

Meeting Summary

Public Open House 06/06/2019 – 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Richfield Municipal Center

65th Street Reconstruction Project- Phase 1

Meeting Purpose

The intent of this open house was to take feedback obtained from the public from open house #2, present draft concept layouts for 65th Street and Nicollet Avenue, and solicit feedback from the public regarding these layouts. Hennepin County was present at the open house to answer questions and solicit feedback on proposed improvements to Nicollet Avenue.

Meeting Notice

- Approximately 2800 invitations were mailed to the property owners in the Richfield area between 35W and Portland Avenue from Hwy 62 to 68th Street
- Posted on the City's website event calendar
- Sweet Streets website updated with project information
- Open House "Facebook event" was created on the Sweet Streets page and on the City's main Facebook page and was promoted numerous times leading up to the event
- Newspaper ad published in 5/30 Sun Current
- Lawn signs posted along 65th Street corridor
- Displayed on the electronic message board outside of City Hall and the Ice Arena
- Event invite sent to Sweet Streets email subscribers list 5/31

Richfield Public Attendees

Fourteen (14) residents signed in as attendees at the Open House.

Materials Presented

The material was displayed in a format that allowed attendees the opportunity to view and visit with project staff at their leisure. Materials included:

- Several boards with information on project overview, goals and objectives, related plans and policies, and community context
- Additional boards summarizing public feedback from open house #1 and #2.
- Hennepin County board summarizing the benefits of a 4-lane to 3-lane road section conversion.
- Large aerial maps of the corridor showing draft concept layouts for 65th Street and Nicollet Avenue.
- Surveys and comment cards to solicit input from participants

Public Response

Public input was collected from participate feedback forms at the open house. The City did not receive any feedback leading up to the open house or through the online open house that was held the week following open house #3. Eleven (11) comment forms were received.

The following summarizes what the form asked, and how the public responded:

- Question 1: Have the common themes from Open House #2 been accurately captured:
 - Yes: 5
 - No:
 - Not Sure/No Answer: 6

- Question 2: Do you agree that the problem statement captures the overall concerns of the community:
 - Yes: 5
 - No: 1
 - Not Sure/No Answer: 5

The public also provided general comments on the comment forms, along with post it notes attached to the layouts. The following summarizes the most frequently mentioned themes in the additional public comments collected:

- In favor of keeping cul-de-sacs north of 65th Street
- Positive feedback regarding improvements for road users (multiple comments)
- Concern over cut through traffic in the neighborhood north of 65th Street
- Concern over the primary HUB entrance from 65th Street being aligned with Pillsbury
- Desire for 10' trail width the entire length
- Desire to keep Pillsbury one-way to the south (not making it a two-way)
- Like the improvements to the Pillsbury intersection with 65th Street
- Nicollet Avenue:
 - Consider removing the center turn lane from under crosstown overpass.
 - Consider on-street parking (east side) between 65th/66th.
 - Add crosswalk at 62nd Street.
 - Sidewalk west of Nicollet from 62nd to 63rd not wheelchair accessible.