Mississippi Avenue Vision Zero Safety Project
Community Office Hours

Dates and Times
- March 10, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM MT
- March 14, 2023, from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM MT
- March 22, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM MT

Project Overview
Mississippi Avenue serves as a critical east/west corridor through the Denver metropolitan area and is home to a diverse community of residents deeply invested in their neighborhoods. The project from Eliot Street to Quivas Street aims to enhance the community’s connectivity, accessibility, and safety for all transportation modes. The original development of safety concepts for the Mississippi Avenue corridor began in 2019 and has continued with recent grant funding secured through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Safer Main Streets Initiative. The project aims to evaluate, design, and construct improvements that reduce speeds, shorten pedestrian crossings, add ADA-compliant curb ramps, and eliminate dangerous left-turn movements. Public engagement throughout the project served to educate and inform communities about planned corridor improvements and invite feedback and questions.

Purpose
As the project approached the final design phase, the project team invited the public to attend community office hours to discuss the 90% design milestone. The three community office hour sessions had the following goals:
- Create an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project’s 90% design and plan for implementation, ask questions and voice concerns, and gain a deeper understanding of the vision for this stretch of the corridor and the anticipated benefits of the proposed changes.
- Address misconceptions and ensure that consistent information is being shared about the project.
- Discuss what is covered under the project scope and what is not while providing information about other nearby projects that may address community needs.
- Bolster community support for planned improvements.
- Continue to make the process accessible to the community who works, lives, and commutes along Mississippi Avenue.

Promotional Activities & Outreach
Before community office hours, the project team visited 42 locations along and near the project area. These locations included businesses, schools, community centers, and restaurants with high foot traffic. Of the 42 places, 30 accepted multilingual flyers and signs promoting the project’s community office hours.
In addition to physical flyers, the team coordinated with community partners to share information via social media and digital newsletters. Community partners included local neighborhood organizations, Council Districts, and community organizations. Appendix A - Promotional & Community Office Hour Materials consists of bilingual flyers and signs used to promote the community office hours print and digitally.

**Office Hour Format**
The project team selected Athmar Park Branch Library as a central location along the Mississippi Avenue corridor. Additionally, the team selected dates in coordination with library staff to identify times that would allow for in-depth conversations with people who live, work, or use the corridor daily. The office hour format encouraged community members to stop by at their convenience and did not require them to attend a formal presentation.

The City and County of Denver’s Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) and members of the engineering and public engagement team staffed each session. Community members who attended could view and interact with a roll plot of the corridor designs at 90% and provide their location-based comments on the roll plot via sticky notes. Additionally, each person who attended was given a short comment card to fill out as they reviewed the design and engaged with the project team.

**Feedback**
In total, the office hours were attended by 15 members of the public. Those who participated at each session would likely stay for most of the two hours. Out of the 15 members who attended, we collected six physical comment cards and one digital comment card. In addition, we also received eight digital comment cards from community members unable to join, for a total of 15 comment cards. Public comments and feedback were accepted until Friday, March 31, 2023. For those unable to attend, materials and comment cards were available digitally on the project website.

**Location-Based Comments**
The project team collected about 17 comments, recorded in Figure 1. Community members expressed a desire for bike improvements, increased speed limit and parking enforcement, desire for increased lighting, and a desire for a traffic light at the intersection of Clay Street and Mississippi Avenue. Community members also communicated that the anticipated changes to Mississippi Avenue would require the City to acknowledge and explain route changes clearly to the neighborhood and community.
Comment Cards
The physical and digital comment cards (included in Appendix A) asked community members to share their feedback and answer questions on how the proposed changes would increase or decrease the frequency of their activities along the corridor. The pie charts in Figure 3 demonstrate how the designs would impact community members traveling through the Mississippi corridor.

About 36% of respondents would consider walking or biking more frequently on the corridor, while 22% would consider accessing transit more regularly with the improvements. About 14% of respondents would consider visiting a business or commuting through the area more frequently. Those who selected “other” mentioned how the designs would make them use Mississippi Avenue less.

In terms of less frequent, about 50% of respondents would consider commuting through the area less. About 12% would consider walking or biking or accessing transit less. While 13% believe they would consider visiting businesses less. For those who selected other, they wrote that they would commute through the corridor less frequently.

Figure 2: Map of Mississippi Avenue Project Area with recorded comments from each community office hour session.

Figure 3: Two graphs show how respondents would consider activities more or less frequently based on proposed improvements.
Community members and office hour attendees could also provide feedback through conversations and free-response questions. These feedback themes are summarized below.

**Increased Safety**
The community appreciated that safety was being discussed and emphasized that this was a great start to improving the corridor. Community was in support of Mississippi Avenue being a Vision Zero corridor and expressed support for the following proposed improvements: lane reductions, improved ADA compliance including the designed bulb outs, signalized crosswalks, and shortened pedestrian crossing distances. Additionally, they expressed that while the project has both positives and negatives, the positives largely outweigh the negatives in creating a safer corridor for the community.

**Median Placement**
Community members expressed mixed support for the corridor medians. While some were supportive of the changes, members of the local community did express concerns about limitations to mid-block crossing and left turns as well as perceiving inconvenience stemming from necessary extra turn movements. Community members also asked about the design differences between additional stoplights and medians. Lastly, there was support for medians without greenery, as overgrown vegetation blocks vehicle views, particularly at intersections with pedestrians. While support for the medians was mixed, the community does support their efforts to reduce travel speeds.

**Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, & Lighting**
Although not included in the scope of this project, community members expressed a desire for sidewalk quality improvements, sidewalk network connectivity, the inclusion of bike lanes, lighting, and the area beautification of the corridor. Overall, community members expressed support for the safety improvements, but are still seeking future conversations to incorporate additional community amenities.

**Law Enforcement**
Community members also brought up speeding and parking as concerns. Such as speeding, street racing, and illegal street parking were heard throughout the office hour sessions. While also outside the immediate scope of this project, those who raised these concerns were invited to call DOTI’s 311 number.

**Construction**
In addition to expressing concerns or support for the proposed designs, community members also asked questions about the upcoming corridor construction. Community members had lots of questions about the length of construction, construction impacts to residents and businesses, and the permitting process. Additionally, community members asked questions about how detours and routes would be communicated to the community, to which the project team emphasized proactive and early communication.

**Next Steps**
The project team will continue to refine final designs and prepare final construction documents. Construction is expected to begin in the Fall of 2023.
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Appendix A - Promotional & Community Office Hour Materials

Promotional Flyers & Signs (English & Spanish, English & Vietnamese)

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Join us in March for Community Office Hours
Stop by at your convenience to learn more about final designs and next steps (no appointment needed).

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023
12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Where:
Athanor Park Branch Library
1055 S. Tejon Street,
Denver, CO 80223

Language assistance provided with advance request.
Please submit all requests by e-mailing 
communityofficehours@denver.gov by March 1, 2023.

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3slVntW or scan the QR code.
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¡Asista a una reunión presencial para el proyecto de Seguridad Cero de la avenida Mississippi!
La Ciudad y el Condado de Denver están haciendo mejoras para la seguridad del transporte a lo largo de la avenida Mississippi entre las calles Eliseo y Quivas. Los diseños finales proyectan reducir las velocidades, acortar las cruces peatonales, añadir rampas de acceso que cumplan con los requisitos de la ley de protección de los transeúntes discapacitados (ADA) por sus signos en inglés y eliminarán los peligrosos movimientos de giros a la izquierda.

Venga a vernos en marzo durante las horas de oficina para la comunidad
Visítanos a la hora más conveniente para Ud. y obtenga más información sobre las decisiones finales y los próximos pasos (no se necesita cita).

VIERNES, 10 DE MARZO
DE 12:00 P.M. A 2:00 P.M.
MARTES, 14 DE MARZO
DE 4:00 P.M. A 6:00 P.M.
MIÉRCOLES, 22 DE MARZO
DE 10:00 A.M. A 12:00 P.M.

Dónde:
Sucursal Athanor Park de la biblioteca, 1055 S. Tejon Street,
Denver, CO 80223

Recibirá ayuda en su idioma con solicitud previa. Por favor envíe su solicitud por correo electrónico a 
communityofficehours@denver.gov antes del 10 de marzo, 2023.

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Comment Cards (English, Spanish, & Vietnamese)

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March 2023 – Community Office Hours Comment Card

1. Which office hours did you attend?
   a. Friday, March 10, 2023
   b. Tuesday, March 14, 2023
   c. Wednesday, March 15, 2023
   d. I did not attend an in-person community office hour session.

2. What do you like about the proposed designs for Mississippi Avenue?

3. What concerns or questions do you have about the proposed designs or the Mississippi Avenue Vision Zero Safety Project?

4. Based on the designs, would you consider doing any of the following more frequently on Mississippi Ave?
   a. Accessing transit
   b. Walking/biking
   c. Crosswalks through the area
   d. Visiting a business on the corridor
   e. Other: ________

5. Based on the designs, would you consider doing any of the following less frequently on Mississippi Ave?
   a. Accessing transit
   b. Walking/biking
   c. Crosswalks through the area
   d. Visiting a business on the corridor
   e. Other: ________

6. What concerns or questions do you have about the construction process?

Visit https://bit.ly/2ZYhBwC or scan the QR code to learn more about the project and to receive notification of office hour documentation and known potential construction impacts.

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Chương Trình Tâm Nhìn Zero An Toàn Đường Mississippi Avenue
Tháng 2023: Tìm Hiểu Vấn Đề Và Phán Khứng

1. Góp ý về những cảnh giao thông nào?
   a. Thầu tư, Ngay 30, Tháng 3, 2023
   b. Thầu tư, ngày 24, Tháng 3, 2023
   c. Thầu tư, Ngày 25, Tháng 3, 2023
   d. Tìm hiểu về việc mở rộng giao thông đường này hoặc khác.

2. Góp ý về việc giao thông ở những điểm khác nhau ở đường Mississippi Avenue?

3. Góp ý về những vấn đề giao thông có thể xảy ra ở những điểm khác nhau của đường An Toàn trên Mississippi Avenue?

4. Đưa vào những vị trí, xem xem có thể làm cho những điều kiện giao thông xem khả năng trước đường Mississippi Avenue không?
   a. Đạo riêng đường giao thông
   b. Đạo riêng trên đường
   c. Đạo riêng ở giao thông
   d. Đạo riêng để giảm lượng xe giao thông

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6. Góp ý về những vấn đề giao thông khác nhau ở thành phố và những ý kiến khác?

Tham https://bit.ly/2ZYhBwC hoặc quét mã QR để nộp hài
thành với ý kiến của bạn mô tả về giao thông đường và những ý kiến khác ở thành phố.