
May 12, 2015
Central East-West
Neighborhood
Greenway
2nd Open House

Meeting Summary

Seattle Department of Transportation

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Overview

On May 12, SDOT hosted the second open house for the Central East-West Neighborhood Greenway project at the Douglass-Truth Library from 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm. The open house was part of the community outreach process to inform community members about the implementation of a Neighborhood Greenway within the central district along Columbia Ave, as outlined in the Seattle Bicycle Master Plan. A presentation was held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Questions and Answers session.

Notification included a flier mailed to 3842 residents and businesses from east to west between 33rd Ave and Broadway Ave and from north to south between East Union St and East Cherry St. The meeting was announced on the city events calendar beginning on April 1. Approximately eight people attended the open house. Comments from this meeting along with technical analysis will be considered in finalizing the most promising route and the recommended traffic safety improvements.

Direct email invites were also sent to representatives from the following organizations along the proposed greenway corridor or to those who had expressed keen interest in being notified prior to the meeting. These invitees included officials from Lake Washington Middle School and Madrona Elementary School, members of the First Hill community council, Squire Park, 12th Avenue Stewards and Seattle Neighborhood Greenways. SDOT project team members also meant with officials from Seattle University and The Pollinator Pathway to inform them about the project.

Meeting Demographics

The Full Inclusion Sign-in Sheet was used to help measure how inclusive SDOT's outreach for the Open House was. Below are the results.

- 100% of attendees signed the voluntary Inclusion Sign-in Sheet

Of those that signed the Inclusion Sign-in Sheet:

- 75% were white
- 100% primary language is English
- 50% were female and 50% male
- The largest age group in attendance was 60 and up (50%)
- 75% owned their own home

Demographics based on 2010 census data for the Central District area show that about 59.6% of residents are white with the next highest ethnic group identified as Black or African American 21.4%. Approximately 49.61% are female and 50.39% are male; and about 49.2% own their home.

Comment Sheet Summary

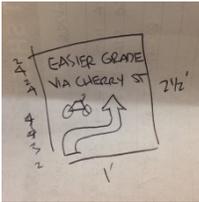
The following information summarizes input from the comment sheets. In total, 2 comment sheets were turned in.

COMMENT SHEET 1

1. To get new changes (bike lanes, green boxes, new traffic rules) to drivers mail/email with license renewal.
2. 27th will become an alternative route because 23rd will be under constructions will be 24 months.

COMMENT SHEET 2

1. Please look into including hold rails at RRFB posts to encourage cyclist use.
2. Right-in Right-out at 23rd/Columbia



Appendix A: Raw Data

Below is a list of comments and questions received at the second open house during the Q&A session:

- Issues with drainage on Columbia – Riding over grates is uncomfortable
- Can we patch holes and make pavement repairs before 2017?
- People cut through quickly on 20th
- An alley between Columbia & Marion, running from 14th to 15th is well used. Parked cars make it difficult to see when coming out of the alley. Are there parking restrictions around alley driveways?
- Do greenways increase the likelihood of parklets being built, taking away parking?
- Use door hangers, not mailers
- Use social media
- Use the license renewal process to better establish/connect outreach with contact info
- Can SDOT have access to Next Door?
- Issue with drain at 19th and Columbia from overflow from rockery and parking lot at Immaculate Conception
- Can we encourage people to maintain plantings and the walkable zones by not charging them to collect their yard waste?
- Could there be semi-annual street closures and parking restriction in order to sweep and clear the street of debris?