

MADISON AVENUE CORRIDOR

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PUBLIC MEETING PLANNED:

A public meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th at Holmes High School. Watch for details to come to you in late January!

OTHER NEWS:

The following article appeared in NKAPC's eNewsletter – January 2008
http://nkapc.org/newsletter_current.html

Covington Seeks NKAPC Assistance for Madison Avenue Redevelopment Effort

The City of Covington has contracted with NKAPC to pursue a multi-faceted redevelopment study for a portion of Madison Avenue. The effort will produce a form-based design overlay zoning district and transportation engineering recommendations for the corridor between the Cathedral at 12th Street and Holmes High School at 26th Street.

According to Melissa Conway, AICP, senior planner, "The city undertook a redevelopment plan for the Madison Avenue corridor in 2005. One of the key recommendations from that effort was to pursue design standards to help spur redevelopment of the area."

Staff is currently working with city officials and an advisory committee on the draft design standards which will include streetscape, parking, and building form standards. "The redevelopment plan recommended that the area should be a mixed-use corridor and that new development should be oriented to the street and more friendly to pedestrians," said Conway.

Adam Kirk, PE, AICP, NKAPC's transportation engineer, is working with Conway and the advisory committee on the project. His focus is on completing engineering studies for certain parts of the corridor that need more attention. "The section near Holmes High School gets more vehicular and foot traffic than any other part of the corridor," said Kirk. "We're looking at some changes there—possibly a crosswalk or some raised medians—while we determine the most appropriate roadway design to allow traffic to move without delay."

"Right now we have a four-lane cross section with two lanes in each direction. The redevelopment plan recommends a three-lane section with the center lane being used for left turns. These improvements would reduce the amount of pavement a pedestrian would have to cross," he said. "We want to focus on making things very pedestrian-friendly."

Kirk and his team are collecting data and preparing to present it at a public meeting scheduled for the end of February at Holmes High School. "We're hoping to get some feedback from the general public before we present our findings and some recommendations to the city," said Kirk. Ultimately, the city will decide which recommendations to pursue. Conway says the entire project should be completed by late July.

Project Website:

<http://nkapc.org/MadisonAveStudy.html>

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