



The 19th Street Multimodal Improvements project was presented at the May 22, 2017 North Boulder Public Works Open House. The project received 13 completed comment forms and 22 comments on the presentation boards via sticky notes at the open house.

Feedback received focused on bicycle facilities, drainage, public art, landscaping, pedestrian facilities, Crest View Elementary, irrigation ditches, the roadway, traffic signals, transit, Centennial Middle School, lighting, and vehicle speeds.

Comments generally supported the sidewalk and bicycle improvements. Requests to improve connections across and along 19th Street for safety and mobility were common with specific locations at Sumac, Riverside, Upland and along 19th Street from Avocado to Yarmouth Avenues. Additional requests were made for safety and mobility improvements at the pick-up and drop-off at Crest View Elementary and Centennial Middle schools. A few comments expressed interest in providing for pedestrian and bicycle connections and improvements to facilities outside of the project area. Also common were requests to improve storm water and irrigation ditches, with specific locations at 19th between Sumac and Riverside, along the east side of 19th through the project area and to the Girthens Acres Lateral. The public requested public art be incorporated into the project and for that art to connect to the NoBo Art District. Requests for tree preservation, planting, maintenance and irrigation were also shared. Requests to address the narrow road width from Avocado to Yarmouth avenues, and to incorporate speed mitigation elements (signs, traffic signals, and/or speed bumps) were also provided.

Nine comments were provided on bicycle facilities. Three comments stated southbound 19th Street was unsafe to bicycle from Norwood to Iris avenues, with two requesting 19th Street be re-stripped and signed for shared lane use by vehicles and bicycles; two requested a better crossing of 19th-Sumac so that cyclists do not continue the current practice of riding against traffic to the crossing at 19th-Riverside; one stated 19th Street was unsafe to bicycle between Avocado and Yarmouth avenues because it was too narrow with speeding vehicles; one requested protected bicycle lanes, one asked that the Elks Park bike path at 26th be linked to 19th Street via Sumac; and one stated the improvements were not clear in presenting where slow bicyclists would ride.

Six comments were received on drainage. Three requested drainage improvements along the east side of 19th Street at Sumac; two requested drainage be prevented from flowing down the driveway at 4190 19th St (19th St between Sumac and Riverside); one requested safe water runoff improvements be included in project designs and one requested project designs do not direct storm water flow into driveways.

Five comments were received on public art. Three requested art be incorporated into the project, with two specifically requesting art boxes; two asked that the 19th Street project connect to the North Boulder Arts District with one requesting the connection be made along Violet Avenue.

Five comments were received on landscaping. Three commented on sight lines and trees, with one requesting any trees planted be selected and placed to avoid obstructing the bicycle lanes, and two requesting tree maintenance on the east side of 19th and specifically at its intersection with Poplar Avenue to improve sight lines; one comment requested that mature trees be maintained as much as possible and one comment requested tree irrigation be added.

Five comments were provided on pedestrian facilities. Two supported the sidewalk improvements and extensions, one requested that the crosswalk at 19th-Upland be brought forward for the safety of crossing pedestrians and bicyclists; one requested raised crosswalks at 19th Street and Upland Avenue and one requested proposed sidewalks be narrowed to preserve mature trees, where possible.

Four comments were received on traffic congestion and patterns at Crest View Elementary. Each stated the current situation was unsafe and needed solutions.

Four comments were received on irrigation ditches, with one asking how the project will affect the ditch parallel to 1485 Sumac St which continues to cross under 19th Street, one requesting the Girthens Acres Lateral be expanded west to confluence with Wonderland Creek and that the extension be equipped with a gate or control to limit the flow in the Girthens Lateral east of 19th Street, and one requesting barrow ditches along the west side of 19th Street be directed west to empty into Wonderland Creek and not enter the Girthens Lateral. Two additional comments requested irrigation laterals and ditches be designed into the project.

Three comments were received on the roadway, with two stating 19th Street is too narrow between Avocado and Yarmouth Avenues to accommodate vehicle and bicycle travel and on-street parking, and one requesting 19th Street be regraded at Norwood to a more gradual slope to improve sightlines.

Two comments were received on traffic signals. One requested a blinking light be installed on the speed limit sign near 19th-Norwood and one requested flashing school zone signals be added.

Two comments were received on transit, one requesting tree trimming and maintenance be performed at 19th Street and Poplar to improve visibility of the transit stop sign and one requesting bus announcements be quieted at transit stops near residences.

One comment was received on traffic and congestion patterns near Centennial Middle School at 19th Street and Orchard Avenue, one requesting installation of low-lighting downward directed fixtures, and one for speed mitigation (speed bumps and street paint) to be incorporated into project improvements.