

2nd PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

The Reimagine Jackson Street project consultant team held its second in-person and virtual public workshop on May 24th 5:30 pm at the Brownsville Community Center. The project consultant team discussed the project's goals and feedback from the first public workshop, which took place in March. The consultant team incorporated feedback from a multi-lingual survey that garnered more than 300 responses on the initial concepts presented to attendees.

Stakeholders who attended the May workshop expressed that priorities for Jackson Street improvements are safety, transit and bicycle facilities.

- **SAFETY:** Stakeholders shared that safety is an immediate concern needing near-term solutions. The project consultant team assured attendees that immediate safety improvements will be considered, and the proposed Master Plan will include recommended short-, mid-, and long-term solutions.
- **TRANSIT AND BICYCLE FACILITIES:** Stakeholders shared that the need for transit and bicycle facilities – citing that these are critical to day-to-day mobility and the community's livelihood. The project consultant team emphasized the recommendations will reflect these critical infrastructure and service needs.
- **OTHER CONCERNS:** Stakeholders shared that they would like to address flooding and sewer upgrades in addition to mobility improvements. Other concerns, such as how the team will manage previous improvement projects, preserve diversity and historic homes, and walkability improvements were also brought to the team's attention. The project consultant team said the Master Plan will include recommendations to integrate improvements to stormwater and sewer infrastructure to support the future needs of the community. Also, project phasing will include a 'dig once' strategy whenever feasible so constructed improvements are not demolished and reconstructed.

The workshop also included an interactive element to help understand the community's preference for various improvement types. Please see the accompanying pamphlet for the results.

NEXT STEPS

Next steps for the project include planners implementing community feedback into the Master Plan and developing a list of proposed Jackson Street improvement projects, concept plan, cost estimates and funding sources. The team will present findings to the City Council and County Commission later this year.