

WESTSIDE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD-WIDE PROPOSED MOBILITY PROJECTS

Neighborhood Public Meeting—March 16, 2022, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Summary Notes

Attendees: 14, included 6 city staff members, 2 business owners, 1 resident from Toole Ave, 1 resident from W Pine St, 4 residents from W Alder St

Ben Weiss presented on proposed suite of changes (SEE [Westside Area Mobility Project March Virtual Meeting Presentation](#))

Q&A with attendees yielded some general themes:

- Overall gratitude that attention was being paid to the Westside, a neighborhood that attendees observed is sometimes included with and sometimes excluded from conversations about Downtown.
- General appreciation of the City's goals around increasing and enhancing multimodal options, commitment to safety and focus on equity.

Expressed concerns were mostly about the proposed changes to parking:

- **Conversion to Angled Parking on W Alder**
 - Residents generally are not in favor of angled parking for various reasons. Some of these are:
 - Adding up to 21 more parking spaces on their block may generate more traffic.
 - "The City is changing the scope of my neighborhood to accommodate parking for private enterprises."
 - The hospital and Partnership should reduce employee driving rates and/or expand their own parking instead of their residential block being responsible to make up for a lack of parking.
 - There was an acknowledgement that hospital parking is a unique situation where staff are sometimes working abnormal hours (after buses stop running, etc.), or patients aren't in a situation where they are able to take the bus, walk, or bike to appointments.
 - If more parking is truly needed, would rather have parking elsewhere.
- **Parking Removal on Spruce St**
 - Off-street parking is limited at Draughtworks/Warm Springs/LB Snow, and businesses have already heard complaints about parking spilling into the neighborhood. Concern is that if even 6 adjacent spots are removed, this will negatively affect neighbor perceptions of businesses
 - Skepticism that on-street bike lanes on Spruce will be the preferred bike facility – observation that many people use Toole/RR or Alder St instead.