

Lower Town Mobility Study

Public Meeting #2

Meeting Notes

- 2 Attendees total
- Project team gave the meeting presentation, summarizing the technical work completed to-date. This included input gathered from stakeholders and the public, the project process, traffic conditions, safety conditions, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure conditions, and potential recommendations for the Study Area.
- Open discussion was had with the attendees around the issues, opportunities, and goals for mobility in the Lower Town Area.
- *Issues*
 - Changes to the neighborhood are causing issues
 - New developments are adding more cars and traffic
 - Complete streets projects – two-way bike lanes, separated bike lanes – are scary as a driver
 - Pontiac Trail and Barton Drive are unsafe
 - Traver Road is bad for walkers and bikers
 - People don't drive safely around the school
 - Disappointed in Barton Drive bike lane project – no traffic calming added so people still drive fast
- *Opportunities*
 - Like how Ann Arbor is adding new bike infrastructure around town
 - Makes year round cycling easier
 - Would like to see an integrated, comprehensive plan for transportation in Ann Arbor
 - Add bike lanes with protection since traditional bike lanes can be just as dangerous as none at all
- *Experience Traveling Through Lower Town*
 - As a bicyclist – hard to go grocery shopping since options are farther away
 - Bumpy roads make biking tough and uncomfortable
 - Road conditions are tough for cyclists
 - Transit Users – frequency and travel time are biggest issues
 - Use Pontiac Trail route: on-time performance makes waiting tough, getting into Downtown is slow due to traffic
- *Goals*
 - Would like to see an overall, city-wide plan that this study fits into
 - Integrate multimodal travel into all new transportation projects
- *Alternatives*
 - No specific alternatives, just want to be able to travel safer and more comfortable
 - Improve safety for pedestrians – slow traffic down
 - Would like to see an area wide plan for snow clearance
 - Snow clearance may be a TDM strategy for the winter
- *Other Thoughts*

- Why are bus stops at crosswalks? Hard to tell if people are waiting for the bus or waiting to cross.
 - Bus stops are typically placed at the crosswalks to allow for easier crossing for riders
- Many times, the crosswalks are not cleared of snow
- Understand that roads can't be widened in the Study Area, so other improvement recommendations are needed