

Aurora Avenue Land Use Visioning and Urban Design Study

The Aurora Action Agenda helped define neighborhood values and a preferred set of activities to pursue to improve this corridor. As a next step, the City is studying themes and strategies that might improve overall results as individual improvements happen over time. The City is also interested in exploring how expanded transit service and improved bus stop facilities can play a positive role and best fit into the corridor's neighborhood business district.

SOME OF WHAT WE'VE HEARD:

Highway corridor topics

- *Heavily used corridor by cars, trucks, buses*
- *High bus ridership*
- *High rate of Traffic accidents*
- *Concern about whether Aurora might be widened*
- *Need for on-street parking/concern about removal of on-street parking*
- *Need for business access*
- *Improving transit is important*
- *Traffic noise is a problem*
- *Intersections need pedestrian safety improvements*

Business district topics

- *Groceries, pubs, cafes, salons, other small services are present; more auto-oriented businesses and motels north of approx. 82nd Street*
- *Businesses include local-serving , regional-serving, and specialty goods and services*
- *Many parcels have no private parking and rely on-street parking*
- *Cleanliness and maintenance issues*
- *More police and city services would help businesses succeed*
- *Historic icons. should be preserved and incorporated into new development*
- *Residents live very close on local cross streets*
- *Many parcels are small and difficult to redevelop*

Sidewalk and accessibility topics

- *Sidewalks need repairs in several locations*
- *Trees and power poles impede access along the sidewalk*
- *Need for pedestrian safety features*
- *Walkability, pedestrian crossing safety, jaywalking are concerns*
- *Sidewalks are narrow and have no buffer from vehicles*
- *Autos splash pedestrians due to narrow sidewalks and areas with poor drainage*
- *Better overall aesthetic quality favored along sidewalks*
- *Intersections need pedestrian safety improvements*

We have developed a few alternatives that illustrate possible strategies and themes for further actions to address the challenges and opportunities noted above. The agenda for tonight's meeting is for you to review and provide feedback on these alternatives.