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The City retained Strand & Associates to study the John Nolen Drive and Blair Street Corridor. The study limits were from North Shore Drive to East Washington Ave. The purpose of the study was to:

1. Identify a preferred alternative for the John Nolen Drive/S Blair Street and E Wilson Street/Williamson Street intersection for reconstruction that improves operations, safety and comfort for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and transit.
2. Evaluate short and long term options that improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the lakeshore from North Shore Drive to S Blair Street.
3. Identify intersection needs to determine ability to create a rail road quiet zone for the intersection.

Three public information meetings were held to gain public input on the study and proposed plans.

Based upon the findings of the study, the study team recommends Alternative 1 should be moved forward into design as it best balances the multiple goals that have been identified as most important to a successful reconstruction project.

Major design components of Alternative 1 Geometry includes:

- a. Installing left turn lanes on northbound John Nolen Dr and southbound Blair St.
- b. Providing an alternate route for pedestrians & bicycles to avoid crossing Williamson St at Blair St by including a cycle track along the south side of Williamson St to Blount St and creating a new signal with bike crossing phase at the Blount St / Williamson intersection.
- c. Relocation of the two Machinery Row driveways southwest and reduce into one driveway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the report by Strand Associates - Blair Street Corridor Study Report are hereby accepted and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the geometry for the S Blair Street / John Nolen Dr / E Wilson Street / Williamson Street intersection is hereby approved and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Engineering and City Traffic Engineering are hereby authorized to proceed with final design for reconstruction of intersection.