



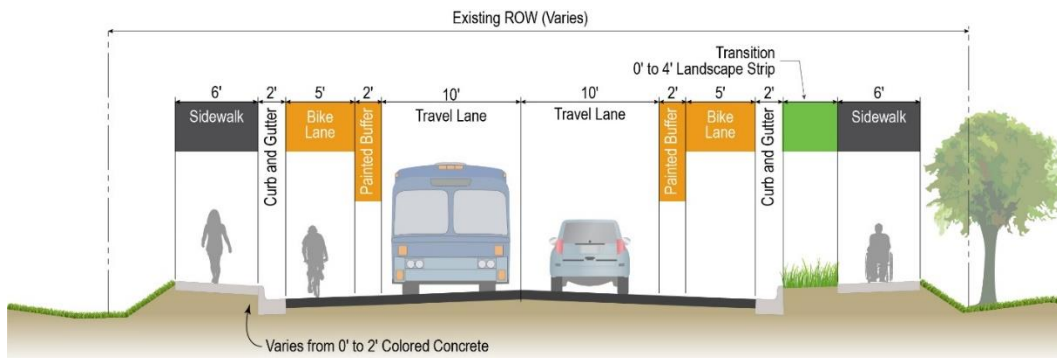
## Announcement of Recommended Conceptual Alternative and Project Update - December 2019

On Nov. 21, 2019, the project team held an open house meeting, with 78 people in attendance, to share the five conceptual design alternatives being considered for the project and asked for the community’s feedback on a preferred alternative and reasons for that preference. All of the project materials are available on the [project webpage](#). There was an online comment form available as well.

Thanks to all who provided their input on the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Multimodal Improvement Project! We received a total 58 completed comment forms. Whether you completed it at the open house on November 19, or provided it online, we appreciate your feedback.

### What did we hear?

Both the meeting comment forms and the online comment forms expressed a preference for Alternative 4 which includes a combination of attached and detached sidewalks and buffered bike lanes.



Meeting participants indicated that they prefer Alternative 4 for the following reasons:

1. A buffered bike facility provides more protection, or buffer, for bicyclists while still providing safe facilities for pedestrians.
2. The sidewalks and bike lanes are of sufficient widths.
3. The sidewalk isn't as wide as a multi-use path and therefore felt less impactful to the surrounding area.
4. The alternative provides space for landscaping and impacts less land and fewer trees than the other options.

Online respondents indicated that their reasons for preferring Alternative 4 include:

1. The buffered bike lane provides more separation from vehicles.
2. The alternative is the closest design to a protected bike lane.

3. Vehicle travel lanes are narrower which may help in slowing down vehicle speeds.
4. There are dedicated spaces for each travel mode.
5. The alternative is family friendly and encourages walking and biking.
6. A majority of the roadway space is for walking and biking over driving.

Click here for more detail on the [community feedback](#).

## What is the recommended conceptual alternative?

The project staff team, composed of transportation, forestry, and water utilities staff members, reviewed the characteristics of the five alternatives and the community feedback to understand which alternative best meets project goals, reflects community feedback, balances the factors of improved travel comfort and safety, reduces the number of tree removals and minimizes impacts to adjacent properties.

Alternative 4 (with Alternative 1 in the Wonderland Creek floodplain section) is being recommended as the conceptual design for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street (Norwood-Sumac) Multimodal Improvements project.

- This conceptual design includes walking and bicycling facilities that improve travel comfort and safety for a wider range of ages and abilities.
- It minimizes the additional tree removals compared to Alternatives 2, 3 and 5 while also providing space on the east side of the street for new landscaping and small trees.
- This conceptual design alternative was most preferred by the community members who provided feedback and reflects their reasons of preference including buffering between bikes and vehicles while also having good pedestrian facilities, narrower vehicle lanes, impacting fewer trees and adjacent properties and providing space for landscaping.

## What are the next steps and how can I stay involved?

The five conceptual alternatives are being evaluated through the city's Community and Environmental Assessment Process (CEAP). The next step is to present this report and the findings to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) for their consideration of the staff recommendation of Alternative 4 (with Alternative 1 in the Wonderland Creek floodplain).

Please attend the February 10, 2020 TAB meeting at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers at 1777 Broadway. There will be a public hearing prior to the Board's consideration of the staff recommendation; you are invited to participate and provide your input.

The TAB recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for call-up which is planned for the Feb,18 2020 council meeting.

To stay up-to-date on this project, please visit the webpage at [bit.ly/19thProject](http://bit.ly/19thProject).