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HOW DID WE PROMOTE AND GATHER FEEDBACK?



3 INTERACTIVE COMMENT MAPS



4 POP-UP MEETINGS, 120+ ATTENDEES



98 YARD SIGNS & SIDEWALK STICKERS

1 17TH AVE RESIDENTS OPEN HOUSE, ~35 ATTENDEES



1 DEMONSTRATION EVENT, ~125 ATTENDEES



5 EBLASTS

50+ POSTERS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES
30 TABLE TOPPERS AT LOCAL RESTAURANTS

3 MAILINGS

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WHAT FEEDBACK DID WE HEAR?

CONCEPT A: SEPARATED TWO-WAY CYCLE TRACK



Support due to:

- » **separation** of pedestrians and bicyclists
- » **consistency** with planned **17th Ave extension**



Concern that volume of bike traffic may not warrant a space separate from pedestrians

CONCEPT B: SEPARATED MULTI-USE TRAIL



Support due to:

- » larger amount of **green space** than other concepts
- » to maintain **consistency with other trails** in the area



Concern with volume of pedestrians and bicyclists sharing the same facility

CONCEPT C: ON-STREET BIKE LANES



Strong opposition due to safety concerns for bikers and motorists



Overall, 87% of commenters support the addition of bike facilities on 17th Ave:

- » **43% in favor of Concept A**
- » **31% in favor of Concept B**

17% of 17th Ave residents vocalized opposition to the project due to perceived impacts.

GENERAL FEEDBACK



Request for bike facilities north of Hwy 7



Speeding is a concern



Request for safety enhancements at trail crossing



Review the FAQ for answers to some of these concerns:
[Hopkins17thAve.com](https://hopkins17thave.com)

Concerns with how the improvements will impact:



Property values



Yards / landscaping / trees



Emergency vehicle and school bus traffic



Ease of backing out of driveways