

## **Central Avenue (SR 37) Improvement Project (DEL-SR37-10.79 PID 120256)**

### **Summary of Comments and Responses**

The following comments were received as part of the public involvement activities for the proposed Central Avenue (SR 37) Improvement Project, which would involve rebuilding Central Avenue as a three-lane road with a sidewalk on the north side and a shared-use path on the south side. The project also includes upgrades at the Channing Street and Winter Street intersections, new street lighting, utility improvements, and bike lanes along Winter Street from Lake Street to Central Avenue. An open house public meeting was held on November 13, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Conger Elementary School to display the recommended preferred alternative and collect public input. Materials provided at the open house public meeting included a project fact sheet, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) brochure, a comment sheet, and a cultural resources consulting party flyer. Project information, including exhibits and handouts from the meeting, was available on the dedicated project website hosted by American Structurepoint: (<https://www.structurepointpublic.com/sr37improvement>).

The City of Delaware received comments by email and through the project website. A total of six comments were received. Two key concerns were mentioned throughout the comments received:

- Loss of on-street parking for residents east of Conger Elementary School
- Level of street lighting proposed along the project corridor

These topics are addressed in the responses below. Responses to all comments will be provided to all individuals who provided their contact information. Responses to all comments will also be available on the dedicated project website. Additional public involvement, including project notifications, will take place as the design plans are developed.

	Question	Response
1.	With the removal of on-street parking along Winter Street in front of 316, 318, and 320, how will parking, emergency vehicle access, and trash collection be managed for these properties?	As part of project development, parking accommodations will be evaluated to ensure continued access for residents and visitors. Where on-street parking is being eliminated and is the only existing parking for a residence, the project will incorporate alternate parking and pedestrian access from the rear alley. Emergency service access to these properties will be maintained at all times through existing driveways and designated access routes. In addition, trash and recycling collection locations will be coordinated with the City to ensure continued and safe pickup following construction.
2.	I own a business east of Conger Elementary School along Winter Street. With the removal of on-street parking for these residents, how will I provide parking for my clients?	As part of the project development, parking accommodations will be evaluated to ensure continued access for residents and customers. Access to these residences will be maintained at all times through the existing driveways and designated access routes located behind the properties.
3.	Will the City of Delaware purchase the properties located at 316, 318, and 320 along Winter Street? This purchase would allow the Conger Elementary School the capacity to expand school parking, playground, and education areas.	The City of Delaware will not consider purchasing these properties because no acquisition is needed for the proposed improvements. Any possible school parking expansion would be a matter for the school district to consider.
4.	<p>Will this project extend northwest from Lake Street to Flax Street?</p> <p>Will there be a new stop light installed at the intersection of Central Avenue and Lake Street?</p>	<p>The limits extend between Foley Street and Lake Street (US Route 42). Roadways located outside of these limits, such as Flax Street, are not part of the project scope.</p> <p>A new stop light at the intersection of Central Avenue and Lake Street is not part of the project scope. The City is pursuing funding for a separate project to improve the intersection.</p>

5.	The improvements to the Winter Street and Central Avenue intersection would result in limited street access for the properties located at 316, 318, and 320 Winter Street.	As part of the project development, parking accommodations will be evaluated to ensure continued access for residents and visitors. Where on-street parking is being eliminated and is the only existing parking for a residence, the project will incorporate alternate parking and pedestrian access from the rear alley. Access to these residences will be maintained at all times through the existing driveways and designated access routes located behind the properties.
6.	How will the project manage street lighting along the corridor to minimize impacts on residential areas?	The street lighting luminaires used along the corridor will direct light towards the road while minimizing spill over into the adjacent residential properties.
7.	How will the project maintain customer access to the Dari Point with the proposed removal of on-street parking along Winter Street and the elimination of the paved parking area east of the building?	The City of Delaware will evaluate ways to increase the amount of available on-street parking maintained along Winter Street during further development of the design plans.