

# COMMUNITY STREETScape PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

On October 12, 2023, the Major Projects Division hosted its first Open House for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements, Martin Luther King Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Connection Project:

**Total attendees: 75**

*67 Oakland residents and community members  
8 Community Advisory Committee members*

- **58%** of attendees reside in **94607** and **94608**
- **31%** of attendees **were 65+**
- **67%** of attendees who reported their gender **self-identified as male**
- **42%** of attendees who reported their race **self-identified Black/African American**
- **88%** reported their primary language as **English**
- **43%** use a **personal car** as their primary mode of transportation



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## Feedback for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements

### Pedestrians:

- Better pedestrian connection between Uptown, Downtown, Jack London and Waterfront Oakland
- Excitement around intersection improvements for pedestrians to improve, especially bulb-outs and lights
- Concerns around underpass safety for pedestrians, including requests for clean-up and lighting

### Transit:

- Request for clarity around use of bus-only lane while emergency vehicles are passing
- Challenging the use of a bus-only lane on Broadway when more people drive than use bus
- Request for additional transit considerations beyond buses - ex. space for common ride transportation

### Vehicle/ Trucks:

- Disappointment around removal of car lane on busy Broadway street, concerns about traffic and back ups
- Requests for removal of cars parts of downtown (Old Oakland, parts of Broadway)
- Emphasis on less car-focused planning and more focus on alternative modes of transportation

### Urban Greening:

- Request for more trees, tree plots and pocket forests

### Bikes:

- Requests for bike lanes to be incorporated into the Broadway plan
- Biking on Broadway is dangerous, protected bike lanes needed
- Request for more clarity around how the bus only lane will impact cyclists on Broadway

### Traffic Safety:

- Support for better traffic safety in Broadway underpass, especially with freeway onramp/tunnel
- request for concrete curb on left side of bus lane to avoid cars turning right out of turn

### Public Art and Culture:

- Concern about traffic backup deterring visitors to downtown businesses and gathering areas
- Lighting and cleanliness important for building downtown culture
- Underpass art should be replaced

### Other:

- Better signage and wayfinding at intersections, especially Broadway underpass and 6th street



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## Feedback for the MLK Jr. Way Streetscape Improvements

### Bikes:

- High number of love and support for protected bike lanes
- Request for bikes be removed from 2nd - 7th Streets and/or moved to Castro or Washington Streets
- Preference for the roadway level cycle tracks
- Request for protected or left turn restrictions to prevent vehicle contact with bikes in the cycle track
- Request for bollards or vertical detection

### Pedestrians:

- Request for wider sidewalks and pedestrian islands

### Transit:

- Request for free transportation (B-shuttle, cable car, etc)

### Traffic Safety:

- High number of love and support for road diet

### Vehicle/Trucks:

- Concern for truck volume and impact on overall project from 2nd - 5th Streets
- Stakeholders split on lack of parking vs substantial parking (particularly 2nd-5th Streets)

### Urban Greening:

- High support of urban greening the area
- Request for more urban greening, trees, and plants

### Other :

- Question of maintenance and street sweeping
- Concern for road diet effects on emergency vehicles



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## Feedback for the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Connection Project

### Bikes:

- Excited for protected and separated lanes
- Green loop and connecting West Oakland, Downtown Oakland, and Uptown
- Increase lane width

### Pedestrians:

- Request to extend the median and shorten distance to cross
- Happy for restriping and attention to overall pedestrian safety

### Transit:

- Request for transit only lane
- Would like to see improvements in transit overall

### Vehicle/Trucks:

- Request for a lot of residential parking on 7th and MLK
- Appreciates focus is not on cars or parking

### Traffic Safety:

- Request to reduce travel lanes to decrease speeding

### Urban Greening:

- Request for more trees and tree plots
- Request for the raised platforms to be permeable space for low maintenance plants

### Public Art and Culture:

- Creative idea for a muralist to paint the bike lanes

### Other:

- Re-pavement needed



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