UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Agenda Item Description Form

1. DATE: April 13, 2018

2. ITEM: METRO Wheeler Shared-Use Path

3. REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Facilities, Planning and Construction

4. CONTACT NAMES & PHONE NUMBERS: David Oliver, AVC/AVP, FC Mgmt
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5. PRESENTER: Patrick Peters, designLAB

6. RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED: For Information Only

7. SUMMARY:
   METRO is creating the Wheeler Shared-Use Path project from contingency savings. It
   replaces the existing City of Houston sidewalk of varying widths on one side of Wheeler
   Avenue to provide for shared-use by bicyclists and pedestrians. The shared-use path width
   will generally be 10’ wide with some areas narrowing to 8’ in limited areas due to local
   constraints. The Shared-Use Path project will include demolition and new construction,
   nearly all of which will occur on City of Houston or METRO right of way.

   UH stakeholders walked the site and provided comments to METRO and its design team.

8. PROPOSED START DATE: Summer 2018

9. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Overall Project Plan and Comment Locations
There is a water meter vault that is above ground and in very close proximity to the shared use path. It is a risk to cyclists and pedestrians. Can this be reset/replaced to be flush with grade?
Watermeter Vault:

There is a watermeter vault that is above ground and in very close proximity to the proposed shared use path. It is a risk to cyclists and pedestrians. Can this be reset or replaced to be flush with grade?
The sidewalk available at this southwest corner of the intersection is too crowded to accommodate the shared use path. Route the shared use path across Cullen and then south across Wheeler. There is ample area on the northeast corner to receive the shared use path.
Cullen at Wheeler Crosswalk:

The sidewalk available at the southwest corner of the intersection is too crowded to accommodate the shared use path. Route shared use path across Cullen, then south across Wheeler. There is ample area on the northeast corner to receive shared use path.
This crosswalk area has a very narrow area of refuge between the light rail and right-turning automobile lane. New warning signs are warranted and other remedies may be needed. Problem is worsened by narrow walk at crosswalk landing.
MLK at Wheeler Crosswalk:

This crosswalk area has a very narrow area of refuge between the light rail and the right-turning automobile lane. New train warning signs are warranted and other remedies may be needed.