

WHY THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS?

The Quebec Street Multimodal Improvement Project intends to improve mobility along Quebec Street from East 13th Avenue to East 26th Avenue, building upon previous community planning efforts identifying needs for sidewalk, drainage, bus stop, and transportation system improvements.



Travel demand currently exceeds roadway capacity along Quebec and this demand is expected to increase by up to 50 percent by 2040 with continued growth. Meanwhile, drivers report using side streets to avoid delays.



Existing turn and through travel lanes do not accommodate current traffic loads. The Quebec improvement project aims to address the imbalance of travel lanes to alleviate traffic backups and travel delays.



Travel times along the Quebec corridor are growing; current drive time during evening rush is approximately eight (8) minutes compared to free-flow at approximately three (3) minutes. If no improvements are made to the corridor, the average travel time during PM rush is anticipated to worsen to more than 12 minutes by 2040.



RTD operates one bus route along Quebec St. (Route 73) and two routes across Quebec St. (Routes 15 and 20). These routes currently service approximately 2,625 passengers daily. Many bus stops along Quebec lack basic amenities such as benches and shelters and are difficult to access.



Along more than 50 percent of the corridor there is substandard or no sidewalk, requiring pedestrians and bus passengers to walk along the Quebec Street shoulder, or on adjacent unpaved paths. In many locations, the street corners have pedestrian ramps that are not up to current standards.



This project will partner with planners to determine placement for bicycle lanes and adequate shoulders for safe bicycle riding and ultimate connectivity for bicyclists that may include bike lanes on Syracuse Street from 26th Street to 8th Street.

DID YOU KNOW...

- An Environmental Assessment (EA) is being conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate a Proposed Action from the previous Quebec Alternatives Analysis (2015) and to select a preferred design.
- This project is being conducted in collaboration with the Syracuse Bicycle Improvement Project and planning for a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project along Colfax Avenue.

WHAT TO EXPECT...

- Three public meetings - one in fall 2017 and two in 2018.
- A Community Working Group made up of property owners, local businesses and other stakeholders will meet periodically to help guide this process.
- Meetings and coordination with property owners along the Quebec corridor.



