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HILLTOP COMMUNITY MOBILITY PLAN



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 2009 & TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2009
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What is the purpose of these open houses?

The purpose of the open houses is to present potential solutions to transportation problems in the Hilltop area. More importantly we will collect your comments about those potential solutions. Your comments will help shape the future of the Hilltop community!

Feel free to view the exhibits and discuss the project with the study team. Please complete a short survey and drop it in the comment box before you go.

How will my comments be used?

Your comments will be used to help the study team shape these draft solutions. If you like or dislike something you see proposed, then please tell us! All comments will be reviewed, and proposed solutions will be adjusted accordingly to address the community's desires and the goals of the Hilltop Community Mobility Plan. The recommended improvements in the final plan will be programmed for design and construction as funds become available.

What are the goals of the Hilltop Community Mobility Plan?

- Balance the transportation infrastructure for moving people and goods among all modes in accordance with Columbus' Complete Streets Policy
- Reduce traffic violations, both ticketed and not detected (speeding, failure to yield to pedestrian, running red-light, etc)
- Recognize and strengthen the connection between land use and the transportation system
- Promote distinct and vibrant neighborhoods
- Address issues from area plans, pedestrian crash history, and concerns from the public arising from open houses, walk audits, and 311 database (traffic calming, crosswalks, sidewalks, etc)
- Coordinate with the Columbus Bicentennial Bikeways Plan

What is the timeline of the Hilltop Community Mobility Plan project?

- October 2008 - January 2009 - Project Kick-off and Data Collection
- January 2009 - February 2009 - **Public Input**
- February 2009 - Summer 2009 - Alternative Solutions Development
 - June 2009 - **Walk Audits with Public**
- August 2009 - mid-September 2009 - **Public Input on Proposed Solutions**
- Fall 2009 - Develop Recommendations and Report
- End of 2009 - Plan Completion and Presentation to City Officials

What are the traffic calming treatments proposed on residential streets?

Chicanes use staggered curb extensions or a serpentine roadway alignment to alter a vehicle's path. They discourage or make it impossible for drivers to drive in a straight line, which can reduce vehicular speeds.

Traffic circles are round traffic islands in the center of a low volume intersection on residential streets. Vehicle speeds are reduced because motorists are forced to maneuver around the traffic circle.

A raised intersection is a raised area of a roadway that aims to reduce vehicle speeds at an intersection. It enhances the pedestrian environment and makes crosswalks more apparent to drivers.

One-way to two-way conversions consist of converting a residential one-way street to two-way in order to reduce traffic speeds. When two cars cannot pass each other simultaneously, one car must slow down and pull over to let an oncoming car pass.

Bicycle boulevards are roadways that allow all types of vehicles, but which have been modified to enhance bicycle safety and efficiency. These roadways are designed to be places where cars and bicycles can equally share the road.

Curb extensions expand the curb into the parking lane of the roadway for a portion of a block either at a corner or mid-block. This increases pedestrian safety and can reduce vehicle speeds.

A stop sign switch can occur on residential streets where stop sign locations can be switched from east-west to north-south, and vice versa. Attraction of cut-through routes can be discouraged while refraining from unnecessary installation of new stop signs.

A gateway treatment is a traffic calming installation designed to slow traffic entering a lower-speed environment and alerting drivers to exercise more caution within residential streets. Gateway treatments can include a variety of other traffic calming treatments.

How long does the public comment period last?

Members of the public are encouraged to make comments regarding the potential transportation solutions in the Hilltop by September 13, 2009 in any the following ways:

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DID YOU KNOW?

When a car travels faster, it is more likely to crash. When that crash involves a pedestrian, the higher speed is more likely to result in serious pedestrian injury or death.

When vehicles travel more slowly, the roads are safer for everyone.

Source: USDOT