Wilson Street Corridor Study

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Meeting Outline

- Introduction
- Corridor Study Background and Timeline
- Recommended Bicycle Facility Alternative
- Review of Full Corridor
- Discussion and Questions





Wilson St Corridor Study History

2019

- Public Information Meetings
- Multiple design alternatives
- Discussed by City Transportation Policy Planning Board, Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works
- Staff designed a flexible street configuration for 300 W Wilson allowing for different design alternatives for entire Wilson corridor
- Recommendation by TPPB & TC to complete the Corridor Study before moving forward with any construction on the 300 block of W Wilson St or Broom St
- TPPB directed the staff team to further develop a design for all ages and abilities bicyclists



Wilson St Corridor Study - Goals & Objectives

- Provide safety for all modes of transportation
- Improve comfortable bike connection to downtown from south, west and east
- Maintain viable, pleasant living area
- Provide pleasing entrance to downtown
- Satisfy parking and loading needs
- Preserve healthy tree canopy and terrace
- Efficient and ordered motor vehicle operations
- Safe and comfortable pedestrian crossings
- Preserve existing infrastructure investments
- Provide corridor vision for Wilson
- Maintain/Improve transit



Wilson Street Corridor Study 2020

- Meetings with National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Continue work on Corridor Design
- Public Information Meeting
- Finish Corridor Plan
- Transportation Policy & Planning Board Corridor
- Transportation Commission
- Board of Public Works
- Common Council
- Bid in late 2020 for 2021 Construction



Stakeholder Meetings

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- Likes
- Concerns
- Priorities

What city staff has heard in 2020:

- Importance of people seeing other /safety
- Deliveries of all types
- Aesthetics users of gateway to downtown
- Value of trees & greenspace
- Access for older adults
- Ease of access for people with disabilities
- Wayfinding for visitors
- Private bus parking
- Driveway improvements
- Transit importance
- Pedestrian access and safety
- Safe access for bicyclists of all abilities
- Efficiency of maintenance
- Fire lane requirements



2019 Alternatives Reviewed

1. Conventional Bike Lanes

2. Conventional Bike Lanes West and East, Contra Flow Bike Lane in Center

3. Cycle Path, or Separated Two-way Cycletrack, Full Corridor







Protected Bike Lanes/Cycletrack Bassett St - Madison



Recommended Alternative – Two-Way Cycletrack

Benefits

- Increases bicycle rider comfort and safety by separation from motor vehicles
- More attractive to less confident cyclists & increases use of bicycles by more types of riders
- Provides a clear space for bicyclists off sidewalk
- On one-way streets
 - Requires less space than two one-way cycletracks on each side of the roadway
 - Cyclists may pass in opposing cycletrack lane when it isn't busy
 - Improves connectivity

Challenges

- Can limit access to activities/buildings on non-cycletrack side of street
- Requires careful design of loading/parking areas especially for people with disabilities
- Requires a clear design to show where people should walk, bike, drive and park
- On one-way streets:
 - May be less efficient for bicyclists due to signal progression operations
 - People walking or exiting vehicles may not expect contra-flow bicycle riders
 - People driving may not expect contra-flow bicycle riders

Cycletrack Benefits

- Findings after installation of a two-way cycletrack with lane reduction Prospect Park West in Brooklyn, New York City :
 - Crashes went down 16% and crashes resulting in injuries went down by 63%
 - Speeding on the corridor went down from 74% of cars to 20%
 - Sidewalk riding is down from 46% to 3% (mostly children)
 - No change in traffic volumes or travel times
 - Number of people bicycling on street went up
 - No reported pedestrian injuries
- In Portland, researchers surveyed cyclists in two buffered bicycle lanes and one cycle track about their perceived safety and route choice. About 45% of cyclists agreed that they chose to ride on the cycle track more often. Additionally, women significantly felt safer on the cycle track than men (94% [of women] vs. 64% [of men]
- Evolutions in cycle track design have created safer facilities by improving sight lines and slowing bicycle and vehicle speeds to create a safer environment for all modes.







Example - Vancouver







Example – Chicago





Example – New York City





Example – Indianapolis





Additional Example





Looking East





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W Wilson Street – Cycle Track



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Broom Street - Recommended configuration



Wilson St to Doty St Doty St to Main St Xor × V X 4-10 -> TO CYCLE TRACK @ 1_ 0 <u>É<u>É</u></u> Doty Main Street Wilson Street Off-street two way cycle track On-street protected two way cycle track Street







Discussion

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