



5th Street – Farmer to College Avenues Streetscape

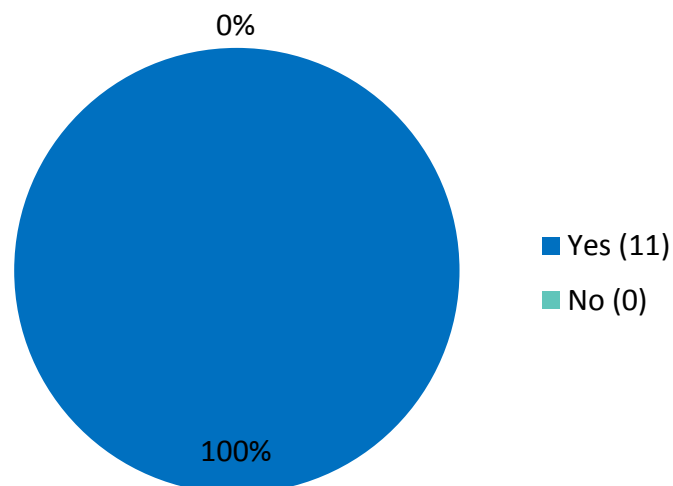
Design Concept Public Input Summary

Overview

A public meeting was held on April 4, 2017 to get feedback on a proposed design concept. Twenty-one people attended the meeting. Surveys were available at the meeting and online from March 22 through April 10, 2017. Eleven responses were received.

Responses

1. Do you support the draft concept?



Total responses: 11

2. Why or why not?

1. Anything that cuts down on the late night drag racing on 5th between Maple and Farmer is welcomed!
2. I like the city hall plaza shared space. I like the verticality of the date palms, and strings of lights. I like the wider sidewalks.
3. The draft concept nicely combines the best of the Low Impact Development & Arts and cultural concepts. I would encourage Tempe to maintain those Low Impact Development design elements that would make 5th Street an exemplar project not only for Tempe, but also other arid cities.
4. I'm looking forward to this iteration of walking on 5th St. as more friendly, beautiful, cooler, cozier.
5. Pedestrian/bicycle friendly designs are forward looking traffic solutions as cities are bound to restrict and even prohibit motor vehicle use more and more in city centers.

6. Shade canopy increases traffic calming, elimination of center lane.
7. Yes, mostly, I would like to see drinking water fountains incorporated into design.
Cooling streetscapes should be a main theme. I would like to also see residents put their own touches on the design by maybe designing a brick that is laid into the ground.
8. I ride a bike everyday in Tempe. I really like the improved bike infrastructure on 5th.
9. Need the beauty of the trees for the downtown walk area. Also good parking and walkways. Will be enjoyable.
10. We need the trees and beauty the design will bring to the downtown Tempe area.

3. Do you have any additional comments that you want us to consider with respect to the proposed 5th Street design concept?

1. Unfortunately, I will be out of town for this meeting to voice my support and ask a few questions: - See you are proposing reverse angle parking, like University St. in Tucson. As it may improve sight when pulling out, it decreases sight when backing up and pulling in. Would be interested to see their numbers of cyclists hit when folks are backing in. I know when I'm down there I park farther away as to not deal with it. - Will there be dedicated cross walks at Maple and 5th? As the resident base gets bigger we need a safer way to cross 5th.
2. I like the reverse angled parking in theory, but as implemented I don't think it will work as intended. There needs to be a median to force driver behavior. I, as a driver, will see an open parking spot on the opposite side of the road and take a soft left turn and park nose in. I will worry about how I'm going to get out of the spot when I leave. (I think this behavior will be common for most users). Consider putting angled parking in the middle of the road, away from bikes and pedestrians.
3. This project could make Tempe a leader in Sustainable Streetscape design. Tempe could also partner with ASU to monitor the environmental and community outcomes of the project including how the Low Impact Development techniques reduce air temperatures and how residents & visitors perceive the design. In particular, monitoring & quantifying the benefits could then inform other larger streetscape projects throughout Tempe, ensuring a justifiable return on investment for innovative design strategies.
4. Please allow for minor (short-term) loitering, i.e. provide benches in shady areas for tired pedestrians, especially if mini-parks are not to be included in the design.
5. Transit stop cutaways Farmer to Mill no blocking bike paths. Leave acacias (mature).
6. I would like to see a monument to Ira Hayes, one of the Iwo Jima flag raisers where no such monument exists anywhere in the valley today.
7. I am not a fan of the Hardy Road changes that were done a few years ago. Please don't create a "bike on sidewalk" type of lanes like on Hardy.
8. Not at this time.
9. Make a park at Farmer and 5th Street on the southeast corner. There is a vacant lot there listed as "future development."