Highway 7/Park Avenue Improvement Study Whittington Avenue to Highway 5 Hot Springs

Need for Improvements

Traffic congestion is occurring on this section of Highway 7 during peak travel times, causing delays for vehicles and potential conflicts with pedestrians, bicycles and disabled travelers.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study is to determine the type and scope of improvements needed to accommodate the existing and projected traffic, as well as identifying neighborhood needs and priorities for development of alternatives that will be acceptable and optimal for residents and travelers.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to provide public input on traffic and neighborhood issues in the corridor and identify major constraints and planned improvements and/or developments that must be considered during this study and the design and environmental study stages that will follow as projects are developed.

Study Area

The study area is Highway 7/Park Avenue from Whittington Avenue to Highway 5. Highway 7 has four travel lanes south of Whittington Avenue. North of Whittington Avenue, the roadway is 40 feet wide with two travel lanes, curb and gutter, on-street parking, sidewalks on both sides and "Share the Road" signs for bicycles to Mountain Valley Street. North of Mountain Valley Street there are two 12-foot travel lanes with narrow shoulders for the remainder of the segment.

Study Description

The study will evaluate the Highway 7 corridor to determine current and future traffic and analyze crash data. Recommendations are anticipated to be primarily related to the width of the typical section of the roadway, design elements, and the alignment as it is fitted within the existing and developing urban environment.

