



## Public Meeting #1 Summary October 20, 2015

Public Meeting #1 was held on October 20, 2015 at the Shalom Park Meeting Room (14800 E. Belleview Drive, Aurora 80012). The meeting was held from 4:30 – 6:30 PM in an open house format. Approximately 90 people attended the meeting. Following is a summary of comments submitted by meeting attendees on comment sheets, recorded by open house staff during one-on-one conversations with attendees during the public meeting, and submitted via email and on the project web page. This summary includes comments received through October 27, 2015.

### **How do you use the transportation system in the study area?**

I live here (30)

I patronize adjacent businesses (12)

I work here (3)

I commute through (3)

### **What are your highest priorities for this corridor?**

Vehicular mobility (21)

Direct access to properties along the roadways (10)

Safety (23)

Other (3)

- Speed needs to be 45 MPH!
- Danger across from S. Atchison Way and Parker
- How to get safely across intersections on Quincy Ave.

Connections to State Park trails (4)

Pedestrian accessibility and facilities (2)

Bicycle accommodations (4)

Transit connections (6)

**Please share your thoughts regarding existing conditions and/or issues within the study area. What needs improved?** (Consider traffic conditions, roadway and drainage, environmental and community resources, pedestrian/bicyclist facilities and transit)



## Speed

- Drag racers on Parker, speeding & screeching late at night.
- The Parker Road raceway needs to slowdown. Make it safer to walk.
- Need a number to call on phone when racing on Parker Road occurs in the middle of the night (11pm – 4am).
- Quincy Avenue between Chambers & Smoky Hill it is used as a drag strip between 7 – 10 AM and 3 – 6 PM. Would be helpful to put a “your speed” sign that lets them know how fast or radar enforcement. Traffic speeding on Smoky Hill from Quincy to at least Buckley, and running traffic lights. Please consider.
- People getting thru light at Parker/Quincy going north do not slow down at all. Plus they get in the right lane and we can’t get out.
- Speed limits 55 mph southbound on Parker Road south of Quincy too high – the rest is 45 mph.

## Traffic Signals

- I do like traffic lights on Smoky Hill and Quincy when police are on Smoky, Quincy, Chambers. They pull over 3 – 10 vehicles every two hours, but they can’t be there all the time.
- Right now the volume is obviously too great for Quincy Avenue. Perhaps for starters a traffic light at Quincy and Dillon would be good as well as better timing on the traffic light at Quincy and Carson Street. We definitely need those intersections better patrolled as many people are not obeying the traffic signals we now have.
- Quincy Avenue west needs left turn signal at Smoky Hill Road.
- Traffic light timing regulates to rush hour volume as well as access to businesses in the area.
- Traffic light timing issues on Parker/Quincy.
- The lights at Parker and along Quincy seem to be out of sync a lot. Three lanes turn left from southbound Parker but the light at the shopping center entrance is red. Traffic can’t get through and backs up into Parker Road. Also, eastbound Quincy traffic at Smoky Hill doesn’t know they have a double right turn so they try to move into right lane.
- Thank you for whoever is controlling traffic lights at Quincy and Parker. There seems to be a bigger delay northbound so I can make a right hand turn onto Parker Road going north and to make a left turn into S. Atchison Way!!  
Thanks again!



- In evening traffic turning left off of southbound Parker Road will frequently get trapped in the intersection because the light at Harbor Plaza is poorly timed.
- The traffic light at S. Abilene Circle and Parker Road needs left and right arrows so it is safe to get onto northbound Parker Road from S. Abilene Circle. Also need left arrow to make turn left from southbound Parker Road into Park Place Villas.
- The traffic light at Temple Drive needs an arrow for left hand turns.
- The intersection of Smoky Hill Road and Evanston needs a traffic light ASAP. This intersection/Evanston is the main route to service Sagebrush Elementary School. Very heavy traffic in the morning between 7:30 – 8:30 am turning off of Smoky Hill road from the west and east to go south on Evanston to the school. Then in the afternoon between 3:00 – 4:30 pm traffic is very heavy on northbound Evanston trying to get onto Smoky Hill Road. This intersection is extremely dangerous and needs to be addressed and changes ASAP! If it is not changed there will be a very bad accident and someone will likely be killed! The existing traffic light at Smoky Hill Road and Tufts Place is not accessible to Sagebrush Elementary School traffic because there is no connecting street from that development to the school!
- Traffic is backed up in the middle of the day at the signal at Smoky Hill/Quincy to turn right onto Parker Road.
- The current conditions during AM rush hour turning from Carson Street right to Quincy do cause backups from trying to make the turn. Traffic from Smoky Hill and Quincy block the intersection.
- Why two signals northbound on Smoky Hill at Quincy?
- Parker southbound left will back up into intersection (due to signal at shop center) and block the northbound through lane. Need better signal coordination.
- The traffic light at the shopping center entrance on Quincy does not coordinate with the Parker/Quincy light well. The southbound to eastbound left turn traffic is often stopped by the shopping center light after making the left turn.
- A senior citizen from Park Place Villas said that she would like to have a left turn only signal phase for the northbound Parker Road to her neighborhood movement as Park Place Villas is a retirement community and it is unsafe to make an unprotected left turn for the seniors.



### Pedestrian/Bicyclist/Transit Considerations

- Parker Road at Quincy Avenue needs more secure crossing for pedestrians going to Cherry Creek State Park.
- As a bicyclist I avoid Quincy and opt for a longer route between my home and Cherry Creek State Park. The Hampden exchange works well for bicyclists. Quincy is too congested at Parker, Smoky Hill, and Chambers to feel safe even though it is designated a bicycle route and Hampden is not. Right hand turns on red are highly dangerous to peds/bicycles as people are accustomed to ripping through in their cars and trucks.
- Too dangerous to cross Parker Road to get to reservoir.
- I am concerned about the safety of pedestrians crossing the intersection of Parker and Quincy. On several occasions I have witnessed vehicles not obeying traffic rules and either running the red light at a high rate of speed or not yielding to the pedestrians already in the crossing area disregarding their safety. I live on the east side of Parker and very often I have to cross Parker to get to the Cherry Creek Park. I am always very concerned for mine and my family's safety.
- Also, people in our neighborhood who bike or walk to Cherry Creek State Park from our neighborhood have mentioned to me they feel it is extremely dangerous to cross Parker Road to get to the State Park.
- Need a walkway to cross Parker Road at Quincy that is underground.
- Several attendees said that the permissive left turns across Parker detract from feelings of comfort.
- There is a lack of yielding to pedestrians on Parker Road.
- People report that they feel hurried in crossing Parker Road at Quincy, especially because of the left-turning vehicles that are turning during the same signal phase.
- Walker/bicyclists are in danger when crossing Parker Road at Quincy and Temple Drive. Lights do not give them enough time.
- Intersection of Quincy & Cherry Creek Racquet Club – since the building of the wall you can't see to pull out unless you get into walkway area. Bicyclists come flying through and almost hit your car.
- It's hard to see past the sound wall on Quincy Avenue at the Cherry Creek Racquet Club without blocking the intersection. It's hard for drivers to see if there are people walking or biking into the intersection because of the sound wall. Poor visibility and high potential for conflict.
- Eastbound right turn at Smoky Hill is dangerous for pedestrians.



- Bus stop needs removed on Parker Road across from S. Atchison Way because people get off bus & try to walk across six lanes of traffic.
- The southbound bus stop at Atchison on Parker is dangerous for crossing pedestrians.
- RTD stop at Atchison Way southbound (between Lehigh & Parker) is dangerous due to mid-block crossings.
- Pedestrians report feeling unsafe crossing Smoky Hill Road at Quincy Avenue – there’s a lack of yielding.
- Jay walking across Quincy is stressful for drivers.
- South of Parker Road pedestrians walk on the outside of the guard rail and walk in the dirt.
- Lack of sidewalks south of Temple Drive an issue.
- The lack of sidewalks on Parker Road around Temple Drive mean that people walk in the road during the winter. Extra dangerous.
- Add a sidewalk from Quincy to Temple on west side of Parker Road – mostly dirt.
- Temple Drive to Saratoga on the east side of Parker Road lacks sidewalks.
- Lack of sidewalks on Parker Road cited numerous times as an issue.
- Lots of people are going through the yellow light (not sure where).
- Lack of pedestrian crosswalk on Parker Road (north side of Quincy Avenue intersection) makes it more difficult to walk.
- Right turn on red means that drivers aren’t yielding to pedestrians.

#### Neighborhood Access

- I live in Pier Point. A road through to Carson Street from S. Atchison Way would be nice but not sure it is possible. When traffic is bad on S. Atchison Way south to Quincy I cut through the shopping center to the traffic light or for northbound Parker Road access I go through the shopping center and come out near gas station or McDonalds as traffic has not built up speed as much there from the traffic light at Quincy, and seems safer access than S. Atchison Way.
- We live in Pier Point and it is impossible to get out onto Quincy and Parker Road. Install a light from Pier Point onto Parker Road. It’s awful.
- Access to Pier Point is difficult and needs improvement. No signal at Atchison? Only way to turn left is to cut through shopping center.



- It is very difficult to turn right or left onto Quincy from Atchison Way (Pier Point) or Atchison Circle (Cherry Creek Racquet Club) due to heavy congestion on Quincy.
- It's difficult to exit onto Quincy Avenue (northbound) from Atchison Way. The current signal timing and traffic volumes make these turns (right and left) challenging.
- It's difficult to exit onto Parker Avenue from Atchison Way. The current signal timing and traffic volumes make these turns (right and left) challenging.
- One participant is worried about potential broadside crashes as Atchison Way and Quincy Avenue, especially with queuing and the poor visibility when making a northbound left turn onto Quincy Avenue.
- Southbound Carson Street right turn can't get out in morning.
- In the morning when I drive down South Carson Street to Quincy Road to go to work during rush hour I turn west from South Carson Street onto Quincy Ave. to get to Parker Road. It's always very congested and especially if I need to get to the far left lane to go southbound on Parker Road it can be almost impossible to get over far enough to get onto Parker Road.
- Southbound Atchison onto Quincy – difficult in am turning east or west.
- Safe ingress/egress for S. Atchison. We need traffic lights or streets through to other streets with lights. We must have a light at Quincy & Atchison and Parker & Atchison.
- Lots of broadside crashes at Atchison/Quincy.
- Many Pier Point neighborhood residents use shopping center light to access Quincy rather than use Atchison Way (access is from north side of shopping center).
- Widen Quincy between Smoky Hill and Parker Road adding an additional right turn lane to get on Parker Road. The left turn is currently more than adequately served. Improve access to Parker Road for residents living behind the shopping center (Atchison, etc.).
- Our only way in-out is Parker Road (right turn) on Quincy. Very dangerous conditions. No one pays attention to "Do Not Block Intersection".
- Intersection of Quincy and the Cherry Creek Racquet Club – you can't go east in the AM out of the subdivision. Cars block intersection and fly through in the 3<sup>rd</sup> lane.
- Northbound left at Parker has low volume because people turn in at access points out of Quincy.



- People often bust through the northbound Parker Road right-turn only lane at Andover Glen entrance, and therefore, makes it harder and unsafe for the Andover Glen residents to make a right to northbound Parker Road.

### Other

- The lighting on Parker is bad. Light poles exist but many are not lit from Quincy to I-225.
- Now it is extremely difficult to drive south on Parker Road. Now I have to drive through the shopping center to use the light to enter onto Quincy. It doesn't matter what time of day it is!! Lots of times people block the intersection and you can't enter on the green light.
- Big "XXX Do Not Block" at S. Atchison exit onto Quincy and same on Quincy at shopping center exit so cars exiting shopping center can get into turn lanes to go south on Parker Road.
- Southbound Parker traffic sometimes has to stop at shopping center signal and some in opposite direction.
- There is already so much traffic on Parker Road & Quincy – then the city approved Starbucks & McDonalds. What do you expect?
- Has there been an increase in crashes at driveway in/out Starbucks?
- This area is overgrowing its roads.
- Very heavy traffic, etc. at rush hour.
- It appears to have too many cars to lanes of traffic. The Quincy corridor remains very congested in AM/PM rush hours. Limited visibility when crossing lanes from Atchison to Quincy.
- Any solution for heading south on Parker turning onto Quincy must take into consideration that the majority of traffic is actually turning onto Smoky Hill. Heading north on Parker needs dedicated turn lane into businesses adjacent to Parker & Quincy.
- Clearly, the confluence of traffic on Smoky Hill and Quincy is a huge issue. If there were a way to separate those flows, it would help everything.
- About Parker/Quincy: "It sucks".
- People are driving in the right turn lane on Parker Road, even if they are traveling through the intersection.
- Northbound right-turn vehicles into the shopping areas at both the south and north sides of Quincy are impeding through movement significantly especially after the opening of McDonald's and Starbucks.



- The left-out movement to Parker Road is now allowed at the McDonald entrance at Parker Road. It is a very dangerous movement.
- People don't understand that the eastbound center lane on Quincy can also turn right to Smoky Hill Road. Many drivers are trying to force into the right-turn only lane to turn right to Smoky Hill Road.

### **What ideas do you have to reduce congestion and improve operational performance and safety at the Parker Road and Smoky Hill intersections along Quincy Avenue?**

#### Speed

- Quincy Avenue between Chambers and Smoky Hill can be a race track during rush hours. Install one of those "your speed is" devices for a while and increase traffic police for a while.
- Speed enforcement.
- Speed cameras!!
- Speed on Parker needs to be reduced to 35. The existing 45 – 55 mph on Parker needs to be enforced. Parker Road was never meant to be a north/south interstate!
- The speed limit on Parker Road should be reduced to 45 related to massive amount of traffic and unsafe drivers.
- From Emerald Isle southbound, Parker Road is 55 mph and needs to go to 45 mph south to Arapahoe Road. Speed is out of control.
- Right turn lane southbound needed at Emerald Isle. Many cars still go thru next intersection illegally because they are going too fast. Speed limit needs to be lowered back to 45 mph because too much pedestrian traffic accessing Cherry Creek State Park is at risk.

#### Traffic Signals

- Move the signal from shopping center to Atchison.
- Time the traffic light so there is a gap that allows cars turning right from Atchison Way onto Parker to get out.
- No right turn on red requested for Parker Road and Quincy Avenue.
- Stop light requested at Atchison Way and Parker Road so people can access Parker Road safely.
- Consider putting a traffic signal at Dillon Way and Quincy.
- Better timed traffic signals.





- Traffic projections for the Carson Street/Dillon way loop show increases in traffic for 20 years and 40 years out. This area is fully constructed and has been for many years, so anticipating increased growth in the area may be unrealistic. Putting a traffic signal at Dillon Way and Quincy could substantially drain off that concentration of traffic by providing a useful egress for that loop area.
- Permission to make a U- turn on Quincy/Shopping Center light to go east on Quincy.
- Improve the timing of the Harbor Plaza light.
- Heading south on Parker, turning left at Quincy: Time lights at Harbor Plaza & Smoky Hill to allow the turning traffic to flow, at least in the afternoon.
- Traffic eastbound from west side of Quincy/Parker intersection need sensor activated left turn arrow to go north on Parker Road. Westbound Quincy traffic presently does not usually yield. Quincy westbound have two lanes dedicated for right (north) turn leaving center (3<sup>rd</sup> lane for Quincy eastbound to make left (north) turn but westbound do not stay in dedicated lanes causing sideswipe accidents and/or congestion because east bounders not familiar with intersection don't clear intersection thinking all northbound lanes are taken.
- Possible longer hold times – better timing of lights from Chambers, Smoky Hill to Parker Road.
- Look closely at the number of accidents at the intersection of Quincy & the Cherry Creek Racquet Club entrance. Your study expands it to the stoplight that goes into the shopping centers – pull it out of there – the preponderance of accidents (broadside) happen at Quincy/Cherry Creek Racquet (Atchison).
- Stoplight at intersection and pavement painted so people don't block the intersection – too many accidents at this intersection.
- Added traffic signals at Dillon.
- Because of the inordinate amount of traffic feeding into Quincy Avenue from Smoky Hill Road and Chambers Road I think that during peak hours traffic needs to be metered and the flow control to be accomplished by metering the control of traffic further east of these high volume intersections.
- We know this won't happen but we can ask! Light at corner of Atchison Way and Parker.
- Improve the access from Pier Point onto Parker by installing a traffic light.
- The shopping center light should not be red for east/west drivers when left turn signal is green for three lanes of Parker turning left on Quincy.



- Would like a do not block intersection sign in front of Emerald Isle, across to Rice Place or a crosswalk.
- At some of these signals there could be don't block intersection signs!
- Add a "Do not block intersection" sign to be posted at Quincy Avenue and Atchison Way.
- Need a "Do not block intersection" sign at Parker Road and Rice Place.
- Large "X" boxes at intersections at shopping center and S. Atchison Way on Quincy and other intersections that get blocked and cause resulting domino effect on side streets.
- Add do not block sign on road both ways near shopping center.
- My suggestion would be to add DO NOT BLOCK for the intersection of Atchison & Quincy on road. Presently there is one small sign near/between church and assisted living facility that can't be seen by all lanes of traffic on Quincy.
- Need a northbound left turn phase at Chambers/Quincy.
- Need a left turn signal on northbound Chambers to westbound Quincy.
- Need the west leg at Parker/Quincy to be signalized.
- Need sensor activated green for eastbound Quincy at Parker for left turns.
- Ask Aurora Police about red light running and accident data they use to justify locations.
- Eastbound from storage facility at Parker/Quincy needs a left turn arrow!
- There should be a physical barrier to prevent drivers in the southbound through lane on Parker from forcing into the southbound left turn lanes at the Parker/Quincy Intersection.
- Traffic light needed at Evanston Street going to Sagebrush Elementary.

#### Pedestrian/Bicyclist/Transit Considerations

- Consider pedestrian/bicycle bridge over Parker to Park.
- Pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Parker Road somewhere along Parker so that the Quincy/Parker intersection is safer.
- Perhaps add a pedestrian overpass on Quincy to get to the south side which makes it easier to get to the small shopping center.
- I'd like to see the study include the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge that would cross Parker Rd at the Quincy Ave/Parker Rd intersection. This would improve safety of pedestrians and bicycle riders entering Cherry Creek State Park. Thanks for the ability to provide input.



- Put bicycle path on north side of Quincy Avenue.
- Underground walkway near Emerald Isle.
- Sidewalk along Parker from Quincy north needs to be wider or maybe a cement barricade between traffic & people walking. It is so dangerous, especially along retaining wall for Pier Point (Casa Vallarta & S. Atchison Way).
- Maybe pump up the Temple/Tufts path from Parker to Smoky Hill so that it becomes preferable to Quincy/Smoky Hill.

#### Neighborhood Access

- If Lehigh went through to Carson and straight over Quincy onto Smoky Hill without much stopping, so that Smoky Hill traffic exited Parker at a different spot than Quincy traffic, that might help flow.
- Put Lehigh and Oxford through to Carson.
- Carson should go over/under Quincy straight to Smoky Hill. Carson extends all the way to Lehigh. So, southbound Parker drivers take Lehigh to get to Smoky, not Quincy.
- Make a through street north of Quincy east of Parker Road to lessen congestion on Parker Road. I do believe the City has money to do this. This is one of the most dangerous traffic areas and it just gets worse. Helicopters anyone?
- Any access options for Atchison Way to east or north? Through Park to Carson Street?
- Need light at entrance to Cherry Creek Racquet because there are too many accidents. You can't pull out of Cherry Creek Racquet Club in AM.
- Atchison Way onto Parker Road needs a gap to turn northbound (two people mentioned this).

#### Turn Lanes/Additional Lanes

- Add additional lane on the east side of Parker at Quincy. This should be dedicated turn lane into for businesses & merge lane without light for cars needing north on Parker from Quincy.
- Add an additional turn lane Quincy to Parker turning from Quincy westbound to Parker northbound (take shopping center unused parking lot space).
- Make two right turns from Quincy to Parker Road by widening Parker to the west.



- Consider a new westbound lane from Smoky Hill to Parker along Quincy.
- Make an overpass from Parker to Quincy as a left turn, no stop at least get the ground secured now for a later date. Set a start date now.
- Flyovers from Parker Road to Quincy.
- Need a flyover for Parker to Quincy/Smoky Hill.
- Can there be a HOV/Carpool lane/bus lane along Parker? This could also be an emergency lane if needed.
- Merge lane from Atchison Way all the way to Lehigh & Quincy.
- Change the lanes in the shopping center so that right turn and straight turn are in the right hand lane and make the left lane strictly a left hand turn. Put a left hand turn at the traffic signal.
- Widen the road.
- Extend Carson to Lehigh allowing Smoky Hill direct access to Parker. Use overpass at Quincy & Smoky so that traffic doesn't stop. Yes, that means removing homes & golf course.
- Please add a left turn lane at cherry creek pointe. Currently we have to pull a U-turn on Parker Road and head north. It can be dangerous at times. The vehicles going south are speeding on by. It causes my truck to shake. Some drivers treat Parker Road like it is I-25. There will be a death from being rear ended. It would not surprise me if it has happened already.

### Other

- Thanks for informational meetings.
- Thank you for this meeting.
- Find an alternative to existing Parker Road. Need a secondary road. Maybe Buckley, Chambers or other.
- Can roundabouts be used for any part of improved traffic flow? Need a flyover for Parker to Quincy/Smoky Hill.
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- Turn Quincy & Harbor Plaza into a roundabout.
- We need a large sound barrier for the neighborhood south of Temple Drive.
- Andover Glen needs a large wall next to Parker Road to help block the noise.
- Safety – review all lighting along Parker at night.
- Better lighting along Parker. Existing lights aren't working.



- Try to have Belleview go through Cherry Creek reservoir land as another access. Greenwood Village has fought this for many years. I know they will not want it but it would take a lot of southbound traffic from Quincy and Parker.
- Exits.
- Close off Parker Road!!! HA!
- Costly, but give Hampden/Parker a good long look and see if you can design something similar for Parker/Quincy or similarly effective. When motoring I prefer turning at Hampden and not at Quincy.

**Please provide general suggestions and comments regarding this study.**

- Hopefully some small improvements can be made in the near future so that we don't have to wait till 2020 or 2040 to get some help!
- Thank you for inviting residents to this meeting. I'd like to know why state and federal funds aren't available.
- Please provide a general timeline.
- Park Place Villas consists of 71 units. Builder made agreement with Aurora to let people park in our south parking lot. Therefore the number of cars in/out of S. Abilene Circle greatly exceeds the number of residents.
- I have concerns about our south parking lot. Park Place Villas owns this lot and has to keep it up but the public gets to use this for free. Found needles, condoms, trash, and liquor bottles. Have left their cars for the day and is used as a park and ride. Drug deals are going on at night. Many cars don't turn on the turning lane at Temple Drive, but continue down Parker Road. Light is too short to get onto Parker Road.
- Since we live in Park Place Villas, I would like parking lot at the Villas to become the private property of our homeowners' association so we could put in more nighttime lights and possibly a safety can be placed at parking lot.
- The study area is a start. But, Quincy & Parker & Parker and Hampden should have priority. Someone is going to get killed at either site. Look what happens when it's icy. The speed is too excessive. I realize that these are major roads to move traffic to/from I-225.
- I'm looking forward to seeing/hearing all possibilities for a better commute along this corridor.
- Chambers Road through to Parker alleviates my need to use Quincy as a motorist.
- Growth to east is a fact. We've lived 27 years in our home 3 houses up from Smoky Hill off Evanston (we hear the traffic). Smoky Hill in 1988 when we



moved in was three lanes each way -- remarkably long sighted.

Quincy/Parker is a nightmare exacerbated by increased growth to the east that feeds on Quincy and Smoky Hill, by that stupid light (but necessary) for 7-11 and Furniture Row shopping malls, and the recent addition of McDonalds there where more people from southbound Parker turn left. This notice I'm responding to seems indicative that we aren't getting the solution used at Hamden/Parker -- and talking about 2020 and 2040! Seriously? We need that same solution (graded exit) with lanes dedicated to safely move traffic into these commercial ventures and remove that stupid light!

Additionally would like to see a graded exit for Lehigh to eliminate that light... and less expensively, short term, immediately! block/cease access to both Atchison and McDonalds (no left turns!) from southbound Parker Road. The only left turns from southbound Parker south of the spillway should be Hampden, Lehigh (fixed/removed), Quincy, Temple, Belleview, Chambers, Orchard, ?? into Arapahoe Crossing and Arapahoe Road. As a homeowner in this area I am open to and supportive of mil levies which can finance the needed improvements in the shorter term. And feel it reasonable as well to get funds from developers well to the east whose projects impact 85/Parker miles away.

- Andover Glen residents are very concerned about the cut-through traffic if one of their entrances are closed. They are experiencing cut through traffic from Woodgate currently.