

## MEMORANDUM

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<b>Subject:</b>	April 11, 2024 – City of Edgewood Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Transportation Workshop Summary		

### Summary

Transpo Group supported the City of Edgewood's Community Development and Public Works departments by hosting a Transportation Workshop, as part of the ongoing public engagement process for the City's period update to the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at City Hall. Paul Sharman and Daniel Hendricks attended for Transpo. This memorandum summarizes the purpose of the workshop, the materials prepared and presented to the public, and a summary of the public comments received.

The Transportation workshop was advertised in several ways. The event was listed on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update page that is nested within the City's Community and Economic Development Department page. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update page includes an introduction to the work, identifies opportunities for public participation, and includes links for additional information. Additionally, the City published Facebook and Instagram posts about the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to introduce and discuss the transportation section of the comprehensive plan update and gather feedback to inform the preparation of the periodic update. The Comprehensive Plan update will identify plans for the City's proposed transportation networks (vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, etc.) and develop a list of transportation projects necessary to achieve the identified transportation goals. Comments and feedback gathered at the workshop will be used to develop, refine, and prioritize improvements for the City.

Paul Sharman provided a presentation which went over the general comprehensive plan update process and recent transportation-related changes under the Growth Management Act. He provided an overview of the current status of the project and the timeline for future community outreach events. He discussed key findings of the existing conditions and analysis and provided an update on other transportation-related planning efforts and how the findings of those studies are being incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan. Paul also introduced the Transportation Survey as an opportunity for the public to provide additional feedback on the City's transportation goals and priorities. The survey is posted on the Comprehensive Plan update website.

The following materials were available at the workshop and now on the website:

- Active Transportation Networks
  - Planned Pedestrian Network
  - Planned Bicycle Network
- Meridian Avenue (SR 161) Corridor Concepts

- Meridian Avenue/36th Street East Intersection Concept

In addition, a blank map of the City was provided so that community members could identify specific locations in need of transportation improvements. City staff and members of the consultant team reviewed these maps with workshop participants to identify priorities and potential transportation projects.

## Findings/Observations

- The meeting was held in-person at City Hall and the presentation portion of the workshop was recorded and posted on the City website for interested community members who were unable to attend the event. This summary of the discussion portion of the workshop will also be uploaded for community review.
- There were around 10 community members in attendance in total. This level of participation was in line with other meetings held as part of the Comprehensive Plan update. While a good portion of the attendees were also present at other workshops held for the Comprehensive Plan update, there were a few new participants who came to discuss transportation-related topics.
- The attendees who came to the meeting were highly engaged and were well informed regarding many of the City's ongoing transportation efforts and initiatives. This resulted in many in-depth questions and conversations leading to a very constructive workshop.
- Many community members were interested in learning more about how transportation projects identified as part of the Comprehensive Plan update would be funded and prioritized. Many community members expressed interest in being involved and having the ability to provide feedback on the process used to determine how transportation funds should be spent.
- Improving safety along the City's roadways (especially for pedestrians and bicyclists) was a common theme between many of the comments received from workshop attendees. Projects and programs which could be used to expand driver education opportunities to promote safer driving habits were widely supported.

## Input Received

- Many residents expressed the desire to find ways to make the City's roadways safer and more comfortable for walking. Comments from some residents indicated that they currently walk along neighborhood streets which often lack adequate pedestrian facilities. Pedestrian facilities which are provided along some roadways are often discontinuous and require crossing the road at multiple locations to walk along the side of the roadway that provides the most protection from vehicular traffic. Better pedestrian connections to key destinations within the City (park, churches, etc.) would be appreciated. Several roadways were identified as needing pedestrian facilities: 112th Avenue, 122nd Avenue, 32nd Street, 36th Street (connection to Edgewood Park), Edgewood Drive.
- Workshop attendees notes high vehicular speeds along several neighborhood corridors within the City. They discussed the desire to have driver education programs which could improve driver behavior. This discussion touched on current City efforts to slow speeds along roadways, including the use of movable speed feedback signs to identify locations with speeding concerns. Roadways which were identified by the community as having speeding concerns are: 112th Avenue (between 24th Street and 32nd Street), 34th Street.
- Several workshop attendees provided comments and discussion on the proposed concept for the realignment of Chrisella Road and roundabout at Meridian Avenue/36th Street.

Discussion centered around concerns with directing all traffic associated with the park and Chrisella Road onto 36th Street (high volumes of southbound left-turn movements. Additional comments included discussion on potential alignment of the Edgewood Community Park parking lot driveway with the realigned Chrisella Road (challenges associated with the current location of the retention pond). Local residents affected by the realignment of the roadway expressed a desire for more coordination and communication as the proposed design concept for the intersection is finalized.

- Community members discussed the need for context-sensitive solutions to improve mobility within the City. Some residents expressed concern with turning Edgewood into a “15-minute” city using solutions similar to more urban communities like Seattle or Kirkland.
- Workshop attendees requested more information about transportation-related outreach efforts. The City and consultant team discussed that this was the first outreach event for the Comprehensive Plan update which focused on transportation. Surveys and workshops were conducted as part of other projects. The City discussed that focused outreach is conducted with neighboring property owners at more detailed design phases of a project.

## **Community Feedback Board**

The presentation boards that were presented and discussed with the community members during the open discussion section of the workshop are posted on the Comprehensive Plan update website. A blank map of the City used to gather and record feedback and comments on the City’s transportation system is shown on the following page:

# Transportation Areas of Interest

## Instructions

Place a dot where you have comments or concerns about traffic

