

# APPENDIX C

## Public Open House Summaries

# EAST YALE AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

## Virtual Open House Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 | 6:00 to 7:00 PM

➤ **Number of Participants:** 71

➤ **Question and Comment Themes**

The following themes were shared by the public at the project's first open house, which was held virtually using Zoom. The parentheses denote the number of comments and/or questions asked that relate to each theme.

- **Safety (15):**
  - Moving people safely along the corridor is the number one priority
  - Safety, particularly related to speed and crashes, continue to be a concern along the Yale Way portion of the corridor
  - People would opt not to drive and instead bike or walk if the corridor were made safer
- **Walking and Sidewalks (8):**
  - Walking along Yale Ave is a concern due to substandard sidewalks and lack of crossings
  - Narrow and disconnected sidewalks are problematic
  - Desire to improve crossing at Colorado Blvd
  - Concerns about accessing McWilliams Park, particularly east of the Dinosaur Park, where sight lines are very limited
  - Desire for the elimination of pedestrian "beg" buttons to make it easier to walk
- **Driving (8):**
  - Request for a new traffic signal at Yale Ave and Hudson St.
  - Inquired about signal timing at Yale/Colorado
  - Concerns with lack of parking if the corridor is extended to include wider sidewalks and/or bike lanes while others believed moving people safely is more important than parking
- **Biking (7):**
  - Participants would like to see a continuous bikeway lane along Yale Ave
- **Access to the Yale Station (6):**
  - Desire for better access to the station – both along and across Yale Ave.
  - Desire for more vehicular parking at the station
  - New signal at Yale Circle will improve access
- **Access to the High Line Canal Trail (6):**
  - Inquiries related to High Line canal access at Yale Ave/Holly Pl intersection

➤ **Live Poll Results.**

Several live polls were taken during the Open House. Here are the results from those who participated.

1. What is your top connection to East Yale Avenue?

- **I live along East Yale Avenue or close to it (22) 45%**
- I work along East Yale Avenue or close to it (4) 8%
- I access shops and services along East Yale Avenue (10) 20%
- Myself or someone in my family goes to school near East Yale Avenue (2) 4%
- I use the trails and parks near East Yale Avenue (9) 18%
- None of the above (2) 4%

2. If you are traveling along the East Yale Avenue Corridor, how do you usually get around?
- I walk (2) 4%
  - I bike (11) 20%
  - I use scooters (0) 0%
  - I take transit (0) 0%
  - **I drive (42) 76%**
  - I carpool (0) 0%
  - I take an Uber/Lyft (0) 0%
  - Other (0) 0%
3. What are your top concerns along East Yale Avenue? Choose all that apply.
- Slowing cars on East Yale Avenue (18/50) 36%
  - Crossing major intersections (23/50) 46%
  - **Sidewalks (30/50) 60%**
  - Accessing the light rail station (17/50) 34%
  - Crossing East Yale Avenue on foot (21/50) 42%
  - Biking east-west through the corridor (19/50) 38%
  - Other (6/50) 12%

# EAST YALE AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

## Virtual Open House Meeting Summary

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Below you will find a summary for the Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure's (DOTI's) second Open House for the East Yale Avenue Corridor Study which was held virtually via Zoom.

- **Number of Participants:** 58
- **Key points covered:**
  - Vision/goal statements
    - **Vision statement:** The East Yale Avenue corridor will serve neighborhoods and connect people, places and services through a safe and efficient transportation network.
    - **Goal statements:**
      - **Safety:** Create an environment where everyone feels they can move safely, no matter their mode of travel, and prevent serious injuries and fatalities through corridor-wide infrastructure improvements (including adjacent trails and streets).
      - **Building Connections:** Create safe and convenient connections and improve access along the East Yale Avenue corridor where people can easily get to where they want to go.
      - **Multimodal:** Create an equitable and connected multimodal network to move more people by walking, biking, and taking transit as part of their everyday lives.
  - How we got here:
    - Vision and goal statements developed based on input from:
      - Three Stakeholder Working Group meetings
      - Public open house #1 – April 2020
      - E-mails to the project team ([yalecorridor@denvergov.org](mailto:yalecorridor@denvergov.org))
      - Existing plans/studies (*City-wide recommendations*)
  - [Interactive storyboard map](#) demonstration
    - If you need assistance with navigating this map, please email the project team at: [YaleCorridor@denvergov.org](mailto:YaleCorridor@denvergov.org)
  - Draft recommendations for corridor improvements – see [interactive map](#)
  - Next Steps
    - Community to submit interactive storyboard map comments by Oct. 21
    - Project team will review feedback from interactive map and further analyze alternatives
    - The project team will prioritize and conceptually design alternatives
    - Draft report will be shared in January 2021

### ➤ Q&A

The following questions were asked by the public:

- **Q:** With so many roads being paved and roadwork on Yale, when will it be paved?
- **A:** The entire Yale corridor will be repaved in segments, as early as this fall. Colorado and Hudson streets will be paved later this fall. Downing to University will be paved in 2021 and University and Colorado in 2023. This is subject to change in the future.
- **Q:** The 2015 preliminary plan had an at-grade crossing at the High Line Canal. Is that the current plan or is an underpass possible?

- **A:** There is a Go-Bond funded project to improve the High Line Canal crossing at Yale and Holly. Please refer to this website for more information:  
<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/elevate-denver.html>
- **Q:** Can you provide a glimpse of what the Denver-Arapahoe bike route will look like? Will it connect along Yale? Curious if there will be a bike route connection along Yale along High Line Canal crossing and Bible Park? It's more efficient to ride directly along Yale to go to the light rail in lieu of riding along the High Line Canal path for neighborhoods nearby.
- **A:** The City is not currently looking at adding a bike facility along Yale due to safety concerns. However, this will be revisited in an upcoming project the City will be working on with Arapahoe County.
- **Q:** Ice is a safety problem on sidewalks east of I-25.
- **A:** Noted, thank you.
- **Q:** What do you mean by "bike facility"?
- **A:** "Bike facility" refers to different types of dedicated spaces for people getting around, such as neighborhood bikeways, bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, protected bike lanes, etc.
- **Q:** What is the proposed bike route at Amherst across Colorado? What kind of facility will that be?
- **A:** Determining a future facility type will require more analysis and data collection. For now, we will continue to identify it as a bikeway but will not specify the type of bike facility.
- **Q:** Is the pipe project on Holly south of Yale done yet?
- **A:** The project has been extended several times but we have reached out to the team for an update. Pavement is complete but striping south of Yale on Holly into Holly Hills is still left to complete.
- **Q:** The curb ramps at Cherry and Yale indicate a north-south crossing turn. Can you talk to that a little bit?
- **A:** As the street was being resurfaced this summer, the city upgraded ramps. We have the potential to create a median crossing island to provide a better crossing for people north-south across Yale.
- **Q:** Has there been a study on the relative effectiveness of HAWK signal versus stop lights?
- **A:** There have been studies done and the bottom line is they are used for different purposes. A HAWK signal is used for pedestrian crossings. A stop light is used to control vehicular traffic.
- **Q:** Any thoughts on how to keep unnecessary commercial traffic off of Yale (beer delivery trucks)?
- **A:** Yale Avenue is an arterial street that is meant to serve a variety of uses, including freight movements. Due to commercial land uses and the street classification, the city is not planning to prohibit commercial traffic on Yale.
- **Q:** Would it be possible to change street parking to a drop-off zone around Yale Station?
- **A:** That is something we can look at through the Southeast Mobility Hub Study and talk to the parking team as well.
- **Q:** Will there be an Evans study? There's two upcoming housing projects.
- **A:** A different department will be kicking off a land use and transportation plan in the coming year that will cover Evans up to I-25 from the eastern part of the city to Colorado Blvd.

➤ **Live Poll Results**

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1. How comfortable do you feel accessing the interactive map from the project website?
  - **Very comfortable (12) 41%**
  - **Comfortable (12) 41%**
  - Neutral (2) 7%
  - Uncomfortable (3) 10%
  - Very uncomfortable (0)
  
2. Based on the demonstration, do you have a good understanding of how to incorporate feedback on the interactive map? If you don't have a good understanding of how to incorporate feedback on the interactive map, please message the project team.
  - **Yes (17) 99%**
  - No (1) 1%
  
3. How satisfied are you with having your comments/concerns previously incorporated into the draft recommendations?
  - Very satisfied (3) 15%
  - **Satisfied (12) 63%**
  - Neutral (2) 11%
  - Unsatisfied (2) 11%
  - Very unsatisfied (0)

➤ **Meeting Collateral**

- Meeting recording available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAJhsiZxUr8>