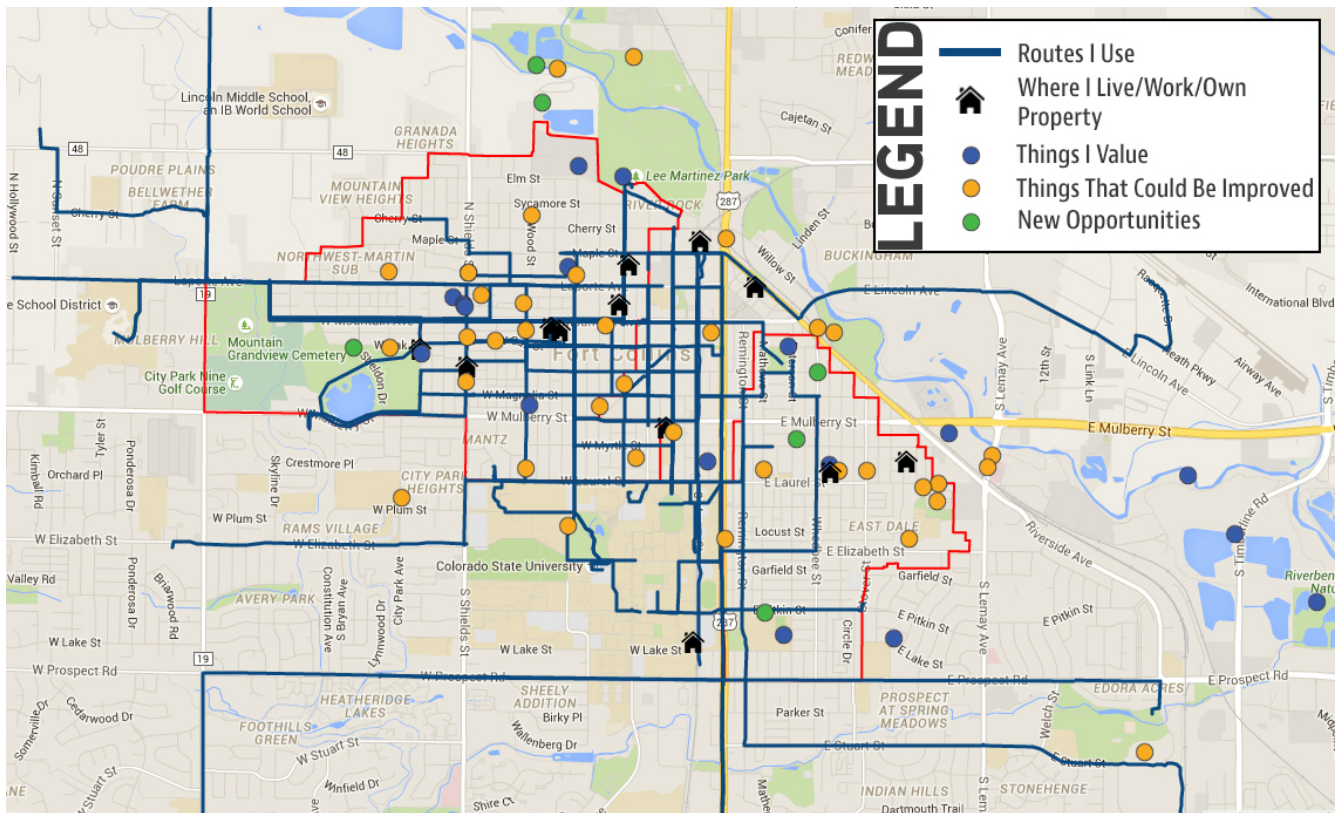# WikiMap Summary

Outreach Overview

Forty users engaged with the City on WikiMaps, which is an online mapping tool that allows users to plot points of interest on a map and comment on points posted by other users. The 40 users plotted 68 points of interest and mapped 61 routes on how they get around the Old Town Neighborhoods. For points of interest, users could select whether the point represented something they valued, something that could be improved, or a new opportunity. Users could then indicate whether the point dealt with neighborhood character & compatibility, safety, transportation, infrastructure, a natural feature, or another category not indicated in the survey. For routes, users could indicate the mode of transportation the route represented and the purpose of the route (running errands, commute, recreation, etc.).

What follows is a discussion of the parts of the Old Town Neighborhoods the respondents value, could be improved, represented a new opportunity, and how they get around the neighborhoods.

Things I Value

Users noted 19 different locations that represent something they value in their neighborhood. Many of the responses indicated how much they value access to open space. Some of the open space respondents indicated were Lee Martinez Park, the Poudre Trail, Library Park, and City Park. A number of respondents also commented on Beaver's Market. Many think the presence of local grocer is a unique asset to their neighborhood. Other responses highlighted the importance of crosswalks, the value of median maintenance, and their appreciation for the tight knit community of their neighborhood.

Screenshot of WikiMap results

Things That Could Be Improved

Users indicated 43 points that could be improved in their neighborhood. The majority of the responses dealt with transportation and infrastructure related issues. Some of the recurring responses included improving sidewalk connectivity, dangerous intersections, tricky street crossings, difficulty parking near campus, route improvements for transit, improved bike lanes, and speed bumps at key locations throughout the neighborhood. Other issues users identified included incompatible development, safety concerns in Eastside Park, and improved access to the trail system.

New Opportunities

Users identified 6 new opportunities in their neighborhood. The opportunities consisted of better use of right-of-way to allow more bike lanes, improved trail connections, additional bus routes, and the potential for more land to be added to Lee Martinez Park.

Routes Through the Old Town Neighborhoods

Users plotted 61 different routes for how they get around the neighborhoods and city. 30 of the routes represented the user's commute to work or school with the remaining routes split between routes for running errands and routes for recreation. 29 of the routes represented bike routes with 23 walking routes, 14 car routes and 2 representing other modes. Some of the users had comments on the positive elements of their commute or ways to improve their commute. Some users lauded the MAX bus service and the quality of bike facilities within the neighborhoods. Other users were concerned with crossing Mulberry, bike/pedestrian safety on Laporte Avenue, and recommended traffic circles along Canyon Avenue.

Conclusion

The results of the WikiMap were consistent with the other outreach done for the Old Town Neighborhoods Plan. Residents enjoy the tight-knit community within the neighborhoods, the access to parks and trails, and its unique blend of small, local businesses and historic charm. While many residents also appreciate the ease in which they can navigate the neighborhood on foot or bike, many are concerned by dangerous intersections, safety issues in parks, and incompatible development. WikiMap users also identified similar opportunities for improvement to other outreach by recommending more trail connections, adding bike lanes, and improving safety for bicyclists and pedestrians.