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Complete Streets Meeting Notes 8/1/2017

Biggest Issue

- Speed limit – Design speed vs posted/intended speed
- Auto centric – Designed for cars/vehicles
- Commercial vs. Residential issue – Mixing
- No character
- Conflicting messages – Commuter & Main street
- No reason to stop other than Hy-Vee
- Aurora Design – 4 Lane – 25 MPH
- 63rd & University – Kids scared & the resident's safety
- Have to cross University to get to the one Park in the City
- 4 to 3 lane conversion for Des Moines – In process
- Sidewalk schedule vs. Road construction schedule do not work together
- University Ave disconnects 2 distinct areas
- Cannot seem to embrace the Commercial district
- South side not as high value as North side – University is a divider
- Bus bumpouts hinders bus run times

Side note: Dart to Remain in traffic – Not merge

What Do You Like

- Trail system outside of commercial area
- Great housing stock
- Park
- Demographics
- Redevelopment opportunities being land locked
- Small town connectivity w/officials & Council
- Connected community (but University cuts it in half)
- Mainstream feel would be welcomed
- Unique Spanish Architecture
 - Colby Ranches
 - Can be an attraction to Beaverdale Brick buyer
- Density – High
- School district options – all distinct (4 options) – Walkability needed
- Only public Montessori school – Walkability needed
- Hook shaped lights – Uniform look
- Large flower planters

Dislike



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- Great divide of University
- Lack of retail space (Hard to shop local)
- Resiliency of Corridor (Walmart is #1 in state – Hard to compete with)
 - Larger lots and strip malls are harder to retro fit
- East West connection
- Built environment. Meld w/technology

Historical Elements

- Lack of identity
- Spanish style housing
- Timeframe of style
 - Small area with range of 30's to 70's style
- Boutique community
- Close knit, small town, family friendly (Example: Pella)
- Community centered design
 - Colby Park Architecture
- Multiple Architectural styles
- Coal mining area

Community Events

- Missed opportunities using University
- Cannot close street (DART)
- Winter festival – Rotation – Keep University Open
 - Too hard & stopped doing festival

Missing

- Trail connection – Wayfinding – Road & Trail
- Gateways
- Pedestrian facilities
- Sound buffer
- Buffer space
- Rhythm to corridor
- DART shelters for riders – DART will partner
- Bike racks
- Missing trees & Landscape

Gateway

- Missing arrival – What Style? Embrace these:



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- Unique to Corridor
- Pull off Colby style
- Trail
- Dog Park
- Umbrella Shelter
- DART shelter design – Standard vs Custom
 - Etch w/glass
 - 42nd
 - Drake
 - Cowells Commons
- Or Keep Colby Park unique
 - Develop University as its own identity
- Historic bricks can't take salt

Elements of Corridor

- Durability
- Availability
- Affordability
- Bike signal location in Des Moines
- Kingman & 42nd bike trigger

Bike Lanes

- Trail connections
- -10 block space of bike lane leads no where
- Des Moines plans – Leads design for Windsor Heights
- Protected vs. painted – Still needs connection benefit
- Allow for multi-modal trail like Clive
- Wide sidewalks
- Cycle track
- South side
- North to South signal adjustments

How Green?

- Sustainable community
- Embrace as theme – Stormwater

What is a safer street?

- 20 Second crossing is too fast
- Ped refuge



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- Pedestrians are not visible to Hy-Vee traffic
- Inviting
- Comfortable – lighting, landscape, hidden spots, blind spots
- Maintenance view – More trees = more hidden spots – Design it correctly

Success

- Community support
- Technical support
- Economic development
- Commercial flow not restricted
 - Fluor drive medians killed businesses. Cannot slow
- Hy-Vee Parking lot – Can this be safer?