

STREET WIDTH DESIGNATION FAQ

What is a street width designation?

The Wheat Ridge City Charter includes a provision granting City Council the authority to determine the widths of all streets in Wheat Ridge. For the purpose of this provision, street width is defined as the distance between the face of the curbs. For existing roads, City Council is required to designate a street width if a reconstruction project will result in the narrowing or widening of the curbs. The Charter requires that all property owners within 300 feet be notified prior to the public meeting at which street width is designated.

Why is 38th Avenue subject to a street width designation?

An important recommendation of the 38th Avenue Corridor Plan (2011) is to develop a comprehensive streetscape plan. The purpose of an enhanced streetscape is to create a more consistent and attractive aesthetic, to enhance the pedestrian environment, and ultimately to promote a safe and vibrant street. In 2012, a temporary restriping was completed. Over the last year—from July 2013 to June 2014—the City hired a design consultant and worked with business owners, property owners, and citizens to develop a preferred streetscape design.

In order to accommodate wider sidewalks, street trees, and other permanent amenities, W. 38th Avenue is proposed to be reconstructed between Upham and Marshall Streets. This project will implement a permanent design including a three lane road section with streetscape amenities. The width of the road will vary, but will generally be narrower than the existing street width. Because the road is being narrowed, a street width designation is required.

Where can I learn more?

Additional information related to the streetscape design is available on the City's website. This includes the a summary booklet which shows the preferred design: <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/1227/Conceptual-Streetscape>.

General information on the 38th Avenue Corridor Plan can also be found online: <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/981/38th-Avenue>.