

Boones Ferry Road Improvements Project History

- 1999 Lake Grove is designated as a “Town Center” in the City Comprehensive Plan.
- 2001 The Boones Ferry Corridor Plan is completed. The plan calls for two travel lanes in each direction with bike lanes and a center turn lane. Medians are to be installed where possible.
- 2002-2003 The Lake Grove Town Center Plan is initiated. A concept plan is developed and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council. The Commission and Council call for the formation of a Lake Grove Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee to implement the concepts outlined in the 2001-2003 planning process.
- 2003-2006 The Lake Grove Village Center Implementation Advisory Committee (consisting of neighborhood and business representatives) develops a plan for a mixed-use walkable village center in Lake Grove with Boones Ferry Road improvements as a key element of the plan.
- 2004-2005 As part of the Lake Grove Village Center Planning process, a subcommittee is formed to address concepts for Boones Ferry Road. The subcommittee develops the “Great Street” concept for Boones Ferry Road which includes two travel lanes in each direction, sidewalks, and a center median to serve as a water quality (greenstreet) feature. The concept plan includes new signalization and pedestrian crossings. A key feature is to design the street to include u-turns at intersections to improve business access. Kimley Horn and Associates is hired to model and test the u-turn concept. They find that intersections and traffic flow can be designed to work at acceptable levels of service. The full advisory committee supports the plan.
- 2006-2008 The Planning Commission and City Council adopt the Lake Grove Village Center Plan and related development code amendments. The plan includes the “Great Street” concept. The plan includes policies directing that further planning work be done for Boones Ferry Road.
- 2009 The City hires a team led by DKS (transportation planners) to prepare a traffic and safety study (Phase 1 of the Refinement Plan). DKS prepares a detailed model of the road operations and determines that impacts are within acceptable levels. The Phase 1 report includes 22 recommendations for refinements.
- 2010 The City hires HNTB Engineers to complete Phase 2 of the Refinement Plan. The objective is to provide greater certainty regarding planned improvements and to determine which of the 22 refinements will be incorporated into the plan.
- 2011 Phase 2 of the Refinement Plan will be completed and presented to the City Council. Cost estimates and funding strategies will be developed. If necessary, amendments to the Lake Grove Village Center Plan will be made.
- 20?? A funding source is determined, engineering is completed, and construction begins.