Overview of Working Group Recommendation

May 1, 2013
Transportation Master Plan:
Address immediate, long-term safety and mobility of all who travel through and around the campus

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN GOAL
Objectives:

- Conduct collaborative process involving stakeholder representatives of:
  - Colorado College (faculty and administration)
  - College student body
  - City of Colorado Springs
  - Neighborhoods
  - Businesses
  - Other community interests

- Analyze current conditions for mobility and safety for all users within and around the Colorado College campus

- Identify, evaluate conflict areas presenting challenges to mobility, safety

- Recommend future improvements balancing needs, interests of:
  - Colorado College
  - City of Colorado Springs
  - Neighborhoods, community
Collaborative and Transparent Public Process

• Interviewed more than 20 community members/organizations for initial input
  • Community leaders/elected officials
  • Neighborhood residents/business owners/organization representatives
  • College staff
  • Emergency responders and city staff

• Working Group meetings
  • Nov. 13 and Dec. 18, 2012; Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and May 1, 2013
  • Close to 200 attendees (not including tonight’s meeting)

• Public Open House, Dec. 4, 2012
  • More than 65 attendees
  • More than 50 safety-, mobility-related comments

• Distributed 7 progress e-newsletters to database of 150 (to date)
  • Meeting summaries
  • Links to meeting documents
  • Working Group meeting/public open house announcements
  • Redistributed by organizations to their constituents

• Project website
  • Documents, meeting summaries, reports, photos from meetings, open houses
  • E-newsletters archived
**Working Group Development Process**

- **“Cast a wide net” by extending Invitations to those who:**
  - Could contribute valuable input
  - Have a vested interest in the outcome
  - Were involved in or had opinions of prior studies/process
  - Could assure different viewpoints/perspectives

- **Invitations to name representatives were sent to:**
  - Neighborhood organizations/homeowners associations
  - Prior study participants
  - Area businesses (Penrose Hospital, United Way, Fine Arts Center, etc.)
  - Downtown Partnership
  - Residents of surrounding neighborhoods
  - Commercial property owners
  - Churches
  - Historical preservation organizations
  - College staff/faculty/students
  - Emergency responders
  - Schools (public and private)

- **Invitations were mailed, followed by phone calls**
Working Group Role and Responsibilities

- Represent respective organizations, not individual desires
- Have a community-wide perspective
- Attend and actively participate in all meetings
- Share study information with constituents
- Guide the process to informed consent
Community values/measureable criteria

- Improve safety
- Improve convenience
- Aesthetically pleasing, artistic amenities
- Historic preservation
- Long-range solutions
- Useable public spaces of interest
- Community cohesion/neighborliness/courtesy
- Adaptors of new best practices
- Well-planned, multi-modal infrastructure
- Interconnected, integrated, comprehensive
- Synergy: Old North End Neighborhood, College, downtown
- City standards are met
- Cost effective/feasible
- Sustainable, environmental stewardship
- Education
- Open-mindedness
- Responsibility
- Health/fitness
- Mutual respect among all stakeholders
- Free market
- Preserve Rocky Mountain context
- Sustainable, economic, environmental stewardship
Summary of Recommendations from Feb. 26, 2013 Workshop
Pedestrian bridge/tunnel under Cascade options

- Bridge not recommended due to aesthetics, costs, practicality
- Tunnel not recommended due to cost, practicality, safety concerns
- Pedestrian/vehicle accident figures too low to consider a bridge or tunnel
- Participants oppose removing trees to build bridges or tunnels
System-wide transportation options

- Slow traffic system-wide through campus, on surrounding neighborhood streets
- Integrate Colorado College as part of the community
- Reduce lanes on sections of several streets surrounding the campus
- Generally liked option reducing Cascade Ave. to one lane in each direction
  - Also consider reducing lanes on surrounding streets
- Support for:
  - Pedestrian stop light at Tejon and Uintah streets
  - Road dieting for Cascade Ave. and streets surrounding campus
  - Accommodate bicycles/increase number of bike lanes
  - Narrow lane widths on Nevada Ave. north to Penrose Hospital
- Additional recommendations:
  - Improve turns on Fontanero St. by reducing it from 4 to 3 lanes
  - Diagonal parking on Weber St. to improve parking at Steele Elementary
  - Remove some crosswalks on Cascade Ave. (on campus)
  - Look to make other improvements along Nevada heading south toward Downtown.
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Traffic calming options

• Priority should be on neighborhood safety, slowing traffic
  • Road narrowing, bump outs to decrease speeds through neighborhoods
• Improve lighting
  • Lampposts should match historic aspect of the neighborhood
  • Well-lighted, brightly-painted crosswalks
• Add "State Law" signs at crosswalks
• Incorporate diagonal crosswalks
• Alter crosswalks in ways that don’t give pedestrians a sense of being “too safe,” encourage they to pay better attention

“Traffic calming options should be considered in addition to recommended approaches”
FEB. 26, 2013 WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS
Presentation to Citizen’s Transportation Advisory Board, 1:30 pm, Tuesday, May 7
- Review recommendation, community feedback -

Planning Commission review process

City Council Hearing

NEXT STEPS