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**Subject:** RE: Westlake stakeholders for Cycle Track

The main message to your group is design has NOT started. Surveys of the area are being taken to develop a base map, for alignment discussions, but that's it.

Having just today finalized our choice for a communications consultant on the Westlake project, a detailed plan to engage stakeholders is not yet formed. As Barbara likely mentioned, Phase 1 of the project is public outreach to determine and evaluate alignment alternatives. Outreach will begin in September and continue through January 2014 or so.

Phase 2 of the project is design, expected to last from February 2014 until January 2015 and include an updated cost estimate.

Construction would not take place until the spring of 2015, under the current plan.

Our initial thoughts around stakeholder engagement, which could change, include:

1. Updates to neighborhood, issue and business organizations regarding project status (*Sept/Oct*)
2. Individual stakeholder meetings with concerned parties, agencies and owners of abutting property (*Sept/Oct...*)
3. A design charrette with a wide selection of stakeholders to review suggested alignments and identify best solution. Evaluation to include safety; parking lot access; parking utilization, impacts and layout; signal operations; and track width. (*Nov?*)
4. Public meeting to present preferred alternative following analysis (*Dec/Jan?*)

Certainly creating a stakeholder group is welcome, and we expected to do that in some form moving forward. We have spoken with others interested in or already looking into the same. I know I would welcome assistance in amassing all fears and preferences in relation to this work, and would say a great first step for your group is to outline that information.

If you are the main contact for many residents and businesses, I'd ask that you share what specific areas and entities you represent so that we can better cobble together a complete picture from all sides. We realize this is a controversial project in many ways and the goal is to find balance in the resulting design.

Does this help?



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