

PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

West Fulton Neighborhood Improvements

Project Overview

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Phase I of Engagement, Introduction, and Collaboration for the West Fulton Neighborhood Improvement project occurred between May to October 2024. During this phase, three strategies were used to introduce the project to the community, gather input on current issues and needs, and understand how accessibility and the infrastructure system is working for the community. The project is currently in the conceptual design phase, which will detail alternative concept designs for the corridor to the public.

By the Numbers: Events & Participants



Online mapping activity



Online survey



Three community-led events



One public open house

Approximately 538 community members participated in these events or gave feedback.



Project staff engage with local community members at events.

What We Heard

367 comments and responses from the online surveys and in-person engagement events were analyzed and categorized based on the following themes:

Community Amenities

Maintaining walkability, neighborhood character and community amenities like parks.

Parking Accessibility

Concerns about maintaining parking access for residents.

Maintenance of Public Space

Keeping public spaces well-maintained with tree upkeep and park landscaping.

Environmental Concerns

Minimize impacts to the nearby creek and lake through green infrastructure and native plants.

Neighborhood Safety

A desire to reduce speeds and reckless driving and improve connections to schools, parks, and businesses for families.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety

Respondents emphasize the importance of improving safety for pedestrians and cyclist by adding crosswalks, bike lanes, and reducing vehicle speeds, especially near schools and high-traffic areas.

Street Improvements

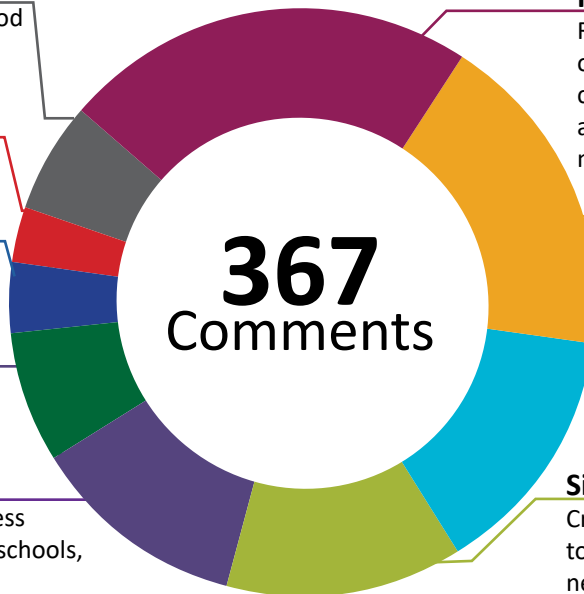
Responses highlighted the need to repair and resurface neighborhood roads.

Traffic Calming

Improvements such as speed bumps, roundabouts, and curb extensions to slow vehicles.

Sidewalk and Accessibility

Cracked or uneven sidewalks are barriers to accessibility and mobility in the neighborhood.



Online Survey

An online survey was shared to collect feedback from residents in the community. Surveys were distributed via yard signs, postcards and mailers, and direct outreach at in-person engagement events. The survey focused on understanding people's experiences navigating the neighborhood, perceptions about the quality of the public realm and amenities offered, and aspirations for the future street design.

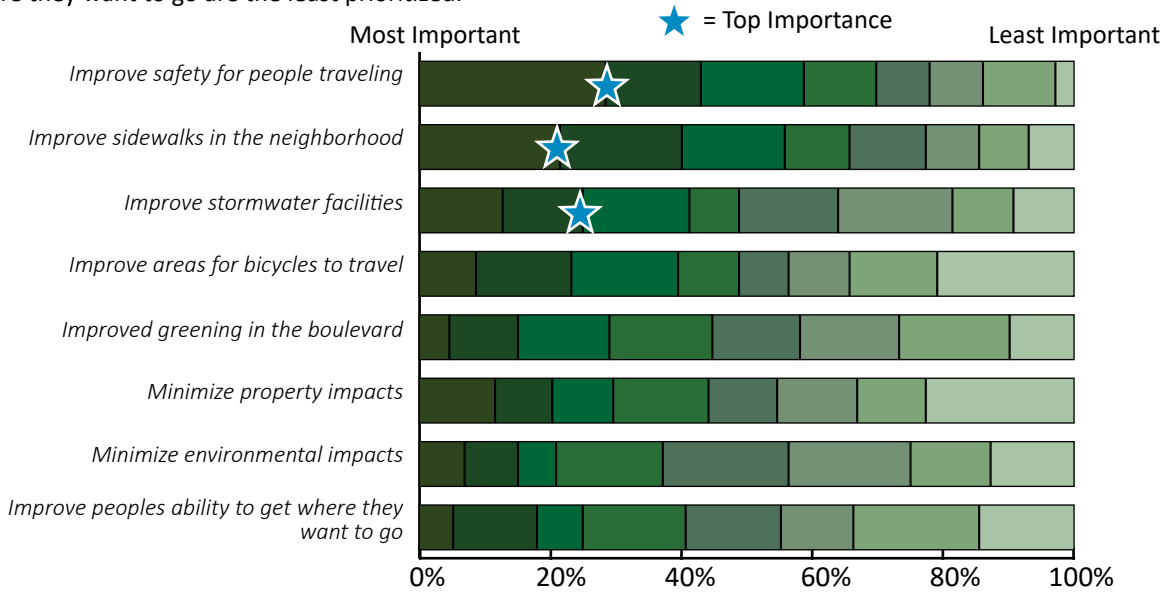
 **173** Responses received

 **44%** Respondents live in the project area

 **85%** Identified as white and/or of European descent

Survey: Project Priorities

Respondents were asked to rank project priorities from most important to least important. Improving safety for people traveling, improving sidewalks and improving stormwater facilities were ranked as top priorities by participants. Greening in the boulevard and minimizing property impacts were less prioritized. Minimizing environmental impacts and improving people's ability to get where they want to go are the least prioritized.



Next Steps

The planning and public input phase began in summer 2024. We anticipate construction will begin in 2025 and will be phased over the next several years. The project team will take the input received in Phase 1 to develop draft concept designs, which will be brought back to the community for feedback in Phase 2 of engagement, starting late winter/early spring.




Introduction, Planning & Public Input (2024): Public Works collected corridor data and initiated community engagement.

Detailed Design (2024-2025): Public Works will continue engagement and develop a layout concept based on data, engagement, and feedback.

Construction Begins (2025): Work begins and will be phased over the next several years.

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