

Wichita Broadway Safety Corridor Plan

Open House Event

August 2, 2018

The first open house for the Wichita Broadway Safety Corridor Plan was held on August 2, 2018 from 4:30 to 5:45 at the Robert D. Love Downtown YMCA (402 N. Market Street 67202) Approximately 20 people attended the event. City staff organized and staffed the event. It Wichita residents with a series of stations highlighting the existing conditions and options for changes to the public rights-of-way.

Open House Stations

Sign-in Table

Participants were asked to provide their name and email address both to track the number of participants and to disperse project information to those interested. Comment forms were also available for participants to provide written comments on walking related issues. A board with an overview of the project was stationed next to the sign-in table (see the attachments for an image).

Station 1: Existing Conditions

Six posters represented various conditions along the corridor – safety ranking, traffic volumes, parking lots/spaces, crash locations, land use, and destinations. In addition, two graphics showed the existing configurations of the project corridor north and south of Central Avenue. In addition to the graphics and posters, printouts of the Existing Conditions Summary were available on a table for participants.

Configuration Option N. Broadway Ave Central Ave to 11 th Street		Comment
3rd St to Central Ave		Too many parking lots – don't need more parking!
Central Ave to 11th Street		No comments

Station 2: Configuration Options – Central to 11th Street

Graphics depicting each of the different configuration options for Broadway Avenue from Central Avenue to 11th Street (attached to this report). Each of the graphics had an accompanying document with a description of the changes resulting from the configuration option. This station provided an opportunity for participants to provide comments using sticky notes.

Configuration Option N. Broadway Ave Central Ave to 11 th Street		Comments
On-Street Parking: Long Term		No comments

Crosswalks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should keep crosswalk paint visible e.g. Riverside traffic circles.
On-Street parking: Short Term – Parking Both Sides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like this – allow bulb-outs at intersections – pedestrian safe, keeps parking Not sure more parking is necessary This one is good because it forces people to slow down
On-Street Parking: Short Term – Parking One Side	No Comments
Dedicated Bike Facilities: Short Term Option – Buffered Bike Lanes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I want bike lanes and a turning lane I like this option (as a cyclists), not sure about eliminating parking Like this configuration but biking could be off street – more trees, good feature Added bike/ped safety No additional parking 😊 Greenery needed to make street more attractive Report says people are biking on sidewalk (check mark)- plus if the idea is to get business to invest – start, bike lanes, bike parking, and pedestrian amenities needed – parking not needed on street Like buffers (check mark)
Dedicated Bike Facilities Raised Protected Bikeway: Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do bus riders and pedestrians get access to the street? I like the raised protected bike lane Like 7 ft sidewalk to increased pedestrian activity Yaay! – 1. Bike lanes 2. Trees for shade 3 center lane 4 protection for bicyclists + Pedes
Dedicated Bike Facilities and On-Street Parking: Long-Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not sure if more parking is needed I agree Lots of off street parking in area already Please! There are 2,082 parking spaces – no more parking

Station 3: Configuration Options – Central to 11th Street

Graphics depicting each of the different configuration options for Broadway Avenue from Central Avenue to 11th Street (attached to this report). Each of the graphics had an accompanying document with a description of the changes resulting from the configuration option. This station provided an opportunity for participants to provide comments using sticky notes.

Configuration Option 3rd St to Central Avenue	Comments
On-Street Parking: Long Term	No comments
On-Street Parking: Short Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What about bikes? Not addressing cyclists needs Report says there are bikes riding on Broadway sidewalks – bike lanes needed to increase shopper traffic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like this, maintains traffic flow and parking – cyclists covered by Market and Topeka bike lanes, less traffic and safer for bicycle due to one-way traffic • Please don't get rid of turn lane • Too crowded, no room for bikes
Three Lane On-Street Parking: Long Term Option	No comments
Three Lane Parking & Bike Facilities: Short Term Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like this option – maintains parking – allows bike lanes – allows turning movements – Broadway is overbuilt • This adds safety features • Of these 3 “paint only” options, this is the best for traffic flow, parking, and bike ped • Broadway is so busy. I hear traffic all day by my office. Bike lanes would help.
Dedicated Bike Facilities: Short Term	No comments
Three Lane On-Street Parking & Dedicated Bike Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes! Biking will improve life downtown • I like bike lanes + a turning lane • On street parking is a pro
Three Lane Raised Protected Bikeway: Long Term Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer bike lanes over on-street parking
Three Lane Parking Protected: Short Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More bike lanes means more friendly drivers • I think it is preferable to remove on street parking (check, check) – find a way to add green that is low maintenance (check, check) • Remove on-street parking is good
Three Lane Dedicated Bike Facilities: Short Term	No comments
Three Lane On-Street Parking: Short Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer for pedestrians – allows bulb outs at intersections

Comment Forms

Comment forms were available for participants to provide written comments Below is a listing of the comments received.

Comments
Crosswalk markings – dedicated signal for left turn at Central and Broadway – no right turn on red

Event Outreach

Below is a listing of the outreach efforts for this event.

Facebook

The City of Wichita crated an event on the City's Facebook page to advertise the open house. 10 people indicated they would attend and 63 people indicated they were interested.

The screenshot shows a Facebook event page for "Broadway Safety Corridor open House". The event is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, from 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM, and is hosted by Wichita District 1 and 2 others. The event is public and has 10 people who went and 63 people who are interested. The event details include: "Participants will have an opportunity to: Review the draft street configuration options, Ask questions, Share comments." The page also features a "Related Events" section with several other events listed, such as "BWW August Meeting", "Coffee and Conversation with...", "Wichita by Bike Class", "Wichita City Council Meeting", "September Final Friday", and "Destination: Deutschland!". The page is in English (US) and has a privacy policy link.

Flyer

City staff created a flyer for the event and posted it on the project webpage.



The flyer is a dark blue rectangle with white and yellow text. At the top right is the Health ICT logo. The main title 'Broadway Safety Corridor Open House' is in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below the title, on the left, is a list of activities: 'Review the draft street configuration options,' 'ask questions, and' 'share comments.' To the right of this list, the date 'AUGUST 2' is displayed in large white and yellow letters. Below the date, the location and time are listed: 'Robert D. Love Downtown YMCA, 402 N Market St, 4:30-5:45 PM'. At the bottom left, there is a paragraph explaining that comments will be used for future improvements. At the bottom center, there is a row of white icons representing a building, a shop, a tree, a person on a bicycle, a bus, a person walking, and a house. At the bottom left, there is contact information for Scott Wadle, City of Wichita Project Manager. At the bottom right is the City of Wichita logo.

Broadway Safety Corridor
Open House

Participants will have an opportunity to:

- Review the draft street configuration options,
- ask questions, and
- share comments.

Comments collected from the public will be used to help identify a preferred option and designs for future improvements.

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Robert D. Love
Downtown YMCA
402 N Market St
4:30-5:45 PM

For more information about this project, visit:
www.wichita.gov/Bicycle/Pages/Corridor.aspx

Contact
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Newspaper

An advertisement was published in the business section of the Wichita Eagle on August 2, 2018.

News Release

The City issued a news release the day of the event.

<https://www.wichita.gov/News/Pages/2018-08-02a.aspx>

Emails

The City distributed emails to the Transit News and Bicycling and Walking News list serves.

Photos















