

Shaganappi Trail Corridor Study Community Conversations April 23 and 25, 2013 Highlights of What We Heard

About 64 people and 48 people attended the Shaganappi Trail Corridor Study community conversations on April 23 and 25, 2013, respectively.

The purpose of the sessions was to discuss and identify different perspectives, values and issues and gather input on design concepts and how they are evaluated. The sessions included a presentation, followed by small group discussions to identify key themes and a dotmocracy exercise to identify suggestions and ideas, and how to prioritize them.

Highlights of what we heard during the sessions include:

- General theme that any improvements to Shaganappi Trail should not impact or minimize impacts to homes adjacent to Shaganappi Trail. Examples of how to reduce property impacts included: not adding lanes, improving transit, narrower medians, and adding multiuse pathways on one side or elsewhere in the community.
- Support for upgraded pedestrian and cycling facilities to improve access and connections within the community and along/across Shaganappi Trail to amenities such as the University of Calgary, West Campus, Market Mall, Edworthy Park and medical facilities.
- Desire for improved pedestrian safety and access crossing Shaganappi Trail with more cross walks, improved cross walks, pedestrian overpasses and relocation/upgrades to existing pedestrian overpasses.
- Mixed feedback regarding whether cycling facility improvements should be focused adjacent to Shaganappi Trail or on nearby residential streets or other dedicated cycling routes.
- Majority do not support cycling facilities directly on Shaganappi Trail beside vehicles and some felt pedestrian and cycling facilities should also be separated.
- Majority would like to see improvements to transit service. Some suggestions included: express busses to key amenities (Market Mall, Downtown, etc.), more frequent service, better service within the community and to amenities, a transit hub at Market Mall and improving stop locations.
- Mixed reaction to the long term transportation improvements anticipated for Shaganappi Trail in regards to the benefit or need for additional lanes (e.g. buses, carpools or vehicles).
- Mixed reaction for widening Shaganappi to six lanes between Crowchild Trail and 32 Avenue due to potential property impacts on either side, further dividing Varsity community, creating a high traffic/speed corridor, increased noise and pedestrian safety impacts.
- Desire for improved traffic signal coordination for through traffic and left turn advance arrows. Little desire and support to remove all traffic signals and construct interchanges between Crowchild Trail and 32 Avenue.
- Desire to reduce traffic and short-cutting within the community.
- Some of the most important evaluation criteria noted were safety, traffic, walkability, noise, cost, and environment. Goods movement was viewed as one of the least important evaluation criteria.

The verbatim comments collected from attendees at the April community conversations are available in the summary reports.