

Lincoln Corridor Plan

Summary of Neighborhood Conversations & Corridor Walks – May 22, 2013

Event Overview

Input from residents, business owners, and other stakeholders is essential to the success of the Lincoln Corridor Plan. Listening to the ideas and concerns of individual voices will better inform the process and contribute to a community-supported vision for the corridor. On May 22, 2013 a series of three Neighborhood Conversation Sessions and two Corridor Walks gave stakeholders and members of the public the opportunity to share their ideas, concerns, and priorities for Lincoln Avenue with City of Fort Collins staff and the consultant team.

Time	Activity	Participants
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Conversations	6
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Corridor Walk	2
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Conversations	9
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Corridor Walk	11
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Conversations	7
<i>Total</i>		35

What We Heard – Key Themes

The project team heard a number of issues, opportunities, and comments during the Neighborhood Conversations and Corridor Walks. The following list of key themes summarizes the comments that were heard most frequently.

1. **Multimodal Connectivity:** Ensure the corridor meets the needs of all modes of travel, and a range of comfort zones for bicyclists and pedestrians. There is a need for better bike and pedestrian connectivity between the breweries, in a way that reduces impacts to Buckingham Neighborhood.
2. **Neighborhood Character:** Maintain Buckingham Neighborhood as a unique neighborhood that recognizes its history and keeps its charm without gentrifying or significantly driving up property values.
3. **Neighborhood Protection:** Spillover effects from brewery traffic and events negatively impact the residents of Buckingham Neighborhood. Residents feel that their concerns have not been fully acknowledged or addressed by the City in the past.

4. **Corridor Character/Identity:** Lincoln Corridor should be a distinct district with its own identity that complements and transitions from Old Town and the River District. The district should celebrate the eclectic mix of historic properties and multi-cultural heritage, parks and natural areas, residential uses, state-of-the-art industrial businesses, breweries, and restaurants. The connection to the river should be promoted, and the area should have a "softer," more landscape-based feel than Old Town.
5. **Bike Safety:** Current bike lanes and connections to the Poudre Trail are inadequate and unsafe for the type/amount of bike traffic in the area, particularly on and around the bridge.
6. **Pedestrian Safety:** There is a major need for safe, designated pedestrian crossings on Lincoln and its cross-streets (e.g., 1st Avenue, Lemay).
7. **Traffic Concerns:** The amount of traffic generated by commuters, businesses, brewery visitors, and trucks passing along Lincoln and through the neighborhoods adversely impacts the neighborhood, makes turning movements difficult, and creates unsafe conditions for bikes and pedestrians. Speeds should be slowed on Lincoln from Buckingham Neighborhood to Old Town.
8. **Aesthetics:** Use screening, landscaping, public art, and clean up efforts to improve the aesthetics of the corridor.
9. **Branding and Wayfinding:** Clear wayfinding signage and design elements should be used to provide visitors with information and give the district a distinct identity.
10. **Public Involvement:** Project team should attend key events in the Northside Neighborhoods.