

# Sylvania Downtown Improvements – Main Street

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**Date** September 13, 2022  
**Subject** Initial Stakeholder Meeting – Summary of Comments  
**Project Number** 22114

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Initial Stakeholder Meeting Public Attendees: 42  
Comment Forms Received: 15  
Concept Feedback Forms Received: 8

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This document contains a summary of comments and survey results received from the public comment forms. Forms were distributed at the initial stakeholder meeting and posted online for the above referenced project.

## Category Ranking Results

The following public opinions are summarized from the rankings provided under Question 2 on the Comment form:

- Preference of parking over no parking.
  - Slight preference of angled parking over parallel parking.
  - Slight preference of string lights over streetlamps.
  - Slight preference of tables/seats over green space.
- Preference for corridor to be optimized for pedestrian use, with parking as second priority.
- High preference for the roadway to be uncurbed instead of having a standard 6” curb.
- Preference of the same number of trees. Very low preference for more trees.

## Concept Feedback

These public opinions are summarized from the feedback provided on the Concept Feedback forms:

- Concept A (parallel both sides) had no strong positive and no negative feedback.
  - Concept B (parallel one side) would be favorable if sidewalk widths are equal on both sides. Some concern for which side of the street parking would be located.
  - Concept C (angled one side) is favorable to maximize parking. Some concern for which side of the street parking would be located. Some concern for angled parking.
- Concept D (angled parking both sides) is unfavorable since it reduces sidewalk widths.
- Concept E (angled and parallel parking) is unfavorable since people find it confusing.
- Concept F (uncurbed) is favorable since it has an uncurbed roadway.
  - Concept G (no parking) is favorable if it were to provide a parking garage as well.

## **Comments**

The following comments were provided on the Comment forms and Concept Feedback forms. The number of times it was mentioned by separate individuals is listed in parentheses.

- Main Street from Monroe to Erie should be uniform (4)
- Corridor should be pedestrian-focused with larger sidewalks (4)
  - Parking garage (3)
  - Easy-to-view storefronts (3)
  - One-way traffic on Main Street (2)
- Slow down traffic (2)
- Raised mid-block crosswalk
  - Outlets should be provided for events
  - Prefer hanging baskets over large planters
  - Recycle bins should be provided
- No stamped concrete on sidewalks
- More seating and gathering space for DORA users
- Need equal sidewalk space on each side of street
- Utilize Maplewood between Main & Summit for downtown events

## **Conclusions**

The following items are recommended to be implemented with the Main Street Improvements Project:

- Roadway with parallel parking on both sides but utilizing curb bump outs and permanent parklets to provide seating and pedestrian amenities. These features will encourage traffic calming and create a pedestrian-focused corridor.
- Wider sidewalks provided by reducing lane widths.
- Parking spaces on both blocks (from Monroe to Erie) to create uniformity and provide more parking.
- Roadway with no curbs or minimal height curbs.
- Raised mid-block crosswalk at or near the existing crosswalk location. Consider an additional location between Maplewood and Erie.
- Concrete sidewalks. Decorative concrete/pavers may be used outside of the pedestrian thru zone.
- More views for existing architecture and storefronts. Consider tree reduction and/or changing tree types.
- String lights and streetlamps along entire corridor.
- Tables and seats to accommodate DORA customers and people at downtown events.

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