department without obtaining a permit.
- The temporary new route has 6 city-owned parking locations at parks or city buildings either on or within 3 city blocks of the parade route.
- The temporary new route is longer than the existing route to allow people to spread out more throughout the route. This will help with spectator depth mentioned above.
- The end of the new/temporary route is at a location within blocks of the Cherry Days festivities allowing for parade entrants who are also participating at the festival in the park easy access to the park.

She then presented a map illustrating the proposed temporary parade route that will be followed during construction. The parade would start at the intersection of 2600 North and Mountain Road and will end at 500 East 2600 North; this is a 1.5-mile route, which is slightly longer than the former 1.36-mile route. There are several City owned properties along the route that can be used for parking or parade viewing. With the decision to temporarily move the parade route during construction, which was planned for the 2020 calendar year, staff have been working diligently and have made significant efforts to reach out to residents, changing the parade route on the website, updating the parade route on the participation applications, utilizing flyers and distributions in the utility bill mailed to residents, posting notices in the Connection magazine distributed to all residents, emails sent out to all parade participants from previous years, and hand-delivered notices to many residents along the parade route in order to provide clear communication about the temporary change. Staff is of the opinion that many residents are aware of the temporary change and that the construction provides a good opportunity to test out a new route to see the effect of the changes and if there is a benefit and improvement to the safety of North Ogden's celebrations that should be continued. If the difference is not significant, staff is prepared to return to the current/existing route.

Mayor Berube stated that it is his understanding that many of the issues that have been identified for the route along Washington Boulevard will still be present even after the 2600 North/Washington Boulevard intersection project is completed and it is likely that

this temporary route could become the permanent route for the Cherry Days parade. He then stated that Administration will closely monitor the COVID-19 situation in the community as the Cherry Days celebration approaches, to determine what events can be held in-person. This led to high level discussion among the Mayor and Council regarding their feelings about the proposed parade route and events that can be held in-person while observing social distancing guidelines. Several Council Members commented on their feeling that the proposed parade route will create more of a 'hometown' feel for the parade; however, there was concern about the ability of parade spectators to spread out given that 2600 North is not as wide as Washington Boulevard. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mayor Berube concluded the Council supports the proposal. Ms. Staheli thanked the Mayor and Council for their consideration of this issue and for their support.

6. DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Police Chief Quinney provided an overview on the history of the process the City has followed over the past few years to evaluate the City's needs in terms of public safety. Administration hired JRCA Architects to assist with the needs assessment for the project and they were very thorough in the review and evaluation of current facilities. They presented a report last spring that provided detailed information regarding current level of service based upon the existing Police Department and their proposal for a new facility that will meet the City's needs at build out. Their proposal is for a facility that the Police Department can grow into over the coming years, though it does not have a great deal of empty or unused space at the onset. He reviewed a spreadsheet provided in the JRCA study document that illustrates space needs throughout the facility, including a kitchenette space, waiting area and fitness area. He stated that if the City funds the construction of an adequate fitness area, he will commit to equip it with necessary items. He then provided a comparison of the square footage distribution in the existing facility with that of the proposed facility, showing that office spaces are not being increased and the same is true for public restroom areas.

Mayor Berube then invited the Council to ask Chief Quinney questions about the proposal. Council Member Ekstrom commented on the need to build a facility that is adequate to meet the department's needs and will also be an inviting place for police officers to come to work and will support positive department morale. Chief Quinney stated that he feels the current plans will support morale and that it will also be functional at present as well as 20 years in the future.

Council Member Swanson asked how the plan for the building has been created by JRCA and if it will allow for growth or expansion as the City grows. Chief Quinney stated the areas in which the Department will grow most are patrol and investigations. There may also be the possibility of adding an Assistant Chief position and a Records Clerk or two. The current patrol room is 260 square feet and the new facility will provide an additional 136 square feet. However, as patrol grows, there is the option to expand by up to 504 square feet. Council Member Swanson asked if the space dedicated to evidence processing and storage in the new facility will be adequate. Chief Quinney stated that the

current amount of space dedicated to evidence processing is a countertop that is eight square feet in size. This area is exposed and near a door that leads outside the facility, which is problematic for many reasons. The JRCA proposal indicated the amount dedicated to evidence processing will increase by 62 square feet and this will provide adequate space for processing hazardous materials and moving them to a storage space.

Council Member Cevering thanked Chief Quinney and City Administration for their proper vetting of this project and the actual needs in the facility.

Mayor Berube then asked Mr. Call to summarize the possible next steps for the Council to take in terms of proceeding with this project. Mr. Call stated that it does not sound as if the Council is opposed to the project scope as it has been presented; it is also necessary to consider whether to proceed with trying to acquire adjacent property that will allow for future expansion of the facility. Additionally, the funding mechanism for the project must be determined, but that is difficult to do until a formal plan for the project is created in order to calculate the price per square foot of the facility. This can be accomplished by hiring an architect or contractor, or both. The City could perform a competitive RFP process to hire an architect or a contractor that will operate under a design-build project scope. Mayor Berube stated he feels the City should pursue the option to purchase adjacent property to allow for future expansion and he asked if there are any objections from the Council; no objections were voiced.

Mayor Berube then facilitated discussion among the Council regarding funding options for the project including issuing a general obligation (GO) bond or revenue bond. He also said that it will be necessary for the Council to determine repayment sources of either type of bond. He stated he believes the City will have adequate revenues this year to proceed with property acquisition and design of the project without adjusting property taxes in the City. The Council's discussion concluded with support for pursuing design of the project in order to understand costs of the project before proceeding with a decision regarding the appropriate funding source. Mr. Call indicated that Administration could proceed with evaluating the costs for a design estimate as opposed to a fully engineered set of plans for the project and that before the Council agrees to the project, they would review that design estimate in an open meeting for the sake of full transparency.

Chief Quinney thanked the Council for their attention to this matter and thanked the Mayor and Council Members who have taken the time to visit and tour the existing storage facility. He noted he is willing to provide a tour for those who have not yet been able to visit the facility.

7. DISCUSSION ON CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2020-2021

City Manager/Attorney Call stated that the purpose of this discussion is to provide the Council with an opportunity to review some items which were removed during the budget process last spring in anticipation of a reduced sales tax collection. Staff have recommendations on ways to spend the potential increase in sales taxes along with some

of the savings we have seen during the first 7 months of the fiscal year. For sales taxes we have received our allotment from the state for July through November (5 months) we are currently \$495,370 ahead of projections for the current year. That amount is enough to eliminate the budgeted use of the City's rainy-day fund of \$360,000 and provide for the opportunity to save additional funds as well as allocate funds to additional purposes. The question posed to the council was which expenditures should be included back into this year's budget and which items should still be deferred for a future decision. Staff recommends the following items be considered and brought back to the Council meeting on February 9, 2021 for an official budget amendment. Some items below are connected (new officer, additional police vehicle, new officer equipment) and others are spread across a few GL Accounts. The staff will have additional details on those individual GL accounts after the Council provides some direction on the items to be included in the budget amendment.

- Salary Adjustments \$94,166.67
- Building Permit Software \$20,000
- Planning Director \$41,000
- Police Laptops (5 @ \$2200) \$11,000
- Police Vehicles \$43,000
- Police Vehicles \$43,000
- Full Time Officer \$24,000
- Vehicle New Officer \$53,640
- Equipment New officer \$15,500
- Police Equipment Maintenance \$1,800
- Parks Tree Removal \$4,500
- Playground Maintenance \$2,500
- Parks Building Maintenance \$3,000

Mayor Berube and Mr. Call then facilitated a high-level discussion among the Council regarding the proposed budget adjustments included on the list to determine which items should be presented for formal consideration and action during the February 9 meeting. Mayor Berube pointed out that the majority of the expenditures are aimed at maintaining or improving quality of life in the City and are also based upon growth. Council Members expressed their gratitude to Mayor Berube and the City's Administrative Staff for their efforts at planning ahead to determine the needs of the City based upon growth. They indicated they were comfortable with the list of proposed budget adjustments.

Mayor Berube noted the salary adjustments of \$94,166.67 are intended to address those who did not receive a market salary adjustment last year and are now being paid a wage that is under market for their position. Mr. Call noted that approximately \$30,000 of the approximate \$94,000 will be dedicated to salary adjustments in the Police Department.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Anderson, 940 E. 2600 N., referenced the parade route discussion and stated she does not think that it is long enough. Also, staging at the gravel pit/posse grounds could be problematic and she wondered who will be responsible to clean up after the horses that are involved in the parade. She is concerned about the traffic coming from Mountain Road to 2600 North as she feels that people will use that road to get around the parade, but that there will be no outlet and they will be frustrated. There will also be frustration with the on-street parking along roads surrounding the parade route and the locations where Cherry Days events will be held. She asked if those living along 2600 North and other surrounding streets can take measures to keep people from parking on their front lawn. Finally, she is concerned about the horses that will be walking down 2600 North; the road is not as steep as Washington Boulevard, but it is also not as wide and the horses could become skittish when they become confused by larger crowds and kids entering the streets to retrieve candy. She stated she is mostly concerned about the safety of children and the horses participating in the parade. She then concluded by discussing the dog park; the curb needs to be repainted to keep people from parking on the street. She thanked the Council for taking care of City workers financially and she noted she also supports the Public Safety project as presented by Chief Quinney.

Susan Clements, 668 E. 3125 N., also addressed the Cherry Days parade route. She noted there is construction going on near the intersection of 2600 North and 1050 East that likely will not be completed before July and that could be problematic. Also, she hopes that all residents living along 2600 North will be notified of the parade route so they can make appropriate plans.

Susan Kilborn, 3370 N. 400 E., noted she spent eight years as a Council Member in Citrus Heights, California, which has a population of nearly one million. Also, in Utah she spent two terms as a Parish Council Member for St. James Catholic Church. During those terms there was a great deal of building involved and she spoke to the need for the City to be forward thinking when considering projects such as the Public Safety facility. The project should take into account the projected growth of the community to ensure that it is not necessary to rebuild or expand the facility again in the near future. She then asked if there has been any thought paid to cancelling Cherry Days for 2021 and using the money that would have been spent on that event to improve safety in the community; the pandemic may still be an issue and 'every penny counts' when considering a project like the Public Safety facility. She asked if the City has assigned any individual or committee to pursue grant programs that could be used for the project. Also, the City currently has two 'money pits': the amphitheater and North Shore Aquatic Center. She asked if anyone was doing anything during the off-season to promote utilization of the facilities to generate revenue. She then noted there is an agency at Hill Air Force Base called the Defense Logistic Agency Redistribution Center; all federal agencies turn their surplus properties into the Center and the City can apply for donations of items from the center before they are sold at public auction. The City could possibly get items that could be used in the Public Safety facility and she indicated she would be willing to investigate

that for North Ogden. She said that there may be residents or businesses in the community that would make donations of services or products that could be used in the project. Finally, she inquired as to the purpose of the Events Coordinator position and why they are paid \$80,000 per year.

Mayor Berube stated that the Police Chief is examining all grant opportunities for the Public Safety project; he is also pursuing other service or supply donation requests.

9. COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Berube stated that he would like to get back on a schedule for Council Members to report on the operations of the Departments of the City they have been assigned to.

Council Member Stoker referenced the discussion about the Public Safety project and she encouraged residents to take the time to visit the existing facility to get an understanding of why it is not meeting the needs of the City at present and in the future. She then asked Mr. Call if an inspector was assigned to inspect the duplex that she asked about several meetings ago. Mr. Call answered yes and indicated he will provide her with a report outside of this meeting. Council Member Stoker thanked City department heads and staff for the great service they provide to the City.

Mayor Berube noted he and Mr. Call had the opportunity to visit with property owners living along Cold Water Creek, responsive to discussions about changing the flow of the creek. He stated that the flow has not yet been changed, but it was helpful for he and Mr. Call to gain a personal understanding of the changes the developer is proposing.

Mr. Call reported that two Police Officers recently responded to a call of a loose cow on Washington Boulevard saying that they were put in harm's way in a very uncommon situation. They were able to get the cow back to its home safely but suffered some bumps and bruises and some damage to equipment. He added that there is a COVID-19 testing facility in the parking lot of the Aquatic Center and that as soon as the vaccine becomes widely accessible to the general population of the City, that location will likely be used as a vaccine distribution facility. Staff is coordinating with those who manage the facility to ensure that its operation will not interfere with the Aquatic Center when it is open for the season. He concluded by reporting that the Venture Academy will rent the Barker Park Amphitheater for graduation in June saying they understand that they will be required to follow COVID-19 protocols.

Mayor Berube noted that given the minimal snow pack this winter, water run-off is very low this year. Public Works employees have made an effort to move water around the City to respond to this, saying this is a very important service and he hopes that moisture will increase in the spring months.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Stoker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Barker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	aye
Council Member Cevering	aye
Council Member Ekstrom	aye
Council Member Stoker	aye
Council Member Swanson	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

S. Neal Berube, Mayor

Katie Gerard
City Recorder

Date Approved

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	Katie Gerard	City Recorder
	Evan Nelson	Finance Director
	Dirk Quinney	Police Chief
	Rob Scott	City Planner
	Tiffany Staheli	Parks and Recreation Director
VISITORS:	Julie Anderson	Terri McCulloch
	Brenda Ashdown	Reed Miller
	Robert Bolar	Terri McCulloch
	Stefanie Casey	Val Poll
	Susan Clements	Megan Sanders
	Jay D. Delpias	Eric Thomas
	Barker Family	Randal Winn

Mayor Berube called the meeting to order. Julie Anderson offered the Invocation and Council Member Stoker led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ACTIVE AGENDA

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

4. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON SEWER ANNUAL REPORT**

Sanitary Sewer Supervisor Wilkins provided a summary of the annual report that must be submitted to the Division of Water Quality by April 15, 2021. The purpose of the report is to ensure that the City's Sanitary Storm system complies with State requirements.

Council Member Cevering thanked Mr. Wilkins for the great job he does for North Ogden City.

COUNCIL MEMBER CEVERING MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE SEWER REPORT AS PRESENTED BY TRENT WILKINS. COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	AYE
Council Member Cevering	AYE
Council Member Ekstrom	AYE
Council Member Stoker	AYE
Council Member Swanson	AYE

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Public Works Director Espinoza indicated the purpose of this document is to enforce regulations aimed at reducing pollution of storm water channels. The document has been updated over the past few years to respond to findings of a storm water audit the City was part of. It includes current regulations for the City and for developers seeking to do work in the City. The plan also includes all storm water maps to identify the areas from which storm water originates and how it leaves the City. Standard operating procedures (SOPs) have also been updated and they are now specific to North Ogden City. One of the biggest improvements to the Plan is the addition of low impact development (LID)

standards that are aimed at water conservation and pollution mitigation. The Storm Water Management Plan is available on the City website so residents and developers can review it to understand the regulations they are required to comply with. Currently the Plan is updated every five years, however, it will likely be updated more frequently as environmental regulations continue to change.

Council Member Ekstrom asked Mr. Espinoza if it has been his experience that developers comply with the regulations of the Plan. Mr. Espinoza answered yes and noted that the City's storm water management inspectors have done a great job at keeping developers apprised of the regulations they must adhere to and the commitments they are making in order to get approval of a project.

COUNCIL MEMBER EKSTROM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AS PRESENTED BY DAVE ESPINOZA. COUNCIL MEMBER STOKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	AYE
Council Member Cevering	AYE
Council Member Ekstrom	AYE
Council Member Stoker	AYE
Council Member Swanson	AYE

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. DISCUSSION ON PLEASANT VIEW DRIVE CHANGES

City Manager/Attorney Call reported the Council has had several discussions about what the future plans should be for the intersection of Pleasant View Drive. At the last meeting the Council asked that staff come back with two options. 1) Addressing only the safety of left-hand turn movements at the intersection of Pleasant View Drive and 400 East and 2) Addressing the option of closing through traffic between 300 East and 400 East along Pleasant View Drive. City Engineer Lorin Gardner had several options for the Council to consider. Additionally, some options may be proposed by the owners of the Coldwater Animal Hospital building. Below is a map of the area. During the discussion an interactive map was utilized so the council could toggle back and forth among the various options. The staff would like the Council, if it is ready, to make a decision on the preferred design for Pleasant View Drive so staff can begin working with design engineers on what the final design should look like:



Mayor Berube polled the Council to determine if they would like to focus on the option to close Pleasant View Drive or to consider other options recommended by the owners of the Coldwater Animal Hospital and residents. Council Member Swanson indicated he wants to focus on closure. Council Members Cevering, Barker, Ekstrom, and Stoker indicated they are willing to consider other options. Mayor Berube stated he would lean towards closure, but the Council has indicated they would like a presentation regarding both options.

Mr. Gardner shared a model that he manipulated to illustrate how the intersection of Pleasant View Drive and Washington Boulevard would appear based upon both the option to close Pleasant View Drive as well as the option to allow right-in, right-out turns from Pleasant View Drive. He highlighted the manner in which the options will impact City-owned park property as well as private commercial property and parking areas. The Mayor, Council, and staff engaged in philosophical discussion/debate of the appropriate option for the City to pursue, with a focus on traffic safety and any negative impacts to private commercial property. Council Members Ekstrom and Swanson emphasized their belief that Pleasant View Drive should be closed to reduce the danger associated with vehicles entering Washington Boulevard at the intersection; they noted they do not believe the adjustment should have too great a negative impact on the commercial properties. Council Member Barker stated he is also concerned about safety and noted that if all the traffic from Pleasant View Drive is forced to 300 East, that will increase dangerous conditions on that road and it may be some time until it is possible to install a traffic light at the intersection of 300 East and 2700 North. He noted he feels that 2700 North is more dangerous than Washington Boulevard and he does not feel Pleasant View Drive should be closed until the City is sure that a traffic light will be installed on 2700 North. The Council discussed this idea and agreed that they would like for the closure to be contingent upon the possibility of installing a traffic signal on 2700 North.

Dr. Paul, owner of Coldwater Animal Hospital, was invited to provide input. Dr. Paul stated that he and the other doctors that work at the Hospital have been concerned about public access to their site and reduced parking accommodations; he wondered if the driveway that has been proposed to provide access to the property will be approved by

UDOT. Mr. Gardner stated that UDOT will not have input on the proposed alignment as the adjustments are only being made to City roads; he indicated he feels the proposed adjustments are reasonable. Mayor Berube asked Dr. Paul if he is willing to continue negotiations with the City regarding the adjustments and a potential land swap that would result in an increase in the amount of City property available for open space/park area. Dr. Paul answered yes and noted he will continue to provide his suggestions to City staff as the project moves forward.

Parks and Recreation Director Staheli noted that the option shown by Mr. Gardner would result in an extension of the park space and is an option she would support; the most used portion of the park space is on the east end of the park and closing Pleasant View Drive will benefit the park space. Mayor Berube agreed and noted that this adjustment may motivate the City to fund needed improvements of that park area.

Mr. Call added that closing the road will bring the area in line with the City's General Plan. He noted staff will use the feedback provided by the Council to continue negotiations with Dr. Paul and others, and work with Ms. Staheli to determine the proposal for expanding or improving the park space.

7. **DISCUSSION ON INTERSECTION AT 2600 NORTH AND 1050 EAST**

City Manager/Attorney Call reported the Council has received and expressed some concerns about the intersection at 2600 North and 1050 East. Because of those concerns the City Engineer has looked at the intersection and outlined some options for current issues as well as some potential future items.

City Engineer Gardner presented photographs of the intersection to illustrate staff considerations for sight triangles and potential future intersection options. He indicated that trees and shrubs in the area are obstructing views of vehicles at the intersection. He used Google Earth to adjust the sight triangles; he is proposing adjusting the size of the triangles from 40 feet to 30 feet by 100 feet and he noted that this should not have a negative impact on the private properties at the intersection. He then noted that some have recommended a roundabout be constructed at the intersection so he used an image of an existing roundabout in Syracuse and overlaid it on the image of the intersection to illustrate how that type of feature would function.

Mayor Berube then facilitated discussion among the Council regarding their thoughts about the options that have been presented.

Council Member Stoker stated the idea of a roundabout is interesting, but she was leaning towards adjustments to the sight triangle. She does not believe a four-way stop will work well at that intersection.

Council Member Ekstrom stated she drives through the intersection at least a few times each day; at a minimum she likes the idea of adjusted sight triangles, but she feels a

roundabout would be the best way to increase safety at the intersection. However, she is concerned about the high cost of a roundabout project. Mr. Gardner agreed roundabouts are expensive, usually more costly than a signalized intersection at about \$150,000; however, in this case the City would need to acquire some property to preserve the right-of-way, and also adjust the creek that runs along the roadway. That could push the cost of a roundabout at the intersection over \$200,000. Council Member Ekstrom stated that is concerning, but she feels that something needs to be done soon; there have been many accidents at the intersection, and she fears someone will eventually lose their life there. At this point she favors the roundabout.

Council Member Swanson asked Mr. Gardner if his proposal to amend the sight triangle measurement would apply to the entire City or just this intersection. Mr. Gardner stated he would propose for it to be applied City-wide, except for intersections with State roads and in those cases, the City would comply with UDOT sight triangle standards. Council Member Swanson stated that an adjusted sight triangle may not necessarily calm traffic or correct poor driving behavior at the intersection. Mr. Gardner stated that it will not change driving habits, but it will give motorists increased visibility at the intersection. Council Member Swanson stated that a four-way stop may not be fully effective, but he would prefer to use that option before moving right to a roundabout. He would support the sight triangle adjustment coupled with a four-way stop to see how that impacts the intersection. Mr. Gardner stated that a warrant study would need to be conducted at the intersection to determine if it meets requirements for a four-way stop. Council Member Swanson asked if a warrant study is required for a roundabout. Mr. Gardner stated that a roundabout can take the place of a traffic signal and that is also determined by a warrant study. Council Member Swanson stated that it may be appropriate for the City to proceed with a warrant study before making any decisions.

Council Member Barker stated that there are multiple dangerous intersections throughout the City, and this is something that must be dealt with as the City grows. He stated that he supports enforcement as well as adjusting the sight triangle. Council Member Cevering agreed; in his opinion, the intersection of 3100 North and 1050 East is more dangerous than this intersection. He likes what Council Member Swanson suggested in terms of adjusting the sight triangle measurement and installing a four-way stop to see if that impacts behavior. He stated he is not sure a roundabout would function well at that intersection and it could be very impactful to private property owners at the intersection. He stated he would like to examine many intersections throughout the City rather than just focusing on this intersection.

Mayor Berube summarized the Council's comments to mean they support consideration of an ordinance adjustment relative to sight triangles, asking the Police Chief to consider increased enforcement, performing a warrant study to determine if a four-way stop is warranted, and possibly continuing discussion about the cost of a roundabout project at some point in the future.

Chief Quinney then noted the biggest problem he sees with this intersection is the road width of 2600 North; when large vehicles heading southbound on 1050 East try to make a right hand turn onto 2600 North, there is very little room for them to make that maneuver without entering the opposite lane of travel and this is very dangerous. He agreed that with an increase in population of the City, there is also an increase in traffic and accidents; however, most accidents can be attributed to recklessness. Enforcement can curb some reckless behavior, but it is his opinion that sight triangle adjustments and even a four-way stop may not decrease recklessness. Mayor Berube agreed, but noted it is necessary to start somewhere. He asked Chief Quinney to increase enforcement at the intersection and begin the warrant study for a four-way stop.

8. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FOR LAND LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 3575 NORTH 950 EAST FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1-10) AND HILLSIDE (HP-3) TO HILLSIDE HP-2)**

A staff memo from Planning Director Scott explained when the City is considering a legislative matter, the Planning Commission is acting as a recommending body to the City Council. The City has wide discretion in taking legislative action. Examples of legislative actions are general plan, zoning map, and land use text amendments. Legislative actions require that the Planning Commission give a recommendation to the City Council. Typically, the criteria for making a decision related to a legislative matter, requires compatibility with the general plan and existing codes.

The applicant is requesting a zone change for the property located at approximately 3575 North 950 East from Residential (R-1-10) and Hillside (HP-3) to Hillside (HP-2). The request is part of the next phase of the North Oaks Cove project. The rezone is a precursor to a subdivision consideration. The previous phases were approved with the HP-2 zone designation.

The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on January 20, 2021. No members of the public spoke at the hearing.

The HP zones rezone requirement is that “the developer landowner shall provide site specific studies addressing the geomorphology, geology, faults, hydrology, slopes, soils, recharge, vegetation and wildlife, fire, and utility and parks constraints of the site.” This property has been studied previously with appropriate studies. The City Engineer has reviewed the existing studies and found that there are no study recommendations that would preclude the rezone from R-1-10 and HP-3 to HP-2. The HP-2 study and process requirements are the same as the HP-3 requirements. The HP-2 standards will be applied at the time of subdivision review.

CONFORMANCE WITH GENERAL PLAN: The proposed zone change meets the requirements of applicable North Ogden City ordinances and conforms to the North Ogden City General Plan. The General Plan map calls for this property to be developed

as residential hillside which is defined as “areas with significant slopes and associated issues with proximity to the mountains, where particular land use controls are necessary to assure appropriate development. The property is within the Hillside Neighborhood. The draft General Plan Steering Committee Plan Map shows this land as low density.

Zoning and Land-Use Policy: The following policy consists of general statements to be used as guidelines. Such guidelines may on occasion conflict when several are compared. In such cases, the Planning Commission should prioritize the guidelines as they pertain to the specific parameters of the issue which is pending. All zoning requests should first be evaluated for their compliance with the General Plan.

General Guidelines:

- A definite edge should be established between the types of uses to protect the integrity of each use, except where the mixing of uses is recommended in the General Plan.
 - Staff Comment: The parcels are in a variety of zones. This rezone will consolidate these parcels into one zone designation.
- Zoning should reflect the existing use of property to the greatest extent possible, unless the area is in transition or is in conflict with the General Plan.
 - Staff Comment: This parcel is transitioning from vacant to residential.
- Where possible, properties which face each other across a local street, should be the same or a similar zone. Collector and arterial roads may be sufficient buffers to warrant different zones.
 - Staff Comment: This parcel is located on a local street and will have the same HP-2 zone.
- Zoning boundaries should not cut across individual lots or developments (i.e., placing the lot in two separate zones). Illogical boundaries should be redrawn to follow property or established geographical lines.
 - Staff Comment: The proposed zone change and subsequent subdivision lots will be in the same zone.

Residential Guidelines:

- Avoid isolating neighborhoods.
 - Staff Comment: The proposed zone change will not isolate the existing neighborhood.
- Require excellence in design.
 - Staff Comment: A building permit will be processed for the future home and accessory building meeting city standards.
- Consider development agreements to assure higher quality development.
 - Staff Comment: No development agreement is proposed.

The memo offered the following summary of Land Use Authority considerations:

- Is the proposal consistent with the General Plan?
- How does the proposal relate to the Zoning and Land Use Policy guidelines?

The memo concluded the Planning Commission on a six to zero vote, with one abstention, recommends that the City Council approve the rezone from HP-3 and R-1-10 to HP-2. The Planning Commission found that this application is consistent with the General Plan and is consistent with the draft General Plan Steering Committee plan map.

Mr. Scott reviewed his staff memo.

Mayor Berube stated he listened to the Planning Commission meeting during which this application was discussed, and he was happy to see that the applicant was very reasonable and willing to accept the recommendations the Commission made. He then invited input from the applicant.

Eric Thomas provided a brief history of the project; he owned the ground before the HP zones were created in the City. He noted that he planned to develop it according to the R-1-10 zoning designation before the HP zones were created. He identified the old pressure zone on the hillside, which is where water was formerly available and is also the stopping point for older development plans. However, now that tanks have been built higher on the hillside, development above that old pressure line can be supported. He stated he will comply with the requirements of the HP zones and asked for Council approval of the application.

Mayor Berube noted that Mr. Thomas is the Chairman of the City's Planning Commission, but he has declared his conflict and abstained from discussion and/or action on any item related to his property.

Council Member Swanson asked if it would be more appropriate to change the zoning of the R-1-10 to the HP-3 zone to ensure that the zoning of the entire project area is the same. Mr. Scott stated that the reason staff and the Commission felt was appropriate is that the entire project area is not as steep as the land to the north; the HP-3 zone has a minimum lot size of two-acres due to geologic hazards, but the area of the project that is further south does not have geologic hazards and it is not necessary to require two-acre lots. Council Member Swanson stated he simply wants to avoid setting a precedence whereby other property owners feel they should be granted the HP-2 zone rather than the HP-3 zone. City Manager/Attorney Call noted that each zoning designation is a legislative action and a decision on one property does not mean that another property owner is entitled to that same decision. He noted that each zoning application is considered on a case-by-case basis. Mayor Berube added that this application is unique since the property is split between two zones due to the early phases of the project commencing before the HP zones were created. Mr. Call agreed. Mr. Scott reiterated that the HP-3 zone requires two-acre lot sizes, the HP-2 zone requires 12,000 square foot lots, and the R-1-10 zone requires 10,000 square foot lots; in essence, a portion of the property is actually being downzoned. He noted that the property to the east contains significant geologic hazards that warrant the HP-3 zone staying intact.

Mr. Thomas stated that he does not own the property above the land that is subject to this application; however, the Planning Commission has considered appropriate zoning boundary lines for the area. He reiterated that the HP zones were created when The Cove project was in the conceptual stage and ground was rezoned as development occurred. On the General Plan Map, a hard line is drawn on the east boundary of this subject property.

COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON MOTIONED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2021-06 TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 3575 NORTH 950 EAST FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1-10 AND HILLSIZE HP-3 TO HILLSIDE HP-2. COUNCIL MEMBER CEVERING SECONDED THE MOTION.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	AYE
Council Member Cevering	AYE
Council Member Ekstrom	AYE
Council Member Stoker	AYE
Council Member Swanson	AYE

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION ON AN ORDINANCE FOR PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

A staff memo from Finance Director Nelson explained the report provides a summary of the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The attached spreadsheet outlines the specific changes by general ledger account. A detailed budget report is also included in the packet, showing each account that is proposed to be amended. The City Council will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed amendments. The amendments may be approved using the attached ordinance.

Proposed Amendments:

- **Wage and Personnel Adjustments** – Revenue estimates for the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget were made very conservatively as the pandemic was just beginning. Many wage adjustments were eliminated from the budget as a result. As more than half of the fiscal year has elapsed and General Fund revenues have come in much stronger than anticipated, it is proposed that some wage adjustments be restored along with some that were reduced. The personnel adjustments include the addition of a new full-time Police officer, a new City Recorder, and moving the Planning Director to full-time. The budget impact of these adjustments across all departments is \$157,504 for the period from February through June. The annual cost of these changes is estimated at \$374,000.

- **Parks Department** – The Parks Department is proposing that \$10,000 be restored to the budget for building maintenance, forestry/tree removal, and playground maintenance.
- **Building Permit Software** – The Building Department has selected a software to streamline the permitting process and is proposing that \$20,000 be allocated for this purpose in the current fiscal year.
- **Police** – The Police Department is proposing that \$167,940 be allocated for the purchase of three new vehicles, including one for a new officer. This amount also includes fuel and maintenance, equipment for the new officer and several laptops for the department.
- **Sales Tax/Rainy Day Funds** – Sales tax revenues during the first 5 months of the fiscal year have generated \$495,000 more than anticipated. The proposed amendments impacting the General Fund are to be funded with this surplus. It is also proposed that the use of rainy-day funds, proposed in the original budget, be eliminated. The offset to these changes is an increase in the sales tax estimate in the amount of \$501,826.
- **CARES ACT** – It is also proposed that the budget for CARES Act grant revenue be moved to the section of the budget used to track revenue from other governments.

Mr. Nelson reviewed his staff memo.

Mayor Berube asked Mr. Nelson and Council Member Swanson to assess whether there are any items in the proposed budget amendment list that could be seen as a ‘want’ rather than a ‘need’; he noted it is important to perform this assessment with the idea of reducing the burden on taxpayers and preserving as much money as possible for the Public Safety facility project. Mr. Nelson stated that the Mayor and Council have made a concerted effort over the past three years to make sure that employees are fairly compensated; when those types of decisions are made, it is a long term commitment as it is usually not possible to decrease employment levels or salaries as the City grows. He stated he would not label pay increases or new positions as a ‘want’ for the City. He addressed the Planning Director position specifically and noted that the Council has indicated a desire to proactively plan for the manner in which the City will continue to develop in the future. He stated that a full-time Planning Director position is appropriate for the City at this point in time. Mayor Berube agreed and noted the same is true for the Police Department; it is important for the growth of that Department to outpace the City’s population growth in order for the Department to be prepared to provide an appropriate level of service to residents. He supports a focus on ensuring wages and benefits for the City’s Public Safety employees are adequate and competitive. Council Member Swanson agreed and said it is appropriate for the City to be proactive and plan for growth or build out of the City. He is grateful for the Mayor’s support and acceleration of that new strategy. He added that the increase in sales tax revenue expectations is appropriate given that concerns about reduced revenues due to COVID-19 have not come to fruition and the City has already captured a great deal more in sales tax revenue than originally budgeted.

Mayor Berube opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Chief Quinney stated there has been a great deal of talk over the past several months and years about population increases and growth in the City and with that comes an increase in traffic. This was even a topic of discussion earlier tonight. The City's dedicated traffic officer retired in December of 2020 and he has met with his Lieutenants and Sergeants to discuss filling that position and they decided to absorb it into patrol; he will not put an Officer on a traffic detail and leave another officer alone in a domestic situation. With that said, the additional officer position that is part of this budget amendment will help the Department increase its focus on traffic issues, but more is absolutely needed in order to respond to growth.

Mayor Berube thanked Chief Quinney for making those points; while it is important to keep residents safe, it is also important to keep Police Officers safe and that can be accomplished by increasing the number of Officers to look out for one another.

Megan Sanders used the Zoom chat feature to provide input; she asked if red light cameras are an option for the City to use to address traffic safety. She noted she has seen those used in other jurisdictions and it seems to reduce the number of cars that are running red lights. It seems every day she sees cars run red lights and if the Council decides against giving law enforcement as many officers they want or need, a robot may be just as good and will pay for itself over time.

Randy Winn, 2412 Barker Parkway, expressed his support for the proposed budget adjustments.

Robert Bolar, 684 East 2900 North, also expressed his support for the additional resources for the Police Department. Traffic enforcement is crucial for the City and is accomplished by an increased visible presence of law enforcement in the community. He noted his family has received traffic tickets from North Ogden police officers, but they understand the importance of appropriate levels of law enforcement.

There were no additional persons appearing to be heard.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:07 P.M. COUNCIL MEMBER CEVERING SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ON PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

COUNCIL MEMBER STOKER MOTIONED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2021-07, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET. COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Voting on the motion:

Council Member Barker	AYE
Council Member Cevering	AYE
Council Member Ekstrom	AYE
Council Member Stoker	AYE
Council Member Swanson	AYE

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. COUNCIL DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. COUNCIL MEMBER BARKER – BUILDING & PLANNING

Council Member Barker presented draft maps from the General Plan Steering Committee; he asked for feedback from the Council that he can return to that Committee in order for them to adjust their proposals as they proceed through continued evaluation of the final recommendation they will be making to the Planning Commission and the Council. There was a focus on the area that has been designated for hillside conservation on the northern hillsides of the City and the types of projects that could be completed in that area. Council Member Swanson stated that the amount of space in that proposed conservation area is approximately 400 to 500 acres and he asked the Committee to keep in mind that the land is currently located in Weber County; unless the City allows for annexation of the land, the City will have no say or control over how the property is developed.

Council Member Stoker stated that she has heard concerns that the word ‘steering’ has some racial undertones and she wondered if the name of the Committee should be changed to be ‘advisory’ in nature. Council Member Cevering stated that the word ‘steering’ does carry some negative connotations in the real estate world, and he supports and adjustment to the Committee name. He then stated that he recently heard from someone at the County who said that any time a project exceeds \$750,000 they will ask that the applicant pursue annexation into the City they belong in. Mayor Berube stated he has heard something similar, but he would like for the County to speak for themselves and make those decisions. He noted that he concurs with Council Member Swanson’s comments about the importance of the City preparing for development of the property in order to have some control over density and development standards.

Mayor Berube then stated that he is concerned about legislation currently being considered by the Utah Legislature regarding affordable housing and accessory dwelling units (ADUs); it could result in a dramatic increase in internal ADUs, which would result in a population increase without any offsetting revenue to cover the cost associated with an increased level of service.

B. COUNCIL MEMBER SWANSON – FINANCE

Council Member Swanson stated he does not have much to add other than to reiterated that sales tax revenues are trending higher than projected. He, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Call have begun meeting to discuss the upcoming budget cycle. They are looking at Departments across the City and evaluating their budgets with a fine-tooth comb to ensure that taxpayer money is being used in the most efficient way possible.

Mayor Berube inquired as to the status of the annual audit report. Council Member Swanson deferred to Mr. Nelson. Mr. Nelson stated the City is working with a new auditor and their process is different than past auditors' processes. This has resulted in Administration needing to adjust some of the City's accounting approaches and there is just one outstanding item to be addressed before the audit report can be finalized. A report of the audit will then be provided to the Audit Committee and then to the City Council. Mayor Berube stated that it is his opinion that the audit firm is taking the correct approach and the City's approach likely should have been adjusted several years ago. He stated that the City will likely need to make some corrective actions and possibly consider a payback to a developer that has not been paid by the City in accordance with an agreement to which the City was a party. He noted that the City has communicated to the State the reason for the lateness of the audit, which was supposed to be submitted by the end of 2020.

Chief Quinney reported that Detective Paul Rhoades is retiring after 25 years of service with the City. His last day will be this Friday and he served in several roles throughout his career. He noted he will be missed, and he wished him the best in his retirement.

Mr. Call reported the garbage collection request for proposals (RFP) has been published and responses are due this Friday. Administration plans to have a discussion with the Council regarding the outcome of the RFP and options for recycling programs in the City in the future. He then reported that the City was able to work out an occupancy agreement with the property owner that the City has been seeking to purchase their home for the Washington Boulevard widening project. The City did file condemnation paperwork, but that is now on hold as the City tries to work out an agreement that both parties are comfortable with. He then reported he has reached out to the parties that expressed interest in the past in purchasing the City's detention basin property on 2700 North; those that have responded have indicated they are not interested in purchasing the property, but he is waiting to hear from one additional party before moving forward.

Council Member Swanson noted there has been a discussion on the City Facebook page about the change in address for the clearing house that residents send their utility payments to; residents have asked if they received an official notification that the mailing address has changed. Mr. Call stated that the updated utility bills include the new address, but those who are most likely to have issues are those who have automatic check payments set up through their bank and they have not updated the mailing address. Those payments may be late because payments are no longer being forwarded from the old address to the new address.

Council Member Swanson concluded that Senate Bill 98 is moving through the 2021 legislative session; this would enable developers to hire their own inspectors to perform inspections and issue certificates of occupancy. He stated he is very concerned about this bill and he encouraged everyone to call their representative to express their opposition. Mayor Berube agreed; not only will the City lose the revenues associated with the inspection process, but homeowners will lose a level of protection. He stated that the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) is working on the matter, but it is important for the Council and/or residents to reach out to their representatives.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Randy Winn, 2412 Barker Parkway, addressed the intersection of 2600 North and 1050 East; he is opposed to a roundabout for several reasons. They are hard to negotiate and would cause a safety hazard. He also hates to use stop signs unless it is absolutely necessary. If some changes are to be made, he feels that a stop light would be most appropriate for financial reasons and the impact to neighboring properties. He stated that he does not want to exaggerate the danger of the intersection and jump too quickly to try to solve a problem that does not actually exist. He stated the main problem occurs during the evening hours during commuting peak times.

Robert Bolar, 684 East 2900 North, supports Council Member Stoker's comments about the importance of removing the word 'steering' from the General Plan Committee; it has negative connotations and should not be used in the planning of a City. He encouraged the Council to research the matter on their own. He then asked if there is any chance of printing the Mayor's Message on the back of the City water bill to ensure it is more widely read; the Mayor is sharing valuable insights that would benefit citizens throughout the City.

Dallin Barker, 3347 North 500 East, stated he missed last week's meeting, but wanted to comment about the Public Safety Facility project. He stated he has heard the existing facility is going to be demolished; however, it is 5,800 square feet, which is close to the court and training function areas of the new facility, which total 6,500 square feet. The cost of those two areas in the new facility is nearly \$2 million and he wondered if it would be possible to renovate the existing facility for less than \$2 million.

Mayor Berube thanked Mr. Barker for his comments. He noted the City is creating a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document that will be published to answer questions about the Public Safety facility project.

12. COUNCIL/MAYOR/STAFF COMMENTS

See item 10 above.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Stoker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Barker seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

**Council Member Barker
Council Member Cevering
Council Member Ekstrom
Council Member Stoker
Council Member Swanson**

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

S. Neal Berube, Mayor

Katie Gerard, City Recorder

Date Approved





NORTH OGDEN CITY STAFF REPORT

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: TIFFANY STAHELI, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: TEMPORARY PARADE ROUTE – CHERRY DAYS
DATE: 3/5/2021

In 2019, in consideration of the upcoming construction at the intersection of 2600 N and Washington Blvd, The City Council, with the input of city staff and resident feedback made the decision to temporarily change the parade route for one year during construction at the intersection.

Staff and residents/Cherry Days coordinators have had some continuing concerns with the current parade route aside from the upcoming construction:

- The road (400 E) hill coming down to 2600 N is quite steep and poses some difficulty for certain parade vehicles (carriages, city train, brakeless entries)
- With the width of Washington Blvd., and the UDOT barricades in the middle of the road in multiple sections from 2600 N to the south cause difficulty and the need to split the parade every other entry, onto either side of the road.
- The width of Washington Blvd. has caused traffic management issues in trying to keep people from going out into the road. Staff and Council have had complaints from residents and those watching the parade because the depth of spectators can get to be 20-30 people deep in places. Those who have saved seats behind the street curbs have been upset by those who walk up before the parade starts and stand in the road in front of the curbs, and in front of those who have saved seats or those who have been sitting in their selected location for the duration of the morning. We have a great police presence at the parade each year that, utilizing their motorcade, patrol the length of the parade route, however, considering the length of the parade and the amount of people present, it has proven extremely difficult to enforce keeping spectators behind the fog lines on the road.

- Concerns have been raised for years about the safety of the parade and the ability to work with entries to manage or eliminate candy/prize distribution. Regulations have been in place for many years that prohibit entries from distributing/throwing candy and prizes from their entries, but they have been difficult to enforce during the parade. Entries have been required to distribute items via carts or wagons walked along the side of the road. With the large number of spectators, this has posed a problem with people coming up to and surrounding the distributing entries.
- Washington Blvd. south of 2600 N is a State road and requires permitting for closure through the Utah Department of Transportation.

Some of the concepts that were discussed regarding the temporary new route:

- With a new route, significant communication efforts will need to be made to share the message of the change with residents.
- Most of the road is much less steep than the current route.
- The temporary new route is a much narrower road (2 lanes vs 5 lanes) and the intent was that a narrower road would help keep spectators on and behind the curb rather than in the roadway just due to the narrowness of the road. This would help decrease the depth of spectators and address some of the resident concerns that we have had with others sitting in front of them and obstructing their view.
- The narrowness of the temporary route would help with safety as items being distributed from the entries could easily get to and behind the curb.
- The temporary new route is on a city-owned road which can be closed at the discretion of the North Ogden Police department without obtaining a permit.
- The temporary new route has 6 city-owned parking locations at parks or city buildings either on or within 3 city blocks of the parade route.
- The temporary new route is longer than the existing route to allow people to spread out more throughout the route. This will help with spectator depth mentioned above.
- The end of the new/temporary route is at a location within blocks of the Cherry Days festivities allowing for parade entrants who are also participating at the festival in the park easy access to the park.

The new/temporary parade route during construction is as follows:



Parade Start: 2600 N. Mountain Road

Parade End: 2600 N 500 E

Distance: 1.5 miles (old distance 1.36 miles)

Parade Staging (Orange): 2600 N to 2750 N on Mountain Road, Equestrian Park if needed

City Owned Parade Seating (Teal): North Barker Park

City Owned Parking Locations for Parade Viewing (Dark Blue)

- *North Ogden Park Parking Lot:* 500 Feet from parade route (1 block)
- *City Hall Parking Lot:* On Parade Route
- *Senior Center Parking Lot:* 500 feet from parade route (1 block)
- *Wadman Park Parking Lot:* 300-800 feet from parade route (1 block)
- *Barker Park Parking Lot:* 1400 feet from parade route (3 blocks)
- *Oaklawn Park Parking Lot:* 1500 feet from parade route (3 blocks)

Cherry Days Activities (Red)

Car Show (Lime Green)

With the decision to temporarily move the parade route during construction, which was planned for the 2020 calendar year, staff have been working diligently and have made significant efforts to reach out to residents, changing the parade route on the website, updating the parade route on the participation applications, utilizing flyers and distributions in the utility bill mailed to residents, posting notices in the Connection magazine distributed to all residents, emails sent out to all parade participants from previous years, and hand-delivered notices to many residents along the parade route in order to provide clear communication about the temporary change.

Staff is of the opinion that many residents are aware of the temporary change and that the construction provides a good opportunity to test out a new route to see the effect of the changes and if there is a benefit and improvement to the safety of North Ogden's celebrations that should be continued. If the difference is not significant, staff is prepared to return to the current/existing route.



NORTH OGDEN CITY STAFF REPORT

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

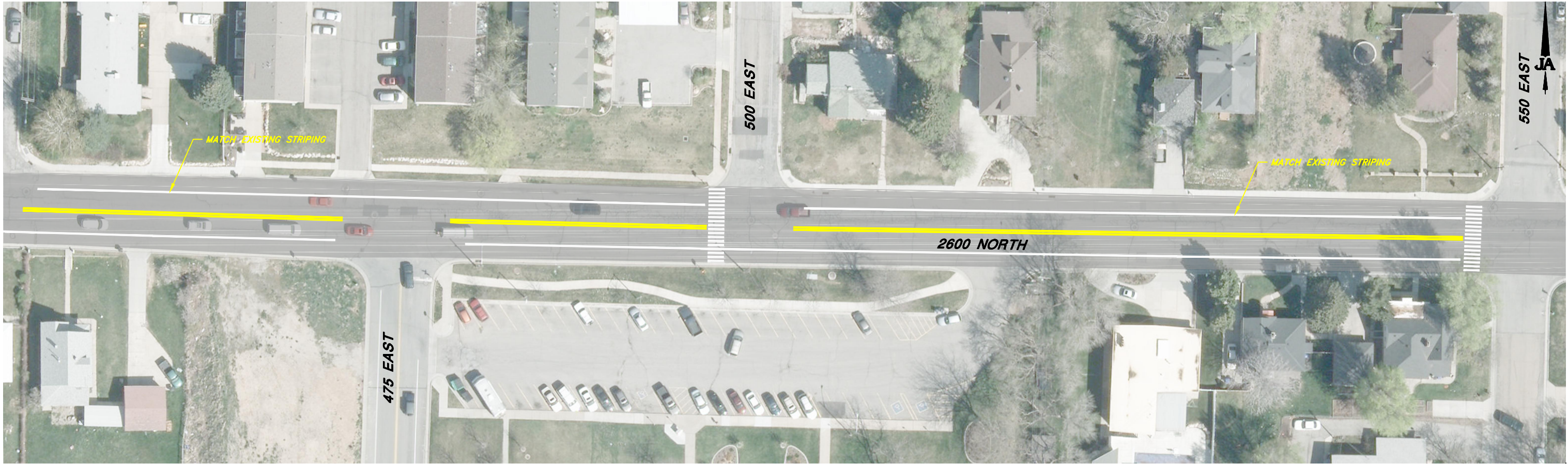
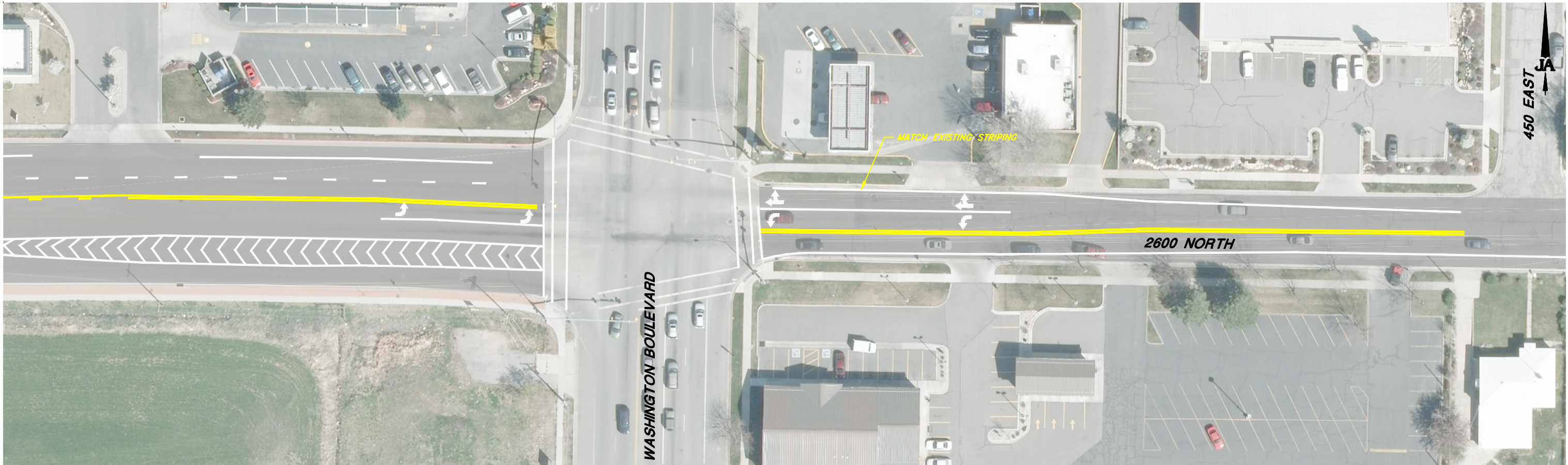
FROM: DAVID ESPINOZA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RESTRIPING OF 2600N

DATE: 3/5/2021

Public Works has been asked to review the road striping along 2600 N. from 400 E. to 1050 E. We have attached drawings of an alternate layout. These drawing include a left turn pocket to keep the flow of traffic going. They also include the removal of the on-street parking, which will open an additional lane for traffic to pass on the right legally. This will also include UTA bus pull-offs so traffic is not impeded by bus services.

Public Works believes this is a very good option to keep traffic flowing along 2600 N. without making huge construction changes that would impact all the homes along that stretch of road. We also understand that by changing the striping on this road it will take away on-street parking from the residents, but feel that this is a better option than taking property from these homeowners to widen the road.



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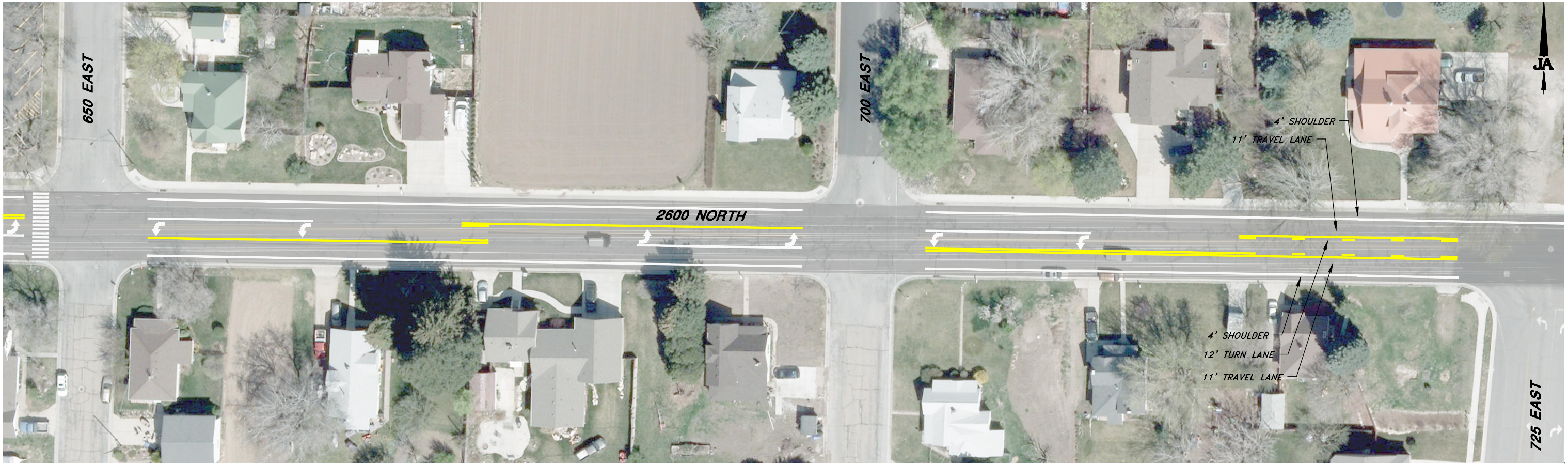
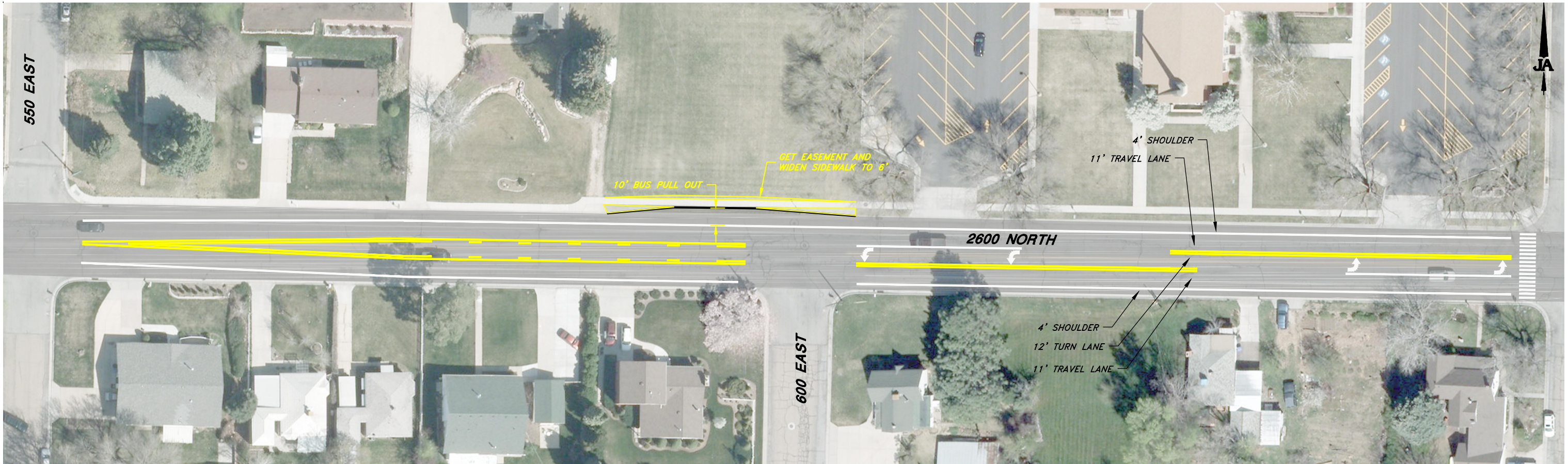
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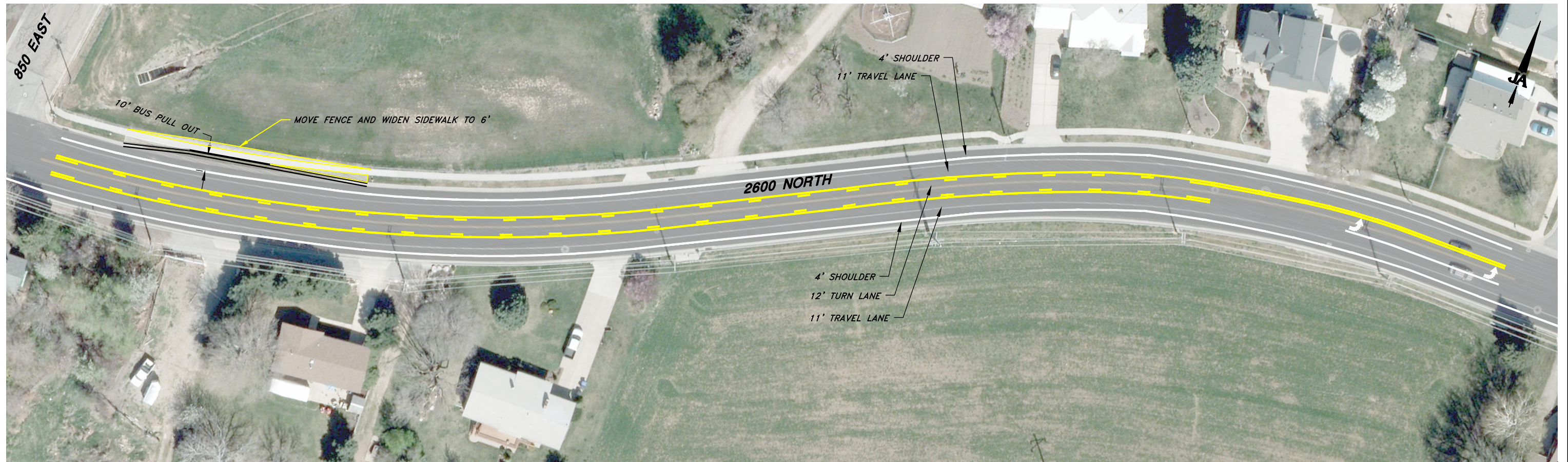
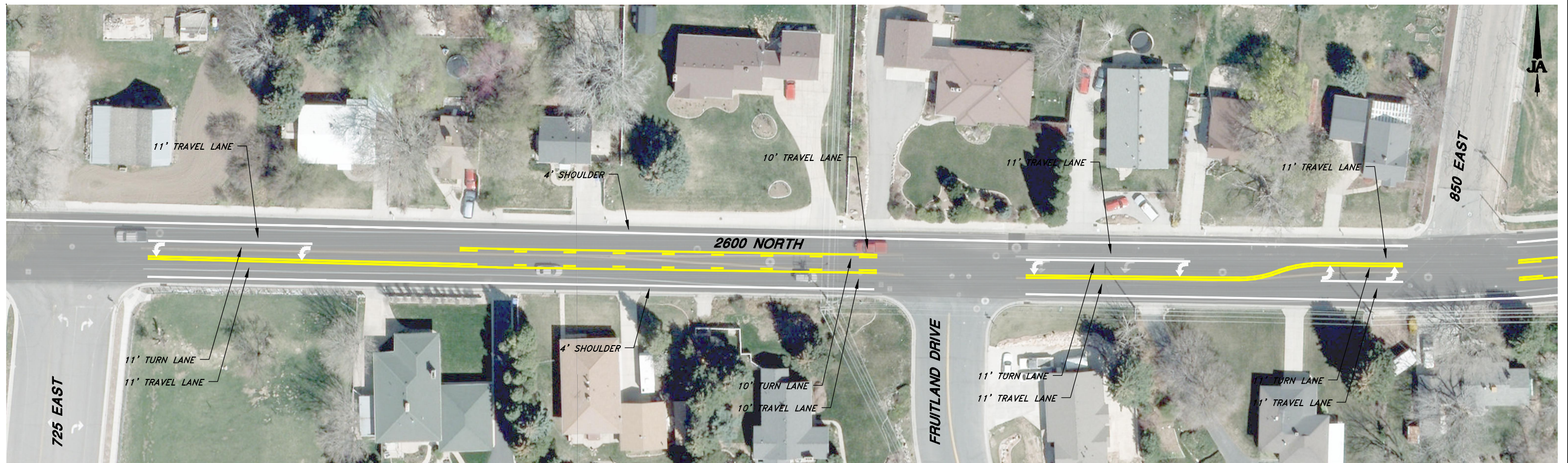
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