



# Blossom at Bartram Complete Streets Study December 2021 Pop-up & Virtual Meeting Comment Summary

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## Overview

One in-person and one virtual meeting were held to introduce the study to the community and collect feedback, concerns, and potential solutions. The meeting was advertised in several ways, including:

- Direct mailers to over 750 households,
- Social media posts,
- Flyer Distribution at Kingsessing Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia and Bartram's Village,
- The Bartram's Village Residents Association, and
- Distribution of materials through Steering Committee members and transit advocacy groups.

## Meeting Details

### **In-person Community Pop-up (co-event with community food distribution event):**

- Saturday, December 11, 2021
- 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
- Bartram's Village Community Center
- 23 community members attended the pop up

### **Virtual Public Meeting:**

- Tuesday, December 14, 2021
- 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- Online Zoom meeting
- 7 community members participated in the virtual meeting

## **Community Members Expressed Concern About Roadway Safety and Quality of Life Issues**

At the in-person Community Pop-up, feedback was collected on comment forms and display boards. Community members were asked to identify issues, highlights, concerns and solutions within the corridor. During the virtual meeting, participants had several opportunities for live discussion with the project team in addition to an exit survey following the meeting. Following is a summary of the comments received from both events.

The corridor is unsafe and unwelcoming. It needs to change to improve community quality of life, safety, and economic opportunity. This includes more enforcement, roadway redesign with the aim of reducing speeds and improving the pedestrian environment, better community serving retail and reduction in nuisance business, and accessible and reliable transit.

## **Roadway Safety**

- Bike lane markings should be more prominent to encourage use and make it feel safer to bike in the corridor.
- Vehicles often speed through the corridor. Vehicle speeds need to be reduced.
- Vehicles are parked illegally throughout the corridor without any enforcement.
- It is difficult and unsafe to cross Lindbergh and Grays Avenue as a pedestrian.

## **Quality of Life**

- Sidewalks are in poor condition and walking through the corridor is difficult.
- Litter, dumping, abandoned vehicles, overflow of vehicles, tractor-trailers from nearby industrial areas on sidewalks, on-street parking, and public spaces, as well as vandalism create a negative environment in the neighborhood.
- Better enforcement is needed. Improvements and investment in the corridor should help to connect the area with the river, the park, and other assets in the area.

## **Future Trolley Stops & Services**

- Trolley stops in this area should be easily accessible by all riders and safely separated from vehicular traffic.
- Trolley stops should be improved with amenities like benches, covered areas, and lighting.
- Improvements along the corridor should not reduce the number of trolley stops, as they are already very far apart.