

**1. How would a conversion of Douglas Avenue from five lanes to three lanes impact traffic volumes?**

- a. The design team does not expect a possible conversion to three lanes to significantly impact traffic because the traffic volumes are below the maximum capacity of a three lane roadway. Although, the design of intersections and signal coordination will be important.
- b. A three lane configuration can generally handle 20,000 vehicles per day. The traffic on Douglas Avenue between the Arkansas River and Hillside generally ranges between 9,000 and 16,000 vehicles.
- c. The peak hour traffic on Douglas generally occurs in the afternoon and ranges from the 400's to 700's. The highest peak hour volume is westbound on Douglas Avenue between Main Street and Water Street. One lane of traffic can generally handle 1,000 vehicles per hour.

<https://www.wichita.gov/PWU/TrafficDocuments/FLOW%20MAP%202018.pdf>

**2. Has the decision about trying a three lane configuration on Douglas already been decided?**

- a. No, the City Council has not made a decision or weighed in on any possible pilot to try a three lane configuration on Douglas. At this time, a possible design has been created in order to collect input on the possibility. City staff were working to identify and secure funding to see if a pilot project would be feasible.

**3. Why was the Douglas Avenue project on the consent agenda for the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2019?**

- a. The item was submitted by staff to be on the consent agenda because the recommended action was for the City Council to approve depositing a \$25,000 grant check for a possible pilot project. The City is unable to accept the grant without the City Council's permission.

**4. How would a three lane configuration on Douglas impact buses?**

- a. In order to help ensure a clear traffic lane, the draft design would move bus loading and unloading in to transit pull-out pockets. You can learn more about the configuration options in the Douglas Avenue Approach document.

- i. <https://www.wichita.gov/Planning/NR%20Documents/Wichita%20Douglas%20Ave%20Decisions.pdf>

**5. Why is a three lane configuration on Douglas Avenue being considered?**

- a. The three lane configuration is being considered in order to help achieve the community priority goals described in the Douglas Avenue Approach document. This document also provides an overview of the tradeoffs with a variety of configurations.

- i. <https://www.wichita.gov/Planning/NR%20Documents/Wichita%20Douglas%20Ave%20Decisions.pdf>

**6. How have members of the public been involved and what opportunities have been available?**

- a. Members of the public and area stakeholders have been invited to participate and provide feedback in multiple ways. These have included booths at Riverfest and Open Streets ICT, a multi-day charrette event in July and multiple public meetings. More information about the process is available on the Downtown Streets Conceptual Plan and the East Douglas Avenue websites.
  - i. <https://www.wichita.gov/Parking/Pages/DowntownStreets.aspx>
  - ii. <https://www.wichita.gov/Planning/Pages/DouglasDesignDistrict.aspx>

**7. How can I provide input about possible changes to Douglas?**

- a. There are multiple ways to be involved in the process and to provide input about Douglas Avenue, including the following:
  - i. email City staff at [swadle@wichita.gov](mailto:swadle@wichita.gov);
  - ii. sign up for emails about the project (link available at [www.wichita.gov/eastdouglas](http://www.wichita.gov/eastdouglas) ;
  - iii. attend upcoming events – check the project webpage and sign up for emails to receive notices;
  - iv. follow the City of Wichita Facebook for updates.