



# Town of Johnstown

## TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATION WORK SESSION

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<b>AGENDA DATE:</b>	June 14, 2021
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Discussion – Charlotte Street Public Input and Next Steps
<b>ATTACHEMENTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Original Concept Options</li><li>2. Survey Results</li><li>3. Revised Typical Sections</li></ol>
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During the conceptual planning phase for the Charlotte Street Design, Staff proposed 3 options to the public to address public safety, multimodal transportation and community connectivity. The focus of the design on these three areas was supported by the data collected during the planning phases of the Comprehensive Plan update and the Transportation Master Plan. Staff focused public outreach efforts on Downtown residents directly impacted by the project with the objective to foster positive relationships by requesting input on the redesign of a corridor that is paramount to the Town and a focal point for the largest event held each year in Johnstown, BBQ days.

Staff received resident feedback at two Open House events, BBQ days, and an online survey. Resident feedback was focused primarily on the incorporation of bike lanes, justification of spending tax dollars, maintenance responsibilities and changing the historic significance of the Charlotte St corridor. Majority of the residents did not attend or view the project concept presentation and provided project feedback based on discussions with neighbors and the newspaper article.

Due to the potential impacts to the overall project based on the resident feedback, Staff is requesting guidance from Council.

To address the Feedback:

- Requires additional project time to either go back to the drawing board to either (A) present new design options or (B) develop stronger supporting arguments for existing options.
- Providing new design options based on the majority survey response removes the ability to implement solutions to the connectivity concerns the greater Johnstown community has identified.
- Causes a delay in the design schedule to pursue additional public feedback preventing Staff from pursuing the DOLA grant opportunity intended to assist in the funding the project.

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At this point Staff has identified three approaches to consider on the Charlotte Street project

1. **LONG TERM APPROACH** – Utilize one of the original concept options presented
  - a) Create multimodal transportation options (Bike & Peds)
  - b) Address community connectivity
  - c) Reduced roadway width and additional design solutions to address speeding and illegal vehicle movements
  - d) Replace aging infrastructure and address flooding issues
  - e) Keep existing service level of parking
  - f) Preserve the existing trees
  - g) Enhance parade route
  
2. **SHORT TERM APPROACH** – Proceed with based on comments received
  - a) Focus multimodal efforts on only 5’ sidewalks to address ADA compliance
  - b) Eliminate connectivity option to downtown
  - c) No design solutions – Enforcement only to address speeding and illegal vehicle movements
  - d) Roadway width dependent on addressing grade issues
  - e) Replace aging infrastructure and address flooding issues
  - f) Keep existing service level of parking
  - g) Preserve the existing trees
  
3. **TABLE THE PROJECT** – Re-evaluate project need after the following:
  - a) Public outreach focused on entire community
  - b) Trail master planning to evaluate best locations for connectivity options
  - c) Implementing a systematic program approach to direct street spending with corresponding utility replacement as needed
  - d) Impacts to traffic after elementary and high school relocation
  - e) Impacts to local flooding with the construction of the Old Town Drainage Project

The objective from this work session is to direct Staff to pursue one of the three options presented above or other options as directed by Council.