

US 97 Madras South Y Project
Community Open House
December 11, 2007

Approximately 25 people attended the open house. Most of the people that attended were land and/or business owners in the area. Attendees were able to look over maps, ask questions and give the project team their concerns.

A summary of concerns follows:

- Reduced visibility of businesses from US 97 could make it more difficult to attract tenants.
- Extending the South Y further south would mean customers will not have direct access to some businesses without having to backtrack.
- Minimize the impacts to commercial real estate which is very valuable to Madras.
- The response time for emergency vehicles to the SE side of Madras could increase if direct access to South Adams Drive from the fire hall is closed; keep South Adams Drive accessible to emergency vehicles.
- Changes in access to a commercial property could reduce the value of the property or make it unusable.
- Land owners will lose all or part of their property.
- Access to the Free Methodist Church will be more difficult if South Adams Drive is closed.
- Loss of access to parking lots.
- Travel speeds on US 97 are fast and need to be lowered.
- Businesses having to close and relocate somewhere else due to the new alignment.
- The truck stop in the south of Madras is one of the few along US 97 that provides parts and services as well as food and fuel.
- If South Adams Drive is closed it will put more traffic through adjoining residential areas.
- Keep 'L' Street open between US 97 and South Adams Drive. Making people go to Bard Lane to connect with South Adams Drive is out of the way and difficult to explain to people.

Things brought to the attention of the project team:

- There is a retail center, a KFC/A&W restaurant and possible bank pad going in just south of the current truck stop.

A few attendees voiced their support for Option A. They preferred Option A because:

- It seemed to affect the least number of properties.
- It would still provide the Fire Department access to South Adams Drive.
- It would reduce impacts to the truck stop and maintenance facility which needs L Street access to US 97 to function smoothly.