

State & High Streets Two-Way Conversion Study

Project Advisory and Community Advisors Committee Meeting

July 30, 2014



Agenda

- **Welcome/Introductions - 10 minutes**
- **Review Committee Roles and Responsibilities - 5 minutes**
- **The Project - 30 minutes**
 - **Scope Summary/How this fits into other City planning**
 - **Schedule**
 - **Data Collection and Existing Conditions**
- **Discussion: Challenges and Benefits of Proposed Conversion –15 minutes**
- **Discussion: DRAFT Purpose and Need Statement, Goals and Objectives – 45 minutes**
- **Evaluation Criteria Overview – 10 minutes**
- **Next Steps - 5 minutes**

Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Public Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- Take time to understand the study process and scope and be involved in online discussions in between meetings
- Be respectful of study process: do not leap to conclusions or advocate for recommendations ahead of data and group discussion
- Bring points of view of local constituents to PAC discussions
- Bring study expectations and study information back to constituency
- Be respectful of others' points of view – all members have a legitimate stake
- Listen to Community Advisors to gain a broader perspective
- Be respectful of Technical Review Group expertise
- Be open to new solutions
- Commit to creating agreement around a recommendation that supports the needs of a majority of stakeholders

Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Community Advisors Roles and Responsibilities

- Take time to understand the study process and scope
- Be respectful of study process: do not leap to conclusions or advocate for recommendations ahead of data and group discussion
- Communicate broader points of view of your constituents in the form of constructive feedback and advice for PAC and study team consideration
- Bring study expectations and study information back to constituency
- Be respectful of others' points of view – all members have a legitimate stake
- Be respectful of Technical Review Group expertise
- While being mindful of constituents' needs, advocate for a recommendation that supports the needs of a majority of stakeholders

Scope Summary/How this fits into other City planning

- **TASK 1 Public Involvement**
- **TASK 2 Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Criteria**
- **TASK 3 Data Collection and Existing Conditions**
- **TASK 4 Future Conditions**
- **TASK 5 Alternatives Development**
- **TASK 6 Alternatives Analysis**
- **TASK 7 Recommendations**
- **TASK 8 Study Report**

Scope Summary/How this fits into other City planning

- **Other related planning projects**
 - Congress Square Plaza
 - Spring Street
 - Franklin Street
 - Others

- **Making it work together**
 - City-wide traffic modeling
 - City Staff communication
 - Advisory committee overlap

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Project Schedule

	2014								2015				
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
Meetings			●		■			●		■	●		
Interactive Online Platform			→										
TASK 2 - Purpose and Need, Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Criteria	■		★										
TASK 3: Data Collection and Existing Conditions	■			★									
TASK 4: Future Conditions			■		★								
TASK 5: Alternatives Development				■			★						
TASK 6: Alternatives Analysis						■				★			
TASK 7: Recommendations								■				★	
TASK 8: Study Report											■		

- PAC MEETING
- PUBLIC MEETING
- ★ MEMO/REPORT DELIVERABLE



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Existing Conditions



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Challenges and Benefits of Proposed Conversion

Discussion



DRAFT Purpose and Need Statement, Goals and Objectives

The Purpose of the State and High Streets Two-Way Conversion Study is to study the effects of re-introducing two-way traffic flow on State and High Streets. The study will evaluate whether changes in transportation infrastructure would be compatible with the existing land uses and neighborhoods in the study area. Both streets will need to serve automobiles, trucks, transit, pedestrians and cyclists equally. From a safety and health perspective, new infrastructure will be designed for lower speeds to accommodate pedestrian and cyclist safety and increase livability. From an urban design perspective, changes will provide a positive gateway experience, and actively connect historic neighborhoods. Changes will also serve the transportation needs of those living off the peninsula by creating convenient access to city amenities and work places. Changes should be compatible with other related City planning projects, including the redesign of Congress Square.

DRAFT Purpose and Need Statement, Goals and Objectives

Goals and Objectives:

- Improve Safety and Mobility for All Users
- Improve Neighborhood Livability
- Reduce Vehicle Travel Speeds
- Reduce Through Traffic Volumes
- Improve Accessibility for Vehicles, Pedestrians, Transit, and Cyclists

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Needs:

- Reduce High Crash Locations
- Reduce High Vehicle Speeds
- Moderate High Traffic Volumes
- Improve Limited and Difficult Pedestrian Crossings
- Improve Lack of Bicycle Facilities
- Improve Circuitous Neighborhood/Business Access Routing
- Improve Poor Access to Park

Evaluation Criteria Overview

Safety for All Users (Vehicles, Pedestrians, Bicyclists)

■ Mobility for All Users

- Corridor Travel Times – Increase/Decrease
- Intersection Level of Service
- Transit Service
- Large Vehicle turns/Delivery Needs
- Accessibility and Connectivity
- Pedestrian LOS
- Bicycle LOS

Evaluation Criteria Overview

- **Urbanism and Neighborhood Livability**
 - Vehicle Speeds
 - Traffic Volume Change and Diversion
 - On-Street Parking
 - Increase in development opportunities
 - Number of adverse impacts on historic sites
 - Increase/decrease in access to parks and green space
- **Implementation Cost**
 - No-Build base Improvement Cost
 - Alternative Cost
- **Environmental Impacts**
 - Increased Congestion
 - Fuel Consumption
 - Air Quality

Next Steps

1. Public Workshop #1 – Early Fall
2. Alternative Development and Analysis
3. PAC/CA Meeting #2 – Late 2014

