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Functional Study

Section I
Proposed Improvements
Dale Ave
From 17th St to Western Ave

Section II
Blackstock Ave
From Western Ave to Fifth Ave

Section III
Proposed Improvements
Marion Street
From Bernard Ave to Baxter Ave

Section IV
Proposed Intersection Improvements
University Ave at Elm St
and University Ave at Fifth Ave

Access Improvements to the I-275 Business Park Project
Sections I - IV

Scale: 1"=400'
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Locally Managed Projects

• Four Phases of Locally Managed Projects
  1. Environmental - NEPA
  2. Preliminary Engineering
  3. ROW
  4. Construction
Section III
Blackstock Extension

Add Left Turn Lane from Fifth Ave to Blackstock Extension

Minimize slope impacts with retaining wall

Provide Greenway with 6' grass strip
Typical Section

BLACKSTOCK EXTENSION
From Fifth Avenue to Bernard Avenue
Marion Street

- Eliminate 90 degree turns from Val St., Leroy Ave. and Marion St.
- Increase sight distance with horizontal and vertical improvements
- Provide Greenway
- Minimize slope impacts with retaining wall
Typical Section

MARION STREET
From Bernard Avenue to Baxter Avenue
Baxter Avenue

- Provide left turn lane
- Replace curb and sidewalk
- Restripe EB lanes from interchange to Marion St.
- Add left turn lane from WB Baxter to Marion St.
- Existing bike lane to remain
Project Status and Schedule

- July 2014 – Public Meeting
- Fall/Winter 2014 – Begin ROW acquisition
- Fall 2015 – Bid Construction Project
- Late 2015/early 2016 – Begin Construction
I-275 Business Park Access Improvements Project

QUESTIONS?

June 25, 2014
I-275 Business Park Access Improvements Project

All Comments and responses will be posted on the City’s website (www.cityofknoxville.org)

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Comments on the proposed improvements can also be mailed to Dawn Michelle Foster, Redevelopment Deputy Director (see reverse side), or e-mailed to dmfoster@cityofknoxville.org. Please send written comments by August 15, 2014.
If you have any questions regarding this project, please call 865-215-2667.

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