

# **FSIS**

## FRONT STREET IMPROVEMENT STUDY

# SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING NO. 1

### **OVERVIEW**

A public meeting was held at the Metropolitan Community College – Business and Technology Campus on November 16, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (with a presentation at 4:30 p.m.) to discuss the ***Front Street Improvement Study (FSIS)***. Local business owners, representatives of area industrial and economic development organizations, and the general public were invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Introduce the ***FSIS*** to the general public.
- Provide an overview of the Study including its purpose, schedule, and anticipated outcomes.
- Present conceptual improvement concepts for Front Street.
- Gather public input on the improvement concepts, and specifics such as roadway cross-sections, retaining walls, landscaping and other elements that could improve the look and feel of the Front Street corridor, as well as accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians.

A total of 23 people attended the meeting. Notice was provided via City-issued press release. Postcard invitations were also mailed to businesses located within the Front Street study area, property owners at the Kansas Avenue/Front Street intersection, advocacy groups, economic development agencies, and local public officials. An overview of the information presented at the meeting and general comments from meeting participants are included below.

### **EXHIBITS AND HANDOUTS**

Participants reviewed the following exhibits and displays during the meeting:

- Welcome: Relevant meeting information
- Schedule: ***FSIS***
- Multiuse Trail: Riverfront Heritage Trail Connection via Front Street
- Aesthetics: Possible landscaping and streetscaping applications for Front Street
- Roadway Cross Sections: Three segments of Front Street:
  - I-35 to Riverfront Road
  - Riverfront Road to Chouteau Trafficway

- Chouteau Trafficway to Universal Avenue
- Conceptual Improvements:
  - Front Street from I-29/35 to Chouteau Trafficway as four lanes
  - Front Street from Chouteau Traffic to Universal Avenue as six lanes
  - Retaining walls and medians
- Two Bridge Concepts: Front Street at Kansas Avenue
- Comments: Relevant contact information for the **FSIS**
- Comments cards with the following questions:
  - How will the conceptual improvement plans for Front Street impact your home or business?
  - What other comments do you have?
- **FSIS** project fact sheet
- **FSIS** project slideshow

## **GENERAL SUMMARY OF COMMENTS**

Of the 23 people who attended the public meeting, three returned the comment cards provided to them. The feedback provided on the cards and during conversations with staff related to the types of improvements planned for the area west of Chouteau in general and to Kansas, Gardner, and Universal Avenues in particular. Other comments related to:

- The potential for upgrading sewer lines along Front Street as part of future improvements.
- The timeline for future improvements and funding for the current improvement study.
- Impacts of the I-435/Front Street Diverging Diamond Interchange construction project.
- Timing and schedule of future construction activities, e.g. a preference that work happen from 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m.
- Impression of Front Street for drivers traveling from the west vs. though traveling from the east.
- Importance of adding bike lanes to Front Street.