

Public Open House Comment Summary

Syracuse Street Corridor Study & Design Project

DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

LOCATION: Ashley Elementary School, 1914 Syracuse Street

For more detailed information including boards displayed at the open house and the Draft Existing Conditions Memo, see the Syracuse Street Corridor Study & Design Project website at: <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/bicycling-in-denver/planning/syracuse-corridor.html>

Summary

The City and County of Denver held an open house at Ashley Elementary School to review existing bicycle and pedestrian conditions along Syracuse Street and to assist in identifying low stress bicycle facility improvements that complement future improvements on Quebec Street from 13th Avenue to 26th Avenue, connect bicycle networks and RTD bus services, and improve intersection safety and operations for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers. There were 19 people who attended the open house, including local residents living along Syracuse Street.

General Comments

- Safety was the most commonly mentioned issue including the ability to feel safe while walking and biking
- Several comments mentioned the need for various types of pedestrian infrastructure improvements including sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signal heads, pedestrian-activated crossing beacons, pedestrian lighting, and multi-use paths
- Attendees expressed a desire to maintain parking along Syracuse Street
- Attendees mentioned additional safety issues should be considered along 13th and 14th Avenue leading up to the corridor
- It was mentioned that numerous people who are visually impaired walk along the corridor presenting problems where no sidewalks and narrow sidewalks are located

Bike Facility Type Poll Results

The following are polling results for facility and treatment options for each Character Zone along the corridor:

- Character Zone A (Between 8th Avenue and 11th Avenue):
 - Buffered Bike Lanes: 7
 - Conventional Bike Lanes: 4
 - Shared Lane Markings: 0
- Character Zone B (Between 11th Avenue and Montview Boulevard):
 - Advisory Bike Lanes: 8
 - Buffered Bike Lanes: 7
 - Conventional Bike Lanes: 4
 - Traffic Calming: 1
- Character Zone C (Between Montview Boulevard and 26th Avenue):
 - Protected Bike Lanes: 13
 - Buffered Bike Lanes: 3
 - Conventional Bike Lanes: 0

Ongoing Online Survey Results (as of 5/30/2017)

- 155 people have taken the online survey as of 5/30/2017
- 78% of respondents said they would bike more often on Syracuse Street if there were comfortable and safe bicycle facilities or less vehicle traffic or intersection crossings were safer for bicyclists
- 53% of respondents said they walk, bike, or take the bus on Syracuse Street, while 47% said they drove
- Most commonly mentioned issue was safety along Syracuse Street