Corridor Mobility Plan

Kick-off Workshop
April 26, 2007

Summary Report

As an introduction to the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan, a community workshop was held on Thursday, April 26, 2007, from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Paul's Cathedral. Approximately 20 community members participated in this first of three workshops. A summary of the input provided during the workshop is provided in this report.

I. Background Presentation

The workshop began with introductions from the project team and a presentation on the mobility plan, including the process, existing conditions, and the mobility plan concept.

II. Proposed Improvements Map Exercise

Following the presentation, community members were invited to participate in a group exercise to review the concept plans and provide their ideas and comments. Participants used stickers related to topic areas (see box to the side) and pens to record their comments on the concept plans for the northern, central, and southern portion of the corridor. The comments recorded on the maps are identified below.

•Cars = Traffic Concerns
•Bus = Transit Concerns
•Parking Meter = Parking Concerns
•Pedestrian Sign = Pedestrian Concerns
•Bicycle = Bicyclist Concerns

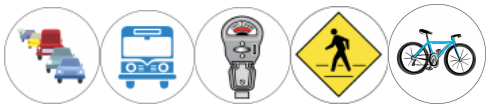


Figure 1A - *Northern Corridor*
4th/5th/6th Ave.
Traffic Calming
Proposed Improvements

- Washington – build freeway exit for southbound traffic from 163
- Washington/University/Robinson – sync signs
- Robinson/4th – This is <u>only</u> motorcycle parking currently in Hillcrest
- Robinson – Make 1-way 2 bound
- 6th Ave. – 1 way northbound
- General – restripe red zones that are too small for cars as motorcycle/scooter parking

- 5th Avenue – 3 lanes
- Washington/University/Robinson – coordinate signs
- 6th Ave. – need 2 lanes NB & SB
- 5 transit stickers placed
    - 2 transit stickers labeled "more"
        1. West of 4th between Pennsylvania & Brookes
        2. 6th Ave. between Robinson & Pennsylvania
    - 2 transit stickers not labeled
        1. 5th Ave. between Robinson & Pennsylvania
        2. 4th Ave. between University & Robinson
    - 1 transit sticker labeled "trolley"
        1. East of 6th Ave. between University & Robinson

Figure 1B – *Central Corridor*
4th/5th/6th Ave.
Traffic Calming
Proposed Improvements

- Quince & 4th Ave. – crosswalk needed
- Transit sticker – labeled "Trolley" – east of 6th near Palm
- Quince east of 6th – reopen as 2 way, make 6th Ave. 1 way south, Balboa Drive 1 way north and calm both with angled parking and serpentines
- Safe crossings needed all along 5th Ave. – calm slow the traffic
- 4th Ave/Palm & 5th Ave/Palm – bus daily bad idea
- 6th Ave proposed traffic signals at Nutmeg, Spruce & Quince intersections – good
- 6th Ave at Spruce - playground

Figure 1C – *Southern Corridor*
4th/5th/6th Ave.
Traffic Calming
Proposed Improvements

- Laurel east of 6th – homeless/transients camp under bridge
- 6th & Jupiter
    - Proposed (rolled – to allow emergency vehicle access) raised curb to replace delineators that continually are knocked down
    - Concern that new signals may increase noise
    - Consider prohibiting LT out of Balboa Park if new signal is put in here (loop issue)

- Hawthorne & 6th
  - Subtle, not flashy crosswalk enhancement: cobblestone/textural △ brick, textured sidewalks (currently on SW corner of 6th/Laurel)
  - School – more short term parking needed in area for drop-off/pick-up
  - Protected crossing needed for student access to parking
- Blight: trailers/RV's parking/living on 6th Ave. at night
- Prostitution problem around Balboa loop – issue with people patrolling loop SB on loop at intersection east of Juniper/6th
- 6th between Grape/Fir – favor diagonal parking, esp. if it disallows trailers from parking
- "Magic Mile" theme on 6th from Upas to I-5 for Sixth Ave. street signs
- Local website – friendsofparkwest.org
- 6th Ave. at Hawthorne intersection, Grape intersection and Fir intersection – currently there are concrete imprints that are historic to neighborhood – residents want to preserve these imprints with curb extensions. Currently says "Park Ave" in imprint (reflects history of Avenue)
  - Historic preservation
  - Neighborhood identification
- 5th Avenue between Laurel & Kalmia – motorcycle parking near convenient place
- 5th Avenue between Juniper & Ivy – need employee parking
- 5th between Hawthorne & Grape – bus lane reduces conflicts
- 6th & Harbor – pedestrian sticker – school kids
- Elm & 6th – right turn arrow

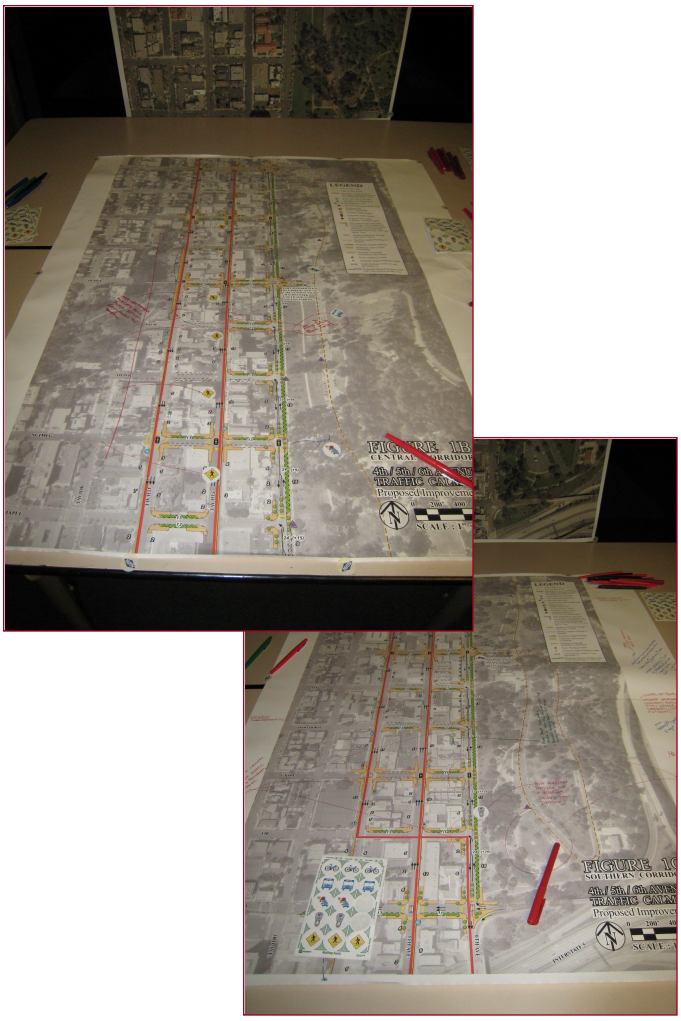
III. Flip Chart Notes

Following the group exercise, members of the project team reported back to the whole group a summary of the comments that were recorded on each concept plan. Below is a summary of the report-out of the comments, as recorded during the workshop on flip charts.

<u>Northern</u>

- Fixed rail transit
- Synchronized signals
- Reconfigure freeway exits
- Auto Issues – one-way streets
- Maintain 2 lanes
- Maintain 3 lanes

- Increase transit
- Trolley – 6th Ave.



Central
- Fixed rail trolley
- Auto issue
- One-way
- Angled parking
- Safe crossings
- New signals
- Bus only

Southern
- Transit lanes
- Diagonal parking
- Bulb outs
- Traffic lights
- Motorcycle parking
- Parking & crossing street near school
- Turning off freeway ramp/signal
- Historic preservation
- Curb extensions
- Change street signs – like North Park
- Add more short-term parking
- Enhanced parking at crosswalks
- Diagonal parking
- Employee parking
- Understated elegance
    - Park-like feel

The workshop participants also shared their ideas about how to get the word out about future workshops for the Hillcrest Corridor Mobility Plan. These ideas, as recorded on a flip chart during the workshop, are listed below.

How to Get Word Out
- Newspaper
- Community organizations
- Info center & partnership offices
- Website
- www.hillcrestmobilityplan.info

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IV. Places of the Heart Exercise

Workshop attendees were also invited to identify locations on a map that were important to them. Below is a summary of where those stickers were placed.

Place a heart sticker on the places that mean the most to you:

Total heart stickers placed: **9**

Within Mobility Plan Update Area - **2** heart stickers
1. Juniper between 4th and 5th Avenues
2. Juniper & 6th

Outside Mobility Plan Update Area – **7** heart stickers
1. Spruce east of 1st Ave.
2. Spruce west of 6th Ave.
3. Laurel St./El Prado
4. Laurel St./El Prado
5. South of Laurel St./El Prado – east of 6th
6. South of Laurel St./El Prado – east of 6th
7. South of Juniper between 1st and 2nd Avenues

V. Conclusion

The workshop concluded with information on next steps, including the corridor walks held April 30th and May 1st.