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## Wasena Bridge Replacement

<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	Thursday February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	Alexander Gish House, 641 Walnut Ave SW
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Focus Group Meeting #2 (Old Southwest Community)
<b>ATTACHED</b>	Agenda  List of community attendants  Comment Sheets  Meeting Notes completed during the meeting

This meeting was the second in a series of three, second round of neighborhood public meetings. The meeting was held at the Alexander Gish House at 7:00 pm and was part of a broader community meeting held regularly to discuss issues important to the community. Our presentation lasted about an hour.

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting(s). The presentation was started by city staff, followed by Mattern & Craig, Volkert, ECS and finished off by Rosales. The powerpoint presentation reintroduced the public to the project team, explained the stakeholder engagement process and revealed the data collected and comments that were obtained from the first round of community meetings.

Jessica Antos from ECS Limited spoke for about five minutes in regard to the Section 106 Compliance that is required for a project to receive federal funding.

Prior to the discussion of the concept bridge design, Volkert presented the results of the public engagement process to date and the future plans for the remaining public meetings.

The next portion of the presentation revealed the initial design concept for of the new bridge, presented by Nicolas Derycker from Rosales. The bridge footprint, organization, and conceptual form were presented. The initial design was well-received by the community and they are excited to continue to be part of the design process.

The meeting closed with a question and answer session. In addition to the questions and comments received verbally during the meeting a comment sheet was provided as well as a link to the project website ( <https://planroanoke.org/wasena-bridge/> ).

**The meeting notes recorded during the meeting, sign-in sheets, and public comment sheets are attached, and are summarized below:**

- The community has concerns about the construction phasing and the anticipated amount of time the bridge will remain closed.
- Pedestrian and Bicyclist connections from the bridge to the park and greenway remained a topic of concern
- Concerns regarding the impacts of closing the bridge will have on the newly established businesses in the area were expressed. Discussions with the business owners and laying out a plan for hosting events during construction are currently occurring and will be an ongoing process.
- The incorporation of local art on the bridge and at the approaches to the bridge are important to the Old Southwest Community.
- The approaches to the bridge were brought up numerous times. The intersections at each end of the bridge have their own challenges to ensure they provide safe and effective vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle connections.

**Team Members participating in the meeting:**

Josephus Johnson-Koroma, City of Roanoke  
Luke Pugh, City of Roanoke  
Chad Thomas, Mattern & Craig  
Mike Agee, Mattern & Craig  
Keith Weakley, Volkert  
Brendan August, Volkert  
Christopher Weir, Volkert  
Nicolas Derycker, Rosales  
Jessica Antos, ECS Limited

**Next Steps:**

Second Focus Group Meeting March 5 with Mt. View community

# Welcome

## Study and Design for the Wasena Bridge

**Old Southwest Focus Group Meeting #2: February 21, 2019 @ 7:00pm**

**Location: Alexander Gish House, 641 Walnut Ave SW**

This is the second meeting with the Old Southwest community. At this meeting, we will present a preliminary design for the bridge based on feedback received during our public outreach, and the typical technical evaluation and design process we described at our first meeting.

Separate meetings are held with three neighborhoods because each neighborhood has slightly different needs and perspectives.

### Agenda for today's Focus Group Meeting

1. Purpose of the meeting (M&C)
2. Planned Stakeholder Engagement (Volkert)
  - First Round of Focus Group Meetings*
  - Second Round of Focus Group Meetings*
    - 2/7/19 Wasena
    - 2/21/19 Old Southwest
    - 3/5/19 Mt. View
3. Section 106 Compliance – Impacts on Historic Properties (Volkert and ECS)
4. Existing Conditions (Volkert and Rosales)
5. Bridge Design (Rosales)
6. Solicit feedback (Rosales and Volkert)

**Next Steps:**     **City-wide Public Meeting:** April, 2019 @ TBD  
Display of preliminary bridge design

**For additional information please visit**  
<https://planroanoke.org/wasena-bridge/>

# WASENA MEETING 2.2

OLD SOUTHWEST

21 FEB 2019

- CAN THE PLANTING AREAS / GREEN SPACES <sup>@ OVERLOOKS</sup> BE ENLARGED?

|| ★ HOW WILL THE INTERSECTION / ENTRANCE TO THE BRIDGE ON THE OSW SIDE BE ADDRESSED? HOW WILL TRAFFIC BE CALMED?

- HOW WILL THE STRUCTURAL MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGE BE DESIGNED?

- WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE WINCHESTER STEPS?

★ HOW CAN YOU ACCESS THE BRIDGE FROM ELM / FERDINAND? HOW CAN PEDS BE SAFE THERE?

- HOW CAN TURNS OFF BRIDGE BE ADDRESSED WITH TURN LANE REMOVED?

- WOULD THERE BE ROOM FOR A ROUNDABOUT? IS IT SOMETHING WE CAN LOOK INTO IMPLEMENTING

- WILL FERDINAND BE OPENED? IS IT PART OF THIS PROJECT?

- STEPS ARE TOO STEEP.

- CAN WE CONTINUE TO KEEP PUBLIC ART IN MIND FOR THIS DESTINATION? WHERE ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES

- CAN WE MAKE SURE THE BRIDGE IS HISTORICALLY APPROPRIATE?

- HOW WILL PEOPLE CROSS THE BRIDGE DURING CONST.

FEB 21 (CONT)

- CAN WE REPLACE THE STAIRS WITH A RAMP?
- WHAT WILL THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ROUND MEETING BE?
- WHAT IS THE DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE?
- WHAT IS THE NEW BRIDGES LIFE SPAN?
- HOW WILL BRIDGE CLOSURES BE REMEDIATED TO AVOID EXCESSIVE STRAINS ON SMALL BUSINESSES ~~ACROSS~~ ADJACENT TO BRIDGE?
- WHERE WILL CONSTRUCTION BE STAGED ON NORTH SIDE OF BRIDGE
- WILL THERE BE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO OSW DURING CONST.?