



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMO

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Public Works	David Lady - Public Works Director	August 15, 2022

### **ITEM**

Poncha Boulevard Design

### **BACKGROUND**

Poncha Blvd serves as one of the primary collector roads and western entrances into Salida. Planned growth along the western perimeter of Salida and within Poncha Springs will cause an increase in vehicles, bike traffic, and pedestrians for years to come.

Improvements along the roadway from H Street to 5th Street were completed in 2021. This included the addition of bike lanes, a detached sidewalk and multiuse path, intersection improvements, stormwater enhancements, and green space improvements. Similar upgrades are proposed beginning at 5th Street and extending to Holman Avenue. The street section being proposed is intended to provide traffic calming, improve the user experience for bikers and pedestrians, and enhance the town's aesthetics and tree canopy. Landscaped pockets along the golf course property and Thonhoff Park are proposed by the city as well as providing parkway strips where property owners would be encouraged to utilize the City's adopt a tree program. Multiple types of parkway examples are provided on the attached exhibits. Salida parkways vary considerably and everything from grass, rock, mulch, pavers, flower gardens, and other landscaping can be found throughout town. Staff is recommending the parkway be backfilled with topsoil which allows for revegetation and landscaping. However it is suggested that property owners be offered the option to backfill with decorative rock if requested.

Additional aesthetic improvements shown would include bump outs with colored concrete and short medians with the potential for landscaping at the intersections. The length of the medians are limited in order to allow for access into adjacent properties.

The next phase of the project would be finalizing the design and preparing for construction this next year. It is anticipated that the project would be phased over two years due to cost and the need to complete other maintenance and improvements in town.

Staff has worked with SEH Engineers to review alternatives and prepare preliminary design documents. The documents are attached for review and comment from Council members.



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