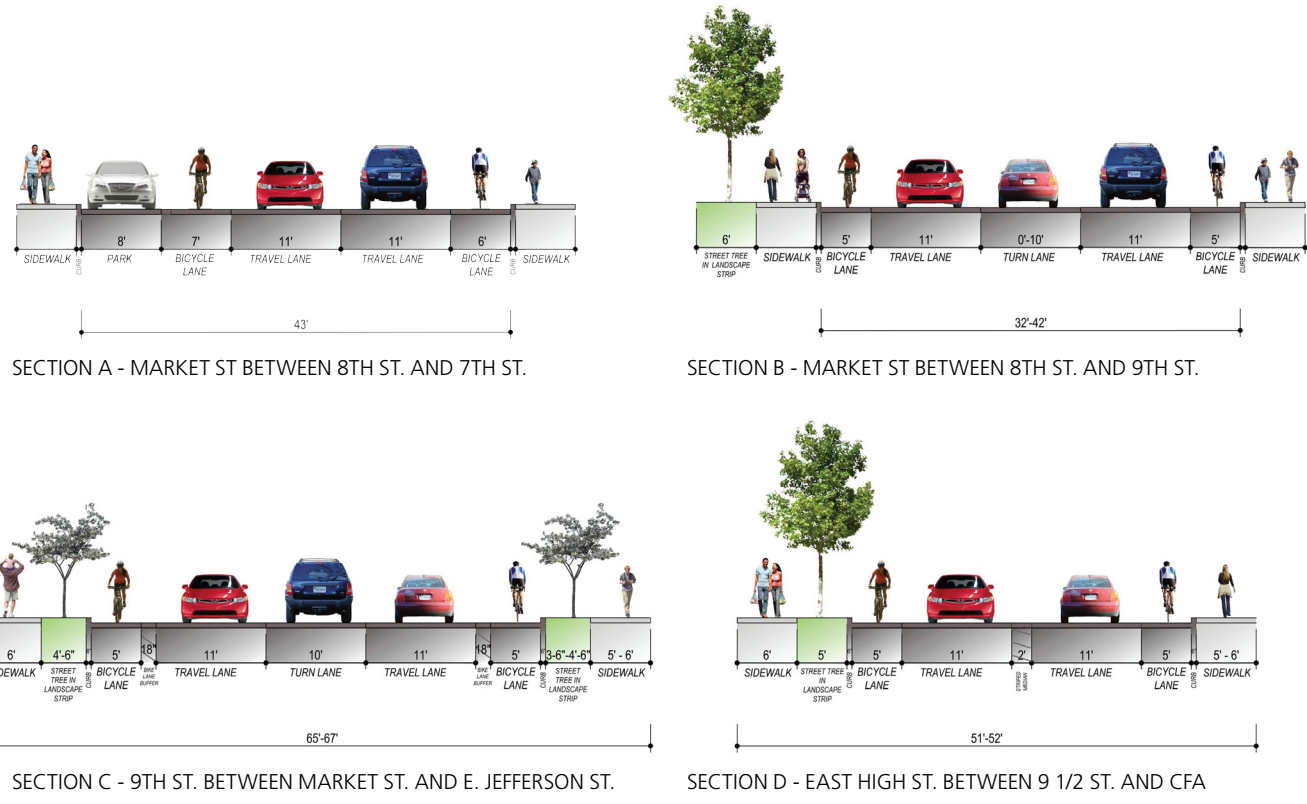


Get Involved

The public is encouraged to submit written comments about the design plans at the meeting by mail or email. All comments need to be submitted to the City of Charlottesville, City Hall, 610 E Market St, PO Box 911, Charlottesville, VA 22902 **by June 22, 2019** or via email at motscht@charlottesville.org in order to be included in the official meeting record.



Contact Information

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Design Public Hearing

East High Streetscape Project

PROJECT NUMBER: U000-104-298, PE-101, RW-201, C-501

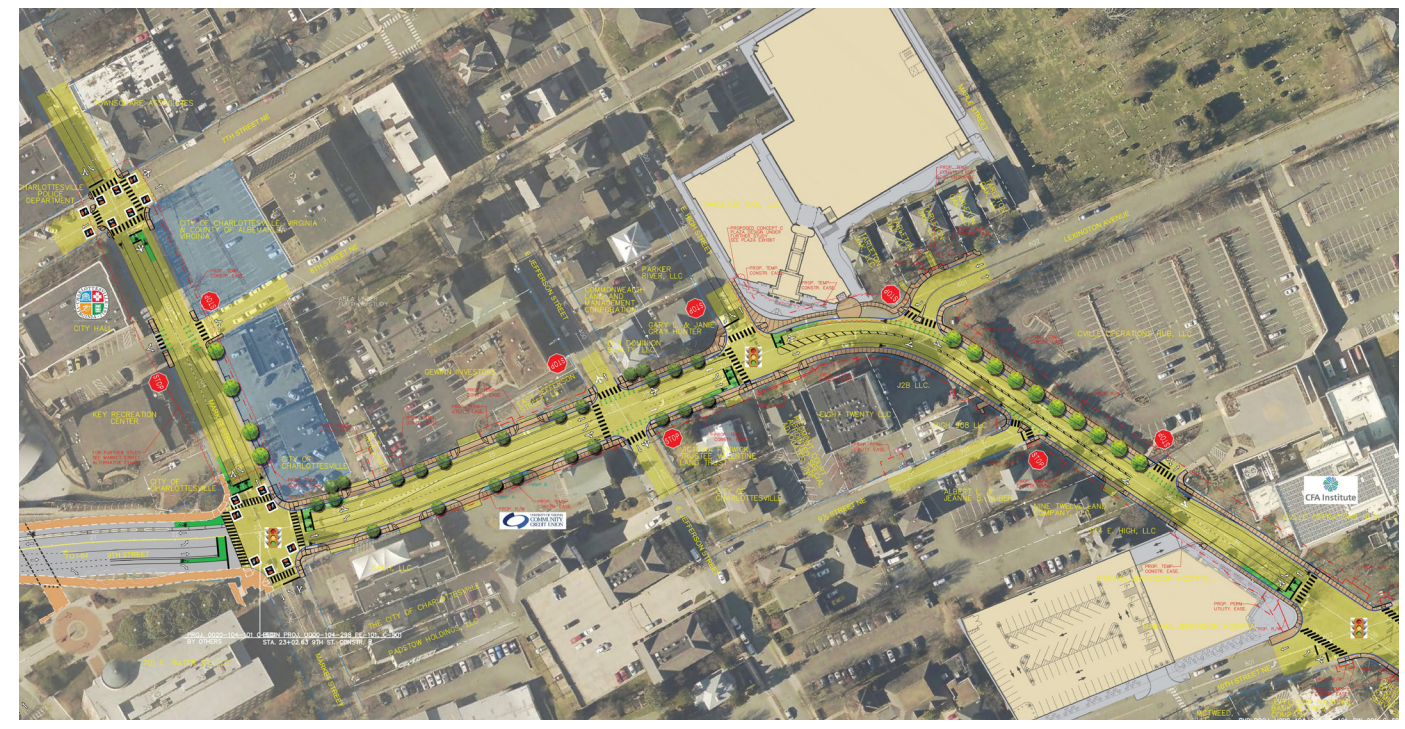
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Informal Plan Review: 5:00PM to 7:00PM
Hearing: 7:00PM to 8:00PM
Location: City Space
100 5th Street NE
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Design Public Hearing

Welcome to the Design Public Hearing for the East High Streetscape Project. This meeting provides an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her behalf or representing a group or governmental agency, to review the displayed project exhibits and give the City of Charlottesville comments and/or suggestions on this project. Verbal comments will be accepted during tonight's hearing. Written statements may be submitted via comment forms, in writing to the City (address on back) on or before June 22, 2019.

All comments will be reviewed by the City of Charlottesville and the project design team personnel. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this public meeting will be considered by the City of Charlottesville before the project is approved for right-of-way acquisition and construction. A transcript of all comments will be available to the public after the public hearing comment period closes on the project web site and at City Hall. Your input is encouraged and appreciated by your community.

Project Overview



Project Description

The E. High Street corridor and Market Street are vital urban streets and an important connection between the Martha Jefferson Neighborhood and the Downtown Pedestrian Mall. The City of Charlottesville has been engaged in a process to enhance this corridor and the adjoining neighborhoods with urban amenities and safe, interconnected streets that promote walking, biking, and efficient public transit while maintaining levels of service (LOS) for vehicular traffic. This corridor was highlighted for improvements in the Strategic Investment Area (SIA) Plan that was previously adopted by City Council. The East High Streetscape in Charlottesville, Virginia is funded through SmartScale. The purpose of the E. High Streetscape project is to construct a multimodal streetscape project that will extend from the intersection at E. High Street with Locust Avenue/10th Street to the intersection of E. Market Street with 7th Street. The project will link the Martha Jefferson neighborhood to the Downtown Pedestrian Mall and neighborhoods to the south. This project will address needs related to intersection efficiency, multimodal access, transit amenities, way-finding signage, context sensitivity, and safety. The project will extend from the E. High Street/Locust Avenue intersection, south to 9th Street, and west at the intersection of 9th Street/E. Market Street where it terminates at the 7th Street/E. Market Street intersection. In addition to the streetscape improvements, the intersection of E. High Street/Lexington Avenue will be re-aligned.

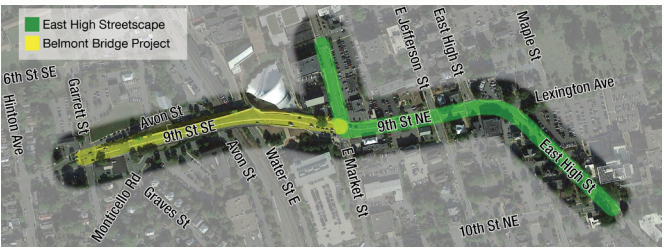
Intersections within the project limits will receive upgrades such as signage, signal improvements, bike/pedestrian accommodations, lighting, and landscaping. Overhead franchise utilities located within the project limits will be relocated from overhead to an underground utility duct bank constructed with the project. The project corridor runs adjacent to two historic districts (Martha Jefferson Historic District and Albemarle and Charlottesville Courthouse Historic District), but there are no anticipated direct impacts to individually listed properties or any other historic elements such as buildings or site features. Encroachment into the limits of the historic districts will be limited to what is necessary to construct the improvements. The project is

intended to improve the aesthetic environment by mirroring the surrounding architectural features thereby creating a more inviting corridor and drawing attention to the existing historic elements in the area.

The design aligns closely with the adopted SIA Plan which was modified and discussed during community engagement activities based on feedback received. In regard to this direction, the design includes the following main features:

- 5-foot-wide conventional bicycle lanes both directions on E. Market Street from 7th Street to 9th Street
- 6.5-foot wide buffered bicycle lanes both directions on 9th Street from E. Market Street to E. High Street
- 4.5-foot landscape/planting space from back of curb along 9th Street from E. Market Street to E. High Street
- Typical 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk along E. Market Street, 9th Street, and E. High Street with a minimum concrete sidewalk width of 5-feet
- Replacement of existing traffic signals at the intersections of E. Market Street and 9th Street, 9th Street and E. High Street, and E. High Street and 10th Street/Locust Avenue

The project connects with the Belmont Bridge Replacement Project (0020-104-101, C-501, UPC 75878) at the 9th Street and E. Market Street intersection. Based on this connection, the typical section, landscaping pallet, proposed materials, traffic signals, lighting, and street furniture have been closely coordinated between the two projects.



Right-of-Way

Improvements will require the acquisition of land for right-of-way and easements. The right-of-way and easements, depicted on the meeting displays, are preliminary. As the City of Charlottesville further develops the design of the project, additional easements or right-of-way may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the preliminary plans. Impacted property owners will be informed of the exact location of right-of-way and easements during the formal right-of-way acquisition process.

Information about right-of-way acquisitions is provided in VDOT's brochure entitled *Right-of-Way and Utilities: A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants*, which is available at the right-of-way table at the public hearing or online at https://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right_of_way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf. After this meeting, information regarding right-of-way acquisition may be obtained from the City of Charlottesville Neighborhood and Development Services, located at City Hall, 610 E Market St. Charlottesville, VA 22902.

Estimated Project Cost

The latest project estimate is approximately \$7,157,000 which is greater than the SmartScale budget. The City is able to fund the difference in cost between the SmartScale funding and total estimate. The project is financed with federal, state, and local funds.

Environmental Review

The City of Charlottesville has prepared environmental reviews and performed coordination efforts to obtain information about environmental resources within the project vicinity. Natural and historic resource agencies have been provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development. Opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of environmental impacts have been identified. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is applicable to this project and a NEPA document (Programmatic Categorical Exclusion) has been prepared in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and in accordance with federal guidelines.

The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews including those related to natural resources, water quality, water resources, threatened and endangered species, and other quantifiable impacts. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places also has been evaluated.

The draft environmental document is available for review at this meeting and on the project website. At this time, the project has received a ruling of no adverse effect from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) due to little or no impact on historic resources.

Federal Aid

This is a federal aid project; FHWA must approve the need for the proposed highway improvements as well as the environmental documents, plans, specifications, cost estimates, right-of-way acquisitions, and construction procedures. This process provides additional assurance that federal, state, and local goals and objectives are met and that opportunity for public participation is provided. Federal and state regulations require that a wide range of factors and impacts are considered and that the final decisions are made in the best overall public interest.



Project Schedule

The public comment period will close on June 22, 2019. At that time, City representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the hearing, adjusting the project design as needed. After the public hearing, Charlottesville City Council will be requested to pass a resolution endorsing the major design features.

The project will then progress to the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) before construction begins.

Milestone	Date Completed
Public Hearing	June 12, 2019
City Council Meeting	August 2019
Preliminary BAR Meeting	July 16, 2019
Right of Way Begins	February 2020
Right of Way Ends	March 2021
Final BAR Meeting/COA Issued	Winter 2020
Authorization and Advertisement for Construction	April 2021
Public Pre-Construction Meeting	Summer 2021
Targeted Construction Completion	2022

Civil Rights

It is the responsibility of the City of Charlottesville to ensure that all members of the community are afforded an opportunity to participate in public decisions about transportation systems and project affecting them, which is why your input is greatly encouraged.

The City of Charlottesville and VDOT ensures non-discrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. If you feel you have been denied participation in, or denied benefits of, or been subjected to discrimination, in regard to this project or otherwise discriminated against because of your race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability, you may contact the Virginia Department of Transportation, Office of Equal Opportunity, 1401 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or phone (804) 786-2835 or TDD (800) 307-4630, TTY/TDD 711.



COMMENT SHEET

East High Streetscape Project

PROJECT NUMBER: U000-104-298, PE-101, RW-201, C-501

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

City Space

100 5th Street NE

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

Please respond to the following statements by checking the box that best expresses your opinion:

1. Do the design features adequately address the needs of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists? Please explain.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure Explain Why:

2. Do you agree that the following project features are attractive while appropriately connecting the Downtown Mall and surrounding neighborhoods?

Landscaping:

☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree Comment:

Lighting:

☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree Comment:

Flip over for more opportunity to comment

Surface Treatments (sidewalk, crosswalks):

☐ Agree

☐ Neutral

☐ Disagree

Comment:

Public Spaces:

☐ Agree

☐ Neutral

☐ Disagree

Comment:

3. Did the visual information (typical sections, plans, etc.) on display at the hearing help your understanding of the project?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Sure

If No, please explain why:

4. Do you have any comments on the environmental document or comments regarding potential environmental issues?

5. Please use the following space for any additional comments.

Please leave this comment sheet at the designated location or mail to the addressee below on or before June 22, 2019. You can also submit your comments electronically via e-mail by sending to motscht@charlottesville.org. Thank you.

**Mr. Tim Motsch, Transportation Project Manager
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