

## CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Potential US 180 / E. Route 66 Improvements

The purpose of this report is to raise awareness of the potential for improvements to the US 180/E. Route 66 intersection and its potential impacts to city property and interests.

### SUMMARY STATEMENT

The intersection of US 180 (Humphreys Street) and E. Route 66 lacks capacity to handle traffic associated with peak winter activity and future growth. ADOT, FMPO and City staff believe widening the intersection is possible and advisable. Widening has the probability of impacting city property on US 180 between Aspen and E. Route 66 (City Hall) and the possibility of impacting city property on US 180 between Birch and Aspen (Wheeler Park). It also may impact city property on E. Route 66 between US 180 and Sitgreaves on the north (City Hall) and south (Colton Park – leased from BNSF). The ADOT Flagstaff District is applying for funds to replace the bridge on E. Route 66 over the Rio de Flag. The bridge can positively impact the Rio de Flag flood control project, pedestrian connections and intersection widening. The District will also apply for different funds to design and build a second southbound right turn lane on US 180. Funding from either application is not assured. Both projects will undergo a design and environmental review process that will take 18-36 months. Impacts to private property on the east side of US 180 between E. Route 66 and Cherry Street are probable and will occur as development takes place and property is acquired over what may be a long period of time. (See attached graphic)

### COUNCIL GOALS:

- 3) Provide sustainable and equitable public facilities, services, and infrastructure systems in an efficient and effective manner to serve all population areas and demographics
- 6) Relieve traffic congestion throughout Flagstaff

### RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION

This report is for information only. Strategies for partnering with ADOT on right-of-way might be explored.



Figure 1 - Potential ADOT projects that may impact City interests