



Public Meeting #3 Summary

June 23, 2016

Public Meeting #3 was held on June 23, 2016 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 50 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 August 8, 2016.

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

I live here (17)

I patronize adjacent businesses (8)

I work here (0)

I commute through (5)

Other (2)

- Own building in study area
- Bicycle to park

How did you hear about this meeting?

Received postcard mailer (14)

Email from project team (3)

Word of mouth/forwarded email (1)

Saw meeting flyer on display (0)

City or County's email blast/social media (2)

New story - Sentinel or Aurora TV (0)

Other (1)

- Forwarded email from HOA Leader

Please provide feedback regarding the study recommendations.

Parker Road/Quincy Avenue Intersection Improvements

Do Not Block Markings

- Northbound Parker Road at E. Rice Place should have “do not block intersection” signs to allow vehicles to exit Rice Place to Southbound Parker Road.
- Enlarge “do not block intersection” sign at light by 7-11 and mattress store. Double fines.
- Larger “do not block” sign needed at shopping signal WB.
- There is still blockage at the shopping center intersection. How is this addressed?
- I especially appreciate the DO NOT BLOCK intersection markers at Quincy & Atchison.
- Appreciate new XXX in intersections at Quincy & Atchison.
- Thanks for the Do Not Block markings at Atchison.



- At Atchison Way the intersection is always blocked by cars in the morning and even on Saturday. I hope the “Do not block” marking will help along with the 3 right hand turn lanes.
- “X” in intersection at Atchison is a good idea.
- Do not block intersection pavement markings don’t help.
- Pier Point residents have a daily challenge between hours of 7 – 9 AM to get onto Quincy. Many are trying to get to Parker Road and turn south. The only way we get onto Quincy is by entering the far left lane and proceeding to the turn lane. The two existing lanes are packed and the intersection is blocked every day. It is a nice thought that new signs will prevent this, but drivers ignore the signs in place today.
- Traffic enforcement of blocking the intersection will not help.

Signal Timing

- Timing with light at 7-11 is critical.
- Suggest you coordinate the timing of the light at the 7-11 on Quincy so it cannot turn red while Parker Road traffic is turning east on to Quincy. Backups occur routinely with this light. Rear-end collisions can easily happen.
- Timing of signal at 7-11 needs coordinated with Parker signal.
- Want to know more about the signal timing.
- I like the recommendations you have now come up with thus far. Quincy to 24 Hour Fitness is how we usually come through, and hopefully the traffic lights (which seem to back up Quincy) will be worked out better.

Triple Right Turn Lanes

- Great idea for the dedicated triple-right turn from WB Quincy to NB Parker and taking some land from the Furniture ROW parking lot will allow for a smoother transition with the “softening” of the right turn.
- Currently the double right turn at this corner is very tight and it significantly slows down the traffic.
- Good idea to have three right turning lanes onto Parker going north.
- Triple right makes sense.
- Right turn lanes on Parker Road should be through/right.
- Triple right turn at Parker is good.
- Worried about crossing across the triangle (bikes/pedestrians) and the right turning traffic from Quincy to Parker. Right now there are “no turn on red” signs, but people still turn right.

General Comments Regarding Improvements

- Looks workable. More dangerous potentially for walkers/bikers going to park.
- This is a definite improvement for us.
- Great plan – it will improve traffic flow and it is much safer for pedestrians.
- The proposed recommended improvements look good and I believe will definitely improve the traffic and pedestrian access.
- The extension of Quincy Avenue near the park across Parker Road really needs their own traffic lights. Their impatience is dangerous for everybody else.



- The movement going EB on the west side of Parker almost gets hit in evening time by WB Quincy traffic. Need to address conflict.
- Anything would be an improvement and sorely needed but what's proposed look pretty good.
- Good to see complete traffic halt to cross Parker and enter park (wish you had money to create overpass similar to Hampden/Parker).
- Shared WB left turn lane is going to back up traffic. It would be good to have two left turn lanes here.
- I think a changing of the lights for traffic on Quincy getting onto Parker would help traffic. If an overpass at Parker over Quincy (like Arapahoe & Parker) would help traffic from being held up on Quincy, it would help a great deal. Residents south and east cause a great deal of congestion.
- I am just wondering why, on the east bound lanes of Quincy, there are no recommendations on the access points to the shopping center on the south side. As a commuter who takes both east and west bound on Quincy, I find it interesting that there are no recommendations for that as people turning in to the gas station or liquor store there often back up the right most lane of the left turn lanes from Parker.

Smoky Hill Road/Quincy Avenue Intersection Improvements

Eastbound Quincy to Southbound Smoky Hill Movement

- We like the improvement for right turns from Quincy to Smoky Hill Road.
- Good idea that you are “softening” the right-turn from EB Quincy to SB Smoky Hill. The current tight turn causes traffic to back up significantly.
- Persons driving in the right lane SE bound do not have to stop. This means a continuous flow of traffic SE bound on Smoky Hill Road. People trying to get on Smoky Hill at Radcliffe have difficulty trying to go SE on Cross to go NW on Smoky Hill.

Northbound Smoky Hill to Westbound Quincy Movement

- Revising NB Smoky Hill to WB Quincy with 3 dedicated left-turn lanes is a great idea!
- I think that the traffic flow northbound on Smoky Hill approaching Quincy needs signage, back at least 2-3 blocks letting traffic know that the far right lane is a right turn lane only. It requires a shift to the left to accommodate traffic merging to turn left at Quincy.
- I think the 3 lanes to 3 lanes seem like a good idea.
- Looks good especially the triple left turn lanes onto Quincy.

Bus Stop

- Bus stop after Atchison Way from east to west may cause more backups than anticipated.
- Bus stop on Parker south of the Parker/Quincy intersection will not have a crosswalk. Three walks will have to be taken to get to SE corner of intersection.
- Removing bus stop excellent idea.
- Great idea to eliminate the bus stop on SB Smoky Hill (west side).
- Good to move that bus stop.

General Comments Regarding Improvements

- Appears to be a safer configuration.



- What you have designed should be helpful.
- Great plan. Afternoon traffic will flow and decrease the confusion of lane usage. Great idea!!! This will help.
- Looks good.
- Very feasible.
- Looks encouraging.
- Right turns will be held up for light at Carson southbound if turning car ahead (big morning problem).
- I think the intersection is good and needs no improvements.
- Crosswalk clarity important.
- The crosswalk here is similar to the one at Parker/Quincy. The west side has two lanes of continuous right turn. It is impossible to cross there now and always has been. Foot traffic should cross on the east side of Quincy, then go west toward Parker on the north side of Quincy.
- Need a noise wall at Smoky Hill & Quincy. Motorcycles are the worst. City should meet State requirements for noise mitigation (Pheasant Run).

Bicyclist/Pedestrian Treatments:

Will the study recommendations enhance comfort and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians traveling at and between the study intersections? Are there other treatments you'd like to see implemented in the study area?

- I like the new pedestrian refuge area at Quincy/Parker.
- I like the crosswalk on the north side of Parker Road & Quincy.
- The designated crossing/light at Quincy & Parker will definitely help as will a wider sidewalk.
- The idea to put signal lights and pedestrian crossings at the shopping center corner and pedestrian crossing on the side leading directly into the Cherry Creek State Park is excellent and much safer.
- Pedestrian bridge would be great but understand impact to parking at shopping center.
- The crosswalk on the north side of Quincy/Parker to the park is a mistake. A lot of people want to access the park by foot or on a bicycle and park in that parking lot to avoid paying park fees. To cross on that side across three lanes of right turning traffic is hazardous and pushing the crosswalk light stops all the traffic you want to get moving. There is less traffic turning left here. Move the crosswalk to the south side.
- Your "recommended improvements" shows a pedestrian crosswalk (east-west) on the north side of the Parker & Quincy intersection. BIG MISTAKE! This was removed years ago because it impeded SB Parker left-turns to EB Quincy.
- Appreciate new pedestrian crossovers.
- Widening sidewalks looks good.
- We need wider sidewalks, more bike lanes, and better traffic control.
- Need signs regarding State law to stop for pedestrians in crosswalk.



- Traffic signal poles are in the middle of the sidewalk on the south side of Quincy – terrible for pedestrians.
- I wish there was a dedicated spot for bicyclists because they just come up behind me – even with a warning the traffic is so loud it's hard to hear them.
- There doesn't seem to be any bicycle lanes. This probably indicates considerable bicycle traffic on the sidewalks as traffic volume may make it risky to ride on the streets.
- Yes this will help enhance the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. This is a great improvement for the park access on a bicycle.
- I believe the recommendation for this phase is good and does accommodate the movement of bicycles and pedestrians.
- Yes it looks like it will.
- Yes.
- Yes. Sidewalk signage (sharrows?) on sidewalk to indicate two way bicycle lane since no allowance for bike traffic is on south side of Quincy. Continue 10' wide & separation all the way to Chambers – until eastbound cyclists can cross to eastbound sidewalk.
- No.
- The crosswalks will undo all you're trying to do.

Please provide general suggestions and comments regarding this transportation study.

Neighborhood Access

- A signal light at either Dillon Way/Dillon Street or Eagle. In the morning from 6:30 am 8:30 am it is impossible to get out on Quincy to go east or west. I wait 10 – 15 minutes to get on to Quincy Avenue. Also in the evening from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm.
- I still would wish for lights at both Atchison Way intersections. There are not enough gaps to safely access Parker Road because of the heavy traffic on Parker Road, when traffic is not stopped at Quincy.
- Looks great. Is there anything to be done to stop the intersection blockage at Atchison? Police in the morning?
- Evergreen trees at Dillon block visibility.
- Need a traffic signal at Dillon Way/Quincy Avenue.
- Want do not block marking off of Parker, south of Quincy at the cul-de-sac.
- Gap concern at Tufts: will this change negatively for the residents exiting the neighborhood making a left?
- Timing of lights is key. Getting out of the Quincy Hill area can be extremely difficult in the afternoon especially because of traffic flow from Quincy onto Smoky Hill. Then when there could be a break the traffic on Smoky Hill from Chambers is coming. It can be very scary.
- Although this will help move the huge volume of traffic that is turning north on Parker, you will be creating an intersection jam for those trying to get to the turn lane south on Parker but cannot because of the full three lanes. My prediction is jammed intersections at Atchison and Quincy along with the traffic light intersection just east of Parker Road. Probably only one car will have the opportunity to get onto Quincy during traffic light changes. Many frustrated and angry drivers from my area...



General Comments

- I think the money is well spent for this project.
- This was a good process to go through!
- This will improve traffic flow in this area and the surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you!!
- I liked it and did provide good information. My hope is that these studies continue and further improvements are on track in the future.
- I think it's a good idea. Most drivers are courteous but some are impatient. Crossing Parker Road to go to Cherry Creek State Park is especially worrisome.
- Long overdue. Everyone answered questions. Happy to see number of citizens participating. Assuming the City will continue to keep us posted. I use Quincy (Buckley – Chambers – Parker) a lot. Consciously avoid Quincy/Parker at peak traffic times.
- If a bridge of north and southbound Parker were placed over Quincy that would help congestion.
- Want a pedestrian bridge crossing Parker Road.
- Too much money for minimal improvement.
- Didn't get first two postcards.
- I don't know what you want to develop on the SW corner of Parker/Quincy but anything will be a problem.
- I am interested in knowing if the proposed Walmart online order distribution center planned for the SW corner of Quincy & Parker has been taken into the consideration of this study. Further, if their plans cannot coincide with the needs of this intersection such that Walmart bears some of the cost involved in improving the intersection.
- Too much development to the south.
- 45 mph on Parker road, not 55 mph.
- No breaks in traffic on Smoky Hill – need signals timed to allow unsigned turns.
- Why no six lane at Parker at Chambers? Backs up.
- Safety is really important and need to slow people down!
- Left turn arrow at Chambers & Quincy NB.
- How will the parking lots function along the west side of Parker Road with the addition of sidewalks (e.g., business north by Emerald Isle, Bait Shop)?
- Has anyone from the project team sat at the intersection for a half hour and just observed the traffic at different times of the day? I go through the intersections several times a day, and here is what I have noticed. The light just east of Parker Road needs to be adjusted! It turns green to often (and stays green too long) for the automobiles that are coming out of the businesses near the furniture row and 7-11.
- I went to the last meeting, and all of our requests, questions, suggestions, wants and needs were IGNORED. The intersection is a disaster with more than quadruple the number of vehicles going thru there, than designed for, as Aurora continues to build east clear to the Kansas border. We need a flyover, just like at Parker and Arapahoe, and that idiotic bike/pedestrian entrance to the state park CLOSED as those people use the crossing push button and throw the lights off. Hundreds of cars put off, waiting, and inconvenienced for one or two people on a bike or walking a dog. Why bother to have a meeting, when you already know what you are



going to do, and are going to ignore the needs of those that use this horrible intersection daily and pay taxes (your salary)!?!?!?! Shameful at best.

- It is obvious lack of long-range planning has led to this dilemma. Having so many main streets channel into one spot will always lead to traffic woes. The volume in this area has continued to grow as development to the east has continued. Now the road map looks like an hour glass with narrow spot being Quincy and Parker. It is too bad some of the volume couldn't be diverted before the hour glass neck.