



November 10, 2008 Community Workshop Meeting #1 Agenda:

Aurora Avenue

Land Use Visioning
and Urban Design Study

1. Introduction to the study
 - A. How it relates to the Action Agenda
 - B. Study Team
 - C. Study Scope of Work and Anticipated Meetings
2. Existing Conditions Information
 - A. Bus Rapid Transit Planning
 - B. Existing Conditions Map
 - C. Community's Images of Problems and Opportunities
3. Small Group Workshop Discussion
 - A. Discuss "visions and values" for Aurora Avenue corridor
 - B. Discuss "needs and opportunities" for the sidewalk and public realm
 - Aesthetic improvements
 - Traffic, parking
 - Transit
 - How public spaces relate to private property
4. Small Group Report-Out
5. Next Steps





What is this study?

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This visioning and urban design study continues the efforts of the Aurora Avenue Action Agenda.

- Evaluates how several Agenda recommendations on aesthetic features can fit in an overall urban design plan for the Aurora corridor
- Seeks targeted advice for current uses and future development that may help improve neighborhood qualities
- Considers Aurora's current and future uses for transit, parking, general traffic

Types of improvements to explore:

- Landscaping/greenery
- Open space
- Sidewalk accessibility and comfort
- Crosswalk safety improvements
- Street median enhancements
- Transit stops
- Complementary private property improvements

The result will be an advisory plan that the City can use to encourage future actions to enhance Aurora's aesthetic qualities, pedestrian comfort and safety, and transit facilities, to aid revitalization and neighborhood character

How you can help

The study process needs your input to help define:

- the community's visions and values for the future of Aurora
- the corridor's needs and opportunities for improvement

The consultant will take this input and create urban design alternatives for further discussion in later meetings. These will seek to capture a shared, preferred vision for the future, and identify ways to get there ("implementation" steps).





Dates for Community Input Meeting schedule includes:

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Nov. 10th 2008 – Community design - Visioning and Values

Dec. 8th 2008 – Urban Design Alternatives for the Corridor

Jan. 26th 2009 - Selection of Preferred Conceptual Urban Design Plan

The consultant will also meet with smaller groups over the next four months.

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Roadway Use and Lane Dimensions

The dimensions and programming of the roadway travel lanes should be examined to see if targeted adjustments are possible and desirable. This might help pedestrians feel safer by improving street crossings and might allow for some aesthetic improvements. This kind of evaluation must consider existing and future roadway use, driver safety, and vehicle-pedestrian interaction.

Parking

Currently, the curb lane may be used for parking during non-peak hours. This provides parking for business customers. This study will examine needs and opportunities related to parking, and how it will relate to future "bus rapid transit" service.

Safety and Accessibility

Traffic safety is affected by the road's lane dimensions and how the street is used by vehicles. Another joint study with the State is evaluating the entire Aurora corridor for possible safety improvements. This urban design study will also examine needs and opportunities.

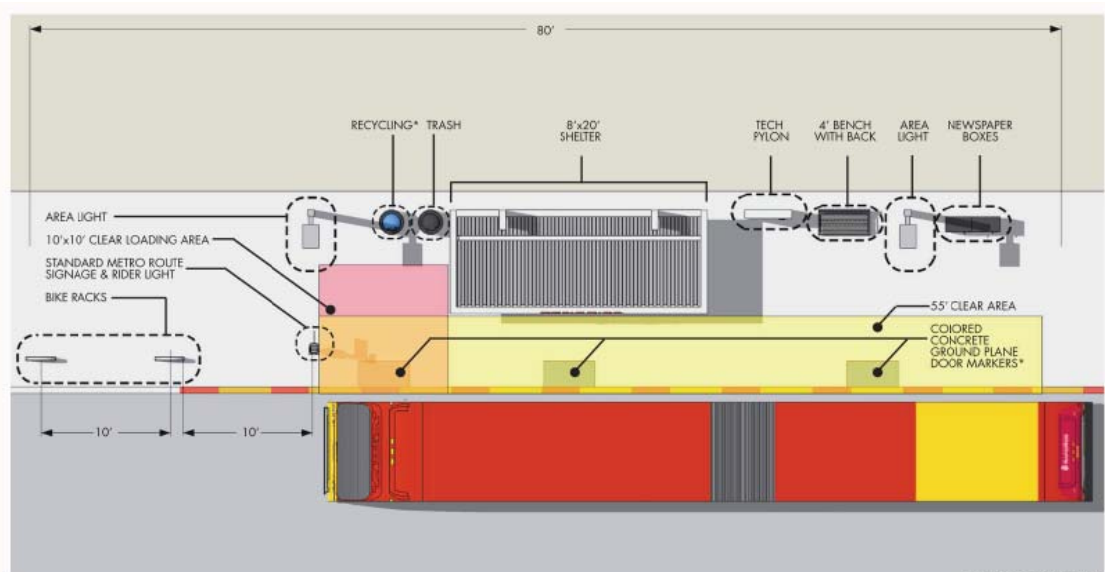
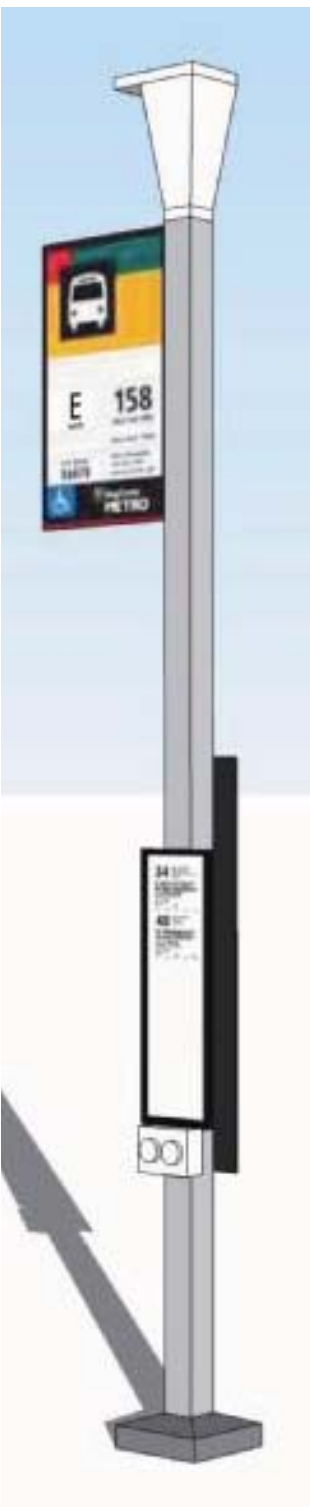
Pedestrian safety and accessibility also relates to the sidewalk and crosswalk features that are present. The study will evaluate the need for improvements, related to: sidewalk widths, obstructions to movement, and pedestrian comfort

Transit Facilities and Services

Upgraded transit service called "bus rapid transit" (BRT) will begin in 2013 on Aurora. Buses will arrive more frequently, making it easier for riders to use transit.

Bus stop locations near 76th, 85th and 90th Streets will see improvements to serve transit riders, such as larger shelters, real-time information and fare pre-payment options.

This study will examine the options for fitting these facilities into the sidewalks of this part of Aurora Avenue.



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