

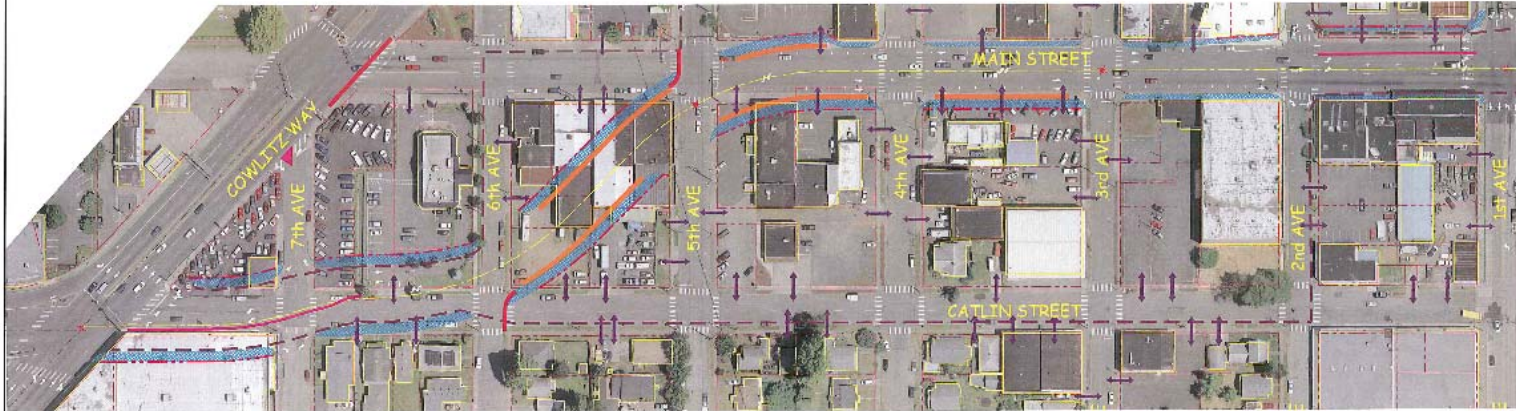
West Main Street Realignment Project

City Council Meeting – March 2, 2010

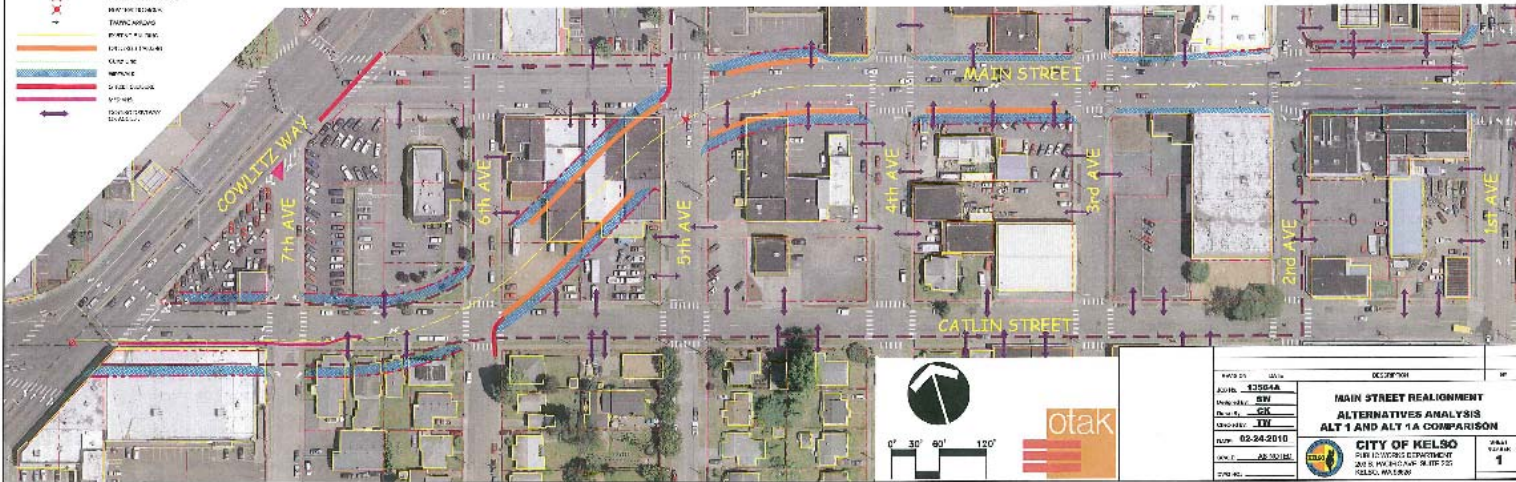


Alternatives 1/1A

WEST MAIN STREET REALIGNMENT - ALTERNATIVE 1

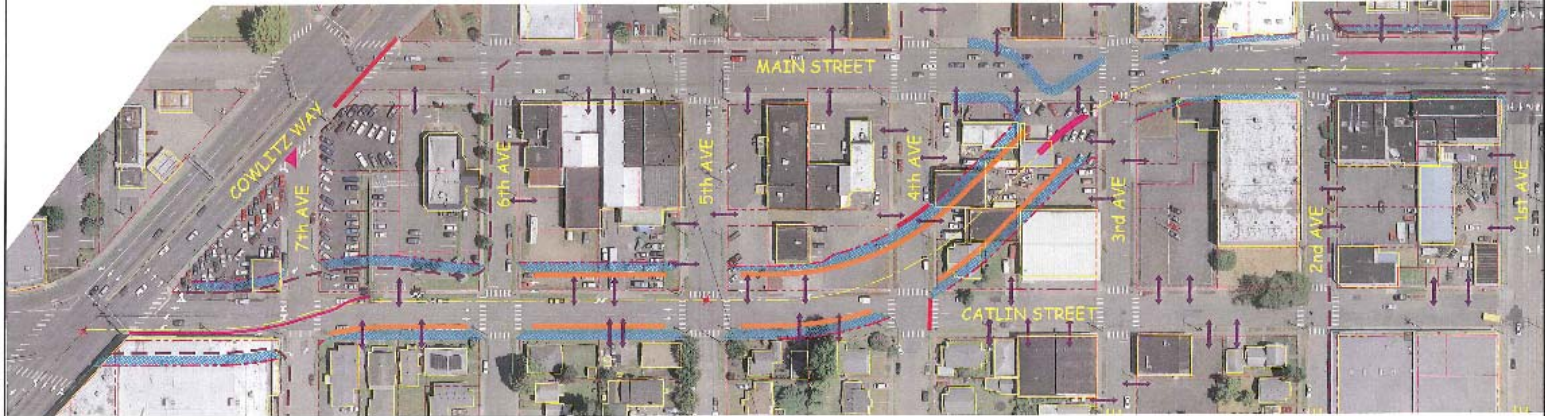


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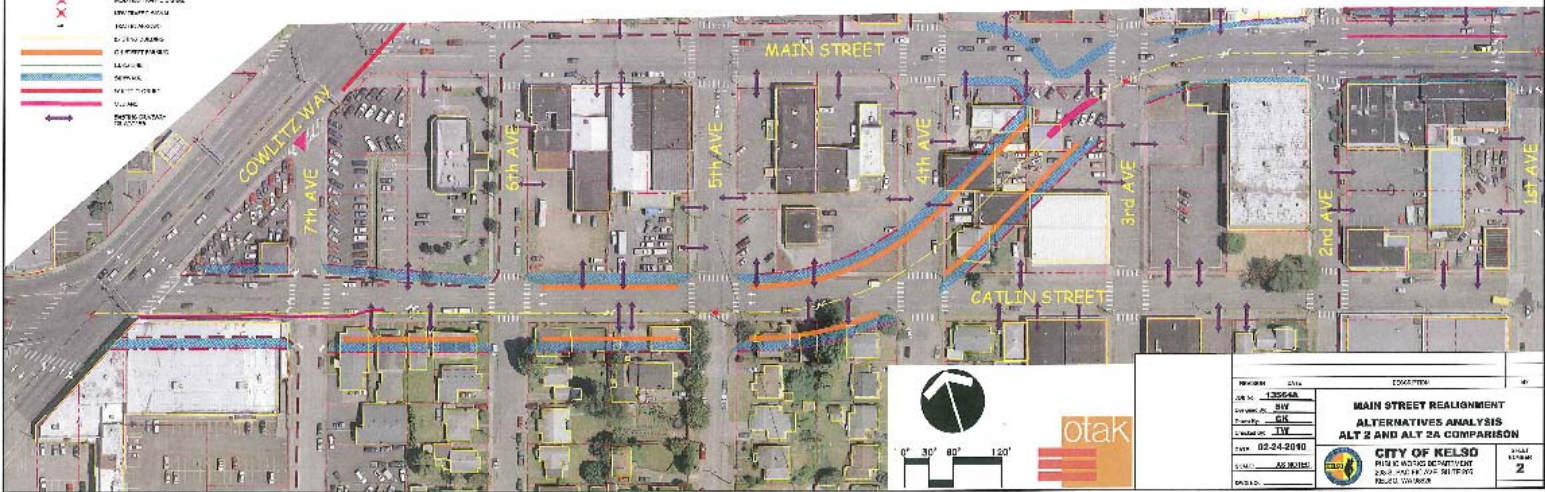


Alternatives 2/2A

WEST MAIN STREET REALIGNMENT - ALTERNATIVE 2



WEST MAIN STREET REALIGNMENT - ALTERNATIVE 2A



Goals

- Realign Main Street to meet Ocean Beach Highway
- Reduce traffic congestion and/or preserve capacity at major corridor intersections
- Create a western gateway feature for Kelso
- Provide an attractive, cohesive boulevard streetscape
- Improve pedestrian safety
- Encourage a network of parallel routes, facilitating access management and re-configured intersections
- Help revitalization of the Main Street commercial corridor

Givens

- Alternatives will be based on previous study criteria
- The realignment provides a crossover segment between Main Street and Catlin Street
- Improvements will be limited to those needed to build the realignment
- Any “off-corridor” enhancements will be part of a future capital improvement plan for the area
- Final decision making authority is the responsibility of the Kelso City Council by way of adoption of the Corridor Plan

Public Outreach Update

- Stakeholder / Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) – Held 3 meetings (9/23/09; 10/29/09; 12/9/09)
- Open Houses – Two Open Houses (10/29/09; 2/25/10)
- City Council – 4 meetings (Presentation 11/3/09; Work Sessions 1/19/10, 2/2/10, tonight – 3/2/10)
- Stakeholder / property owner meetings
- Project information update, website

Public Feedback

- Cost and funding availability
- Long term disruptions or uncertainties with phasing
- Impacts to businesses (short and long term) - do businesses have any recourse if they fail?
- Land use – is the project consistent with long term land use/zoning objectives?
- Concern with parking availability
- Was a “couplet” considered?
- Is this project really needed to resolve traffic issues?
- Concern with convenient access to businesses
- Has the City made a go/no-go decision?

City Council Feedback

- Great opportunity for West Kelso revitalization
- Focus on area as long term commercial land use
- Need connection from the crossover to Main Street
- Pedestrian safety is very important
- Waiting longer will result in rising costs, making the project potentially more difficult to accomplish in the future
- Support moving ahead on planning and engineering, but hold on construction pending additional funding
- Pursue further analysis of Alternative 3A
- Remove street parking on realignment
- Consider right-in turn from Cowlitz to West Main (pursue with WSDOT)

Revised Milestone Dates

Corridor Plan (Alignment Selection)	April 2010
Preliminary Design	Fall 2010
Environmental Approvals	Spring 2011
Start Right-of-Way Acquisition	Spring 2011
Final Design – Phase 1	Fall 2011
Start Construction – Phase 1	Spring 2012

Design Team – Next Steps

Access onto West Main – After selection of an alignment, recommend further consideration in the design phase of eastbound access across Cowlitz Way.

Issues include:

- Avoid degradation of proposed intersection service levels for current design
- Resolve potential congestion impacts to the east on West Main in Alternative 3/3A
- Coordination with WSDOT for approvals
- Regional coordination through the TAC and Longview

Design Team – Next Steps

Phasing – After selection of an alignment, recommend further consideration of a phasing plan that focuses on a Phase 1 for final design and construction. Potential phasing segments include the 1st Avenue intersection; Catlin/Cowlitz intersection; and the crossover.

Issues include:

- Cost
- Traffic congestion relief
- Business impacts

Design Team – Next Steps

Couplet Options – Couplet scenarios were previously evaluated in previous studies.

These were not advanced because of:

- Problems with regional circulation
- Access and circulation in West Kelso
- Cost/benefit

Questions

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