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To: Public Works Committee

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Subject: Gjertson Street Reconstruction Project

The 2017 Budget includes funding to undertake the design effort related to the reconstruction of Gjertson Street from Hamilton Street to Main Street in 2018. This particular segment of Gjertson Street poses several challenges as we begin the design for reconstruction that we are seeking initial input prior to drafting a concept to share with the adjacent property owners.

Sidewalks – Currently, the sidewalk is not continuous on either side of the street. Grades, trees, parking areas, loading areas and drainage all complicate the sidewalk installation in the segment of Gjertson Street. For reconstruction projects, the City’s sidewalk installation policy indicates sidewalks are to be installed on both sides of the street. We are seeking confirmation that preliminary design concepts should attempt to incorporate sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Street Width – The current width is 48 feet (back of curb to back of curb). Narrowing this to 39 feet could allow for about a 6 foot grass terrace and that can include terrace trees. This width would allow 8-foot on-street parking on both sides and 11-foot travel lanes and would approximately match the width of Gjertson Street north of Hamilton Street. A dedicated turn-lane at Main Street may be appropriate. We are seeking confirmation that preliminary design concepts should attempt to incorporate a narrower street width.

I have attached an initial concept that reduces the street width to 39 feet and incorporates sidewalk on the west side of the street. We will discuss the various challenges at the meeting. Some pictures have been provided.

If you have any questions, please contact me.