

HIGHWAY 252/I-94 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

ROUND 1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

Summer 2018



Introduction

This executive summary gathers results from the first round of community engagement for the Highway 252 / I-94 Environmental Review project. Engagement events were held at a variety of locations along the project corridor to gather feedback from community members regarding future improvements to the Highway 252 / I-94 corridor.

This summary is organized by type of engagement event.

Community Workshops

These large public events offered multiple activities to comment on the project:

- Brooklyn Park Community Workshop
- Brooklyn Center Community Workshop

Overall Themes – Combined from Both Workshops

Top three themes gathered from all individual comments provided by participants at the two community workshops included:

Ideal outcomes:

- Address overall traffic congestion.
- Improve safety along the project corridor.
- Reduce or eliminate existing stoplights.

Issues and problems:

- Heavy traffic due to number of stoplights along the corridor.
- Lack of safe walking and biking infrastructure.
- Lack of traffic enforcement.

Ideas and opportunities:

- Reduce stoplights along the corridor.
- Implement additional traffic lanes.
- Improve walking and biking infrastructure.

Listening Sessions and Pop-Ups

These events included pop-ups at strategic community locations as well as targeted engagement with specific community groups.

- Brooklyn Park Library
- Tater Daze in Brooklyn Park
- Festival Foods
- Brookdale Library
- Earle Brown Days in Brooklyn Center
- Osseo Adult Basic Education
- Brooklyn Park Farmers Market
- Riverview Apartments



- Local churches and apartment communities - Kaade Wallace, Creating Access Strategies
- Riverwood Neighborhood
- Overall Themes from Pop Up Events
- Participants most used the corridor for traveling home, work, shopping or to school.
- Approximately 80% of users travel by car along the corridor.
- Nearly half of participants use the corridor daily and about three-quarters use at least once a week.
- Safety, traffic/congestion, mobility, bikability and walkability

Online Survey

An online survey was available for those that were not able to attend in-person events below is a summary of the feedback provided.



Overall Themes from Online Survey

Pedestrian and bicycle top themes:

- Improve walking and biking infrastructure across Highway 252
- Improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Improve traffic enforcement

Transit section top themes:

- Provide safe access to transit
- Improve transit services (ex. dedicated bus lane, etc.)

Driving section top themes:

- Improve safety along project corridor
- Address traffic congestion during rush hours
- Reduce number of stoplights along Highway 252

Participants were given the opportunity to provide additional comments about traveling along or across Highway 252 and I-94. The top themes gathered from additional comments included:

- Improve safety along project corridor for all users
- Reduce number of stoplights along Highway 252