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## North Sycamore Street Complete Streets Project (Langston Boulevard to 19<sup>th</sup> Street North) – Existing Conditions Engagement Summary

### Project Background

#### What are the goals of this project?

North Sycamore Street presents intersection crossing challenges for people walking and biking. The project will improve bicycle and pedestrian access on North Sycamore Street from Langston Boulevard to 19<sup>th</sup> Street North.

#### What is the current status of the project?

DES staff are reviewing public comments received from the online engagement launched in November 2021. Staff will use community feedback, data, and planning guidance to inform the development of a concept design.

### Public Engagement

In November 2021, the project team kicked off an online engagement tool to solicit comments on existing conditions of the street. Members of the community shared their experiences with the current street via an interactive map. The engagement tool was open from November 23-December 12. During that time, staff received 97 individual comments, which received 650 engagements (comments receiving likes/dislikes) on the interactive map.

### What We Heard

Below are common themes associated with the comments received from the online feedback tool. The themes are generally grouped by intersections in the project area.

#### Langston Boulevard Intersection

- Slip lanes negatively impact pedestrian and bicyclist safety
- Narrow sidewalk at intersection corners
- In need of safer crossing for people walking and biking

#### 22nd Street North Intersection

- Lack of marked crosswalks
- Long crossing distance
- Vehicles speeding on 22<sup>nd</sup> St N

#### Washington Boulevard Intersection

- Vegetation blocking sight lines
- In need of safer crossing for people walking and biking
- Ineffective “when pedestrians are present” plaque

## I-66 Off-Ramp Intersection

- Slip lane is unsafe for crossing people walking and biking
- Vegetation blocking sight lines
- No clear markings at bike conflict zones
- Multiple curb cuts at the East Falls Church (EFC) Metro bus loop make it unsafe for pedestrians
- Contra-flow/two-way cycle track on EFC Metro station side

## 19th Street North Intersection

- In need of a safer crossing for people walking and biking
- Narrow sidewalk and misaligned crosswalk and curb ramps
- Vehicles speeding through intersection headed to I-66 on-ramp
- Desire for direct path from the trail to the intersection

## Corridor-Wide

- Desire for protected bike lanes
- Better markings for bike lanes
- Better signalization for pedestrians

## Bus Bay Expansion at East Falls Church Metro Station

Comments that have a direct impact on the Bus Bay Expansion at East Falls Church Metro Station have been passed along to the project manager for the transit project. More information can be found here: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Bus-Bay-Expansion-at-East-Falls-Church-Metro-Station>.

## W&OD Trail Connection at 19th Street North

DES staff has proposed a new project to study the feasibility of alternatives to address the gap at this location. If the project is approved and funded, staff will engage stakeholders to begin feasibility analysis.

## Next Steps

The project team is committed to reviewing the comments and developing a concept in accordance with planning guidance and supporting data. A draft concept will be shared for public feedback via a public meeting and on the project webpage. This is anticipated to occur in Summer 2022.

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<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/N-Sycamore-Street-Complete-Streets-Project>

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