

Stakeholder Meeting #1

The first Stakeholder Meetings occurred on December 15th and 16th, 2021 and were hosted virtually via Webex video conferencing platform. The purpose of the meetings was to inform stakeholders of the plan development process and offer an opportunity for discussion regarding the existing transportation needs and issues facing the community.

Stakeholders were identified by city staff and include representatives of South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks, Lincoln County, Southeastern Council of Governments, Harrisburg School District, Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Xcel Energy, and local land developers. A total of 30 stakeholders attended across both meetings.

Meeting Overview

The Stakeholder Meetings were planned as a supplement to the November 18th Public Meeting held at Liberty Elementary School in Harrisburg. As such, the main activities of the Stakeholder Meeting mirror those of the November Public Meeting and used Mural, a virtual platform that facilities group collaboration, to engage attendees in the meeting activities. These activities include:

- **Plan Development presentation** a brief description of the plan development process, including the plan focus areas and existing transportation conditions.
- **Plan Focus Areas activity** interactive activity asking attendees to select the three goal areas they find most important for the plan to address.
- **Project Area Mapping activity** interactive activity asking attendees to comment, on an area map, on the current transportation issues and needs facing the community.

Meeting Outcomes

The outcomes of the Stakeholder Meeting activities are summarized below for each of the activities.

Plan Focus Areas Activity

The Plan Focus Areas activity invited stakeholders to discuss eight goal areas of the Master Transportation Plan and cast three votes for the areas they feel the Plan should prioritize. These goal areas include:

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Economic
- Resiliency
- Efficiency and Reliability
- Placemaking
- Innovative
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

The results for the Plan Focus Areas are shown in **Figure 1**, with results from the December 15th and 16th sessions shown separately. Stakeholders in both meeting sessions highlighted Safety as the top goal area for the Plan to focus on, while attendees of the December 15th session indicated that the second and



third areas of focus for the Plan should be Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections and Efficiency and Reliability. When discussing the Plan Focus Areas, some comments shared were:

- Safety
 - o An emphasis should be placed on pedestrian safety
 - There was interest in access control
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections
 - Future connections should focus on recreation by communities and state parks
 - o Connecting neighborhoods with trails
 - Minnesota Avenue bike trail is an asset

Stakeholders at the December 16th session had similar thoughts on what the areas the Plan should focus on, with Safety again receiving the most votes. Efficiency and Reliability received the second most votes while Accessibility and Economic tied for third. Some comments made regarding the Plan Focus Area included:

- Safety
 - Keeping the students safe on the road
 - Keeping travelers throughout the region safe
- Efficiency and Reliability
 - Improving efficiency during peak traffic times (school drop offs/pickups, industrial parks)
 - Understanding what areas other than schools generate a lot of traffic and planning for this traffic
- Economic
 - o Plan for and encourage mixed-use development, keeping transportation in mind

Figure 1: Plan Focus Areas Voting Results for Stakeholder Meetings





Project Area Mapping

The Project Area Mapping activity invited attendees to use an area map to comment on the most pressing transportation needs and issues that the community faces. Comments received during this activity were mainly focused on traffic operations and safety issues, but input on potential bicycle and pedestrian connections was received during the session. Error! Reference source not found. shows the breakdown of comments by mode type.

Discussion in the December 15th meeting centered around some of the operational issues affecting Willow Street, such as traffic congestion during peak travel times, access issues related to Harrisburg neighborhoods and the high school, and the impacts of new developments on area travel demand. The bike and pedestrian comments detailed community interest in extending the bike trail system to connect with nearby recreation areas, namely Lake Alvin and Good Earth State Park.

Discussion during the December 16th session also focused heavily on roadway issues as shown in Figure 2. Similar to the December 15th session, the majority of comments keyed in on operational and safety issues prevalent in the community, with especially along the Willow Street and 272nd Street corridors. More discussion on the desire to expand the bicycle and pedestrian system to connect to area recreation destinations were heard during this activity.



Figure 2: Project Area Mapping Results for the Stakeholder Meeting Sessions

The next two pages show the Mural results for the two stakeholder meeting sessions.

Welcome to Mural!

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

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Part 1: Plan Focus Areas

Notes:

ECONOMIC Notes

BICYCLE & PED

CONNECTIONS

Future recreation programming - connect nearby communities and state parks
 9-Mile Creek
 Connecting neighborhor
 MN Ave Bike Trail is an asset

GENERAL

Note:



- Collaborative Workspace
 Use your mouse to navigate around the board zoom in & out, drag in all directions
 Click and drag dots and other elements

Practice Activities Which US state is one you have not been to but would like to travel to?



SAFETY	ACCESSIBILITY	ECONOMIC	SAFETY - Pedestrian safety - Access control	ACCESSIBILITY • Notes
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	EFFICIENCY & RELIABILITY	BICYCLE & PED CONNECTIONS	• Notes	RELIABILITY • Notes
PLACEMAKING ●		OTHER	PLACEMAKING • Notes	INNOVATIVE • Notes

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Part 2: Project Area Mapping



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Welcome to Mural!

Mural Basics

Collaborative Workspace
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Practice Activities



Thursday, December 16, 2021

SAFETY	ACCESSIBILITY	ECONOMIC	 Keeping students safe on the road
			 Keeping travelers throughout the region safe
RESILIENCY	EFFICIENCY & RELIABILITY	BICYCLE & PED CONNECTIONS	RESILIENCY • Notes
		OTHER -	PLACEMAKING • Notes

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	SAFETY • Keeping students safe on the road • Keeping travelers throughout the region safe	ACCESSIBILITY • Notes	ECONOMIC • Mixed-use developments, keeping transportation in mind
•	RESILIENCY • Notes	EFFICIENCY & RELABILITY - General need - Improving efficiency during peak traffic times (school drop offs/pickups, industrial parks) - Understanding what areas other than schools bring a lot of traffic and planning for that	BICYCLE & PED CONNECTIONS • Notes
	PLACEMAKING • Notes	INNOVATIVE • Notes	GENERAL • Notes

Part 1: Plan Focus Areas

Part 2: Project Area Mapping



