

Project Public Input

SUMMARY OF CITIZEN INPUT PROCESS

The corridor plan reflects the input received at workshops, public meetings, meetings with individual property owners or developers interested in the area, and review by the Steering Committee, and the many hundreds of individual conversations held over the course of the project. The information received during the public input process was used to assist in formulating the Corridor Vision, Goals, and Objectives. This then became the framework for the development of the Land Use, Transportation and Aesthetic Strategies as well as the Implementation Strategy.

A main focus of the public input was a series of public forums, information meetings, and workshops. There were several public meetings during the project:

- 350 Highway / Blue Parkway Highway Issues Forum - June 26, 2002 (Pre-Consultant Selection)
- Issues Identification Workshop - March 26, 2003 (Pre-Consultant Selection)
- Corridor Plan Kick-off Meeting - January 22, 2004
- Visioning Workshop - February 26, 2004
- Existing Conditions & Transportation Open House- May 25, 2004
- Transportation, Land use & Aesthetics Concepts Open House -Feb 3, 2005
- Transportation, Land use & Aesthetics Final Plans Open House - Sept. 12, 2005
- Implementation Plan Presentation - October 27, 2005

A detailed summary of specific input can be found in the Existing Conditions Report.

The comments gathered can be organized in three broad categories: Vision and Aesthetics, Land Use and Infrastructure, and Implementation and Financing. Each of these categories is addressed in sections of this report.

Key input on Vision and Aesthetics:

- A Vision is needed to help guide the future development of the corridor.
- The Vision should try to knit the community together instead of divide it as it currently does.
- Safety is a key issue in the corridor.
- One organization is needed to tie the entire corridor together.
- The aesthetic appearance of the corridor needs to be updated and improved.

Key input on Land Use and Infrastructure:

- Utilize the existing framework as a starting place.
- Develop guidelines for future development.
- Update and upgrade existing look of corridor.
- Roadway does not function well for Raytown.
- Infrastructure should be extended to areas without it.

Key input on Financing and Implementation:

- Need a governing group of all jurisdictions.
- How do you pay for changes?
- Need alternative ways to finance development.
- Whatever the cost, increased safety on the highway would be worth it.
- Should be long range and be able to do in pieces (phases).

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