

Wasena Bridge Replacement

DATE AND TIME	January 7, 2019 @ 6:30pm
LOCATION	Mountain View Community Center, 714 13 th Street SW
SUBJECT	Focus Group Meeting #1 (Mountain View)
ATTACHED	Agenda List of community attendants Meeting Notes completed during the meeting

The final of three public meetings was held at the Mountain View Community Center. The project design meeting was part of a broader community meeting held regularly to discuss issues important to the community. The actual project meeting started around 7:25 and lasted for one hour.

Approximately 20 people attended the meeting. The presentation was started by city staff, followed by Mattern & Craig, and finished by Volkert. The powerpoint presentation introduced the public to basic bridge design principles, concepts about visual design elements, and aesthetic qualities. The goal is to initiate a meaningful dialogue early in the design process. The presentation was well received followed by a discussion about concerns and design preferences.

The city has a public engagement campaign for this project. Although, Ms. Whitney Slightham was not in attendance the information to access the project website was announced and included in the meeting agenda. A project website can be found at <https://planroanoke.org/wasena-bridge/>

The meeting notes taken that night are attached, and are summarized below:

- The community has concerns about traffic impacts during construction, especially if the bridge is closed for several years. Detour plans need to consider keeping local businesses profitable and not clog local streets like Ferdinand Street.
- Ensure that pedestrians and bicyclists are considered in the design of the new bridge.
- The new bridge will have an impact on the surrounding community and should therefore support the park below. Coordinate with the Parks Department on programmable spaces

such as the Skate Park, basketball courts, and boat launches below the bridge. Provide better pedestrian access from the bridge to the park, as well as access for bicyclists.

- Can artwork be incorporated into the bridge design? Colors inspired by the newly painted homes in the area are attractive and could be incorporated into the murals or artwork provided on the bridge.
- Concerns about the greenway remaining open were expressed. Staging construction and temporarily relocating with greenway within the limits of the park will be explored during the construction phasing.
- Will the properties be impacted by construction?

Team Members participating in the meeting:

Josephus Johnson-Koroma, City of Roanoke
Luke Pugh, City of Roanoke
Chad Thomas, Mattern & Craig
Brendan August, Volkert
Christopher Weir, Volkert

Next Steps:

Focus Group Meeting March 5, 2019 with Mountain View Community

WASENA BRIDGE COMMUNITY MEETING

8 ~~DECEMBER~~ 2019

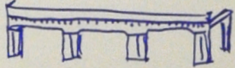
6:30 P.M.

JANUARY

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

- WHAT IS CONSTRUCTION LENGTH?
- CAN IT BE BUILT EXACTLY THE SAME, WITH IMPERFECTIONS, GRAFFITI, SKATEPARK + ALL?
- DOES CONSTRUCTION START TIME INCLUDE DEMOLITION?
- WILL THE BRIDGE HAVE THE SAME FOOTPRINT? CHARACTER WILL BE PRESERVED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- WILL THERE BE MORE EXPLORATION OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRAFFIC FOR THIS BRIDGE? COMPLETE STREETS.
- PROJECTED TRAFFIC IMPACT, WHAT IS IT? HOW WILL CONST. AFFECT TRAFFIC?
- FRANKLIN BRIDGE? WILL CONSTRUCTION BE DONE ON THAT PROJECT?
- WHAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO MAKE SURE BUSINESS IS UNAFFECTED?
- CAN A MURAL BE INCORPORATED? CAN WE LOOK AT HOUSE COLORS IN NEIGHBORHOODS?
- WHAT ABOUT THE SKATEPARK? WILL IT STAY? WHAT COULD TAKE ITS PLACE?
- WILL THE GREENWAY BE OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION?
- DEDICATED RIGHT ON FERDINAND TO BRIDGE? CAN IT BE SIMPLIFIED FOR PEDS? WILL THE OTHER INTERSECTION STAY THE SAME?
- HOW WILL PROPERTIES / WILL PROPERTY R.O.W. IMPACTS OCCUR?
- CAN A TROLLEY SYSTEM BE INCORPORATED TO MIMIC THE OLD TROLLEY?

WASENA 8 JAN 2019 (CONT.)

- Will the bridge maintain its low profile? Will it have cables/suspensions?
- Celebrate the river crossing?
- If cars have a good view, will you see cars from the park/greenway on the bridge?
- Can we have an iconic bridge, with new technologies and regionally historic character honored?
- Greenville, SC bridge w/waterfall.
- Will the bridge have the same design? 
- How can multiple users be advocated/designed for in this multimodal design?
Peds + bikes specifically. How about the curb heights?

PLAN ROANOKE WEBSITE