



CASTLE CREEK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Castle Creek Corridor Improvement Consultant Team

FROM: Kathleen Wanatowicz

RE: Castle Creek Corridor Improvement Preferred Alignment Public Input: October 1, 2017 – January 1, 2018

DATE: January 11, 2018

CASTLE CREEK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC INPUT

Overview

Public input on the conceptual alignments was collected via the project webpage, public meeting – written comments, and a public online community survey. For a complete copy of submissions, comments and survey results, please see Exhibit B - Public Comments and Data for Conceptual Alignments [October 2017-January 2018].

The project webpage was published on the Pitkin Open Space and Trails projects site on July 5, 2017. The Open House, which was the 3rd public event, where the designs were presented was held on November 15, 2017 and allowed for feedback via: comment cards, paper survey, and post-it notes placed on presentation boards. This meeting was also shared on Grassroots TV.

QUANTITATIVE INPUT DATA

Public Online Community Survey

The online community Castle Creek Corridor Improvement Project (CCCIP) survey opened for response on October 1, 2017 and closed for responses on January 1, 2018. Included in the survey were images of rendered sections from the alignment alternatives, a link to the 11/15/18 open house presentation, one checkbox question, two level of support questions and four opportunities for additional comments. The survey was publicized via stakeholder email lists, the project webpage, social media and the Pitkin County OST e-newsletter.

A total of 94 respondents contributed, yielding the following results:

Overall Alignment Preference:

Public comments demonstrated a fairly close preference with East and West trail alignment designs, with the Shoulder Improvement option in third and no improvements with the smallest percentage of votes. Comments are categorized into four categories: West Trail, East Trail, Shoulder Improvements or None. (see chart on next page, illustrate by percentage)



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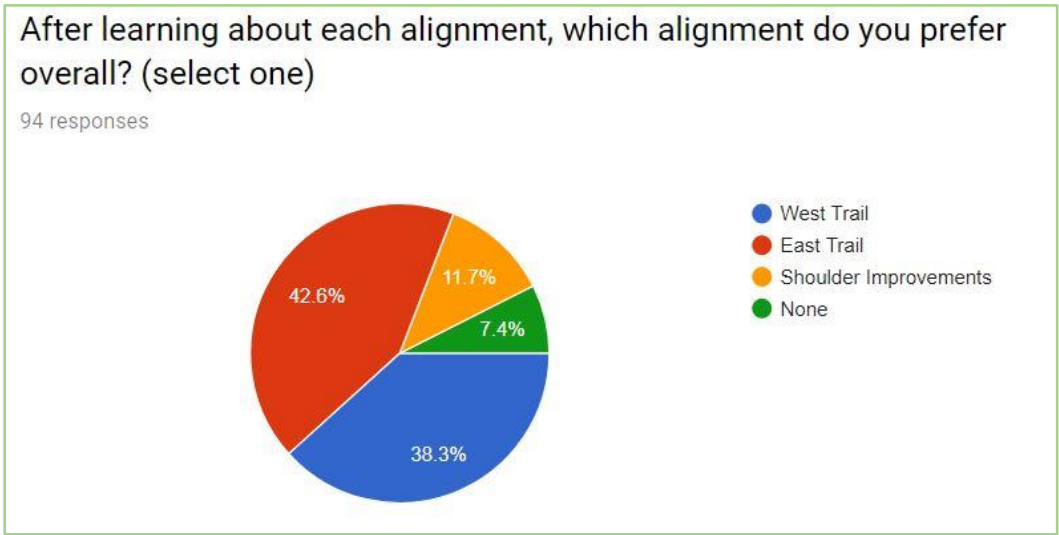
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West Trail Comments:

Comments from respondents indicating a preference for the West Trail alignment included the following themes: safest option, aesthetic, user-friendly, natural extension of the existing trail between the chapel and hospital.

East Trail Comments:

Comments from respondents indicating a preference for the East Trail alignment included the following themes: natural feel/aesthetic, safest – no road crossing, connection to the trail system.





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Level of support indicated for the following specific features:

The majority of the comments were in favor, just calling out a few specific options/features, other voiced general support, one strongly against the project in general.

Level of Support »	Strongly Against	Against	Neutral	In Favor	Strongly in Favor	Unsure	Other
Uphill Bike Lane	3	3	7	21	47	3	0
Widen Shoulder(s)	2	4	15	27	35	3	0
Physically Separate Trail	8	3	9	17	47	1	0
Bollard Separated Trail	11	8	14	20	14	8	0
Above-grade Trail	7	11	15	21	25	4	0
At-grade trail/route	3	12	20	28	9	7	0
Below-grade trail/route	9	16	22	16	10	5	0
Pedestrian road crossing	3	7	8	22	41	1	0
Slower traffic speeds	3	14	23	15	28	1	0
Speed Table/Bump	3	14	16	23	27	1	1
Safety Signage	2	4	7	27	44	1	0
Rapid Flash beacons @ Ped crossings	6	4	14	25	34	2	0
Narrow trail to limit impact	12	11	29	15	13	4	0

Level of Support for Rockfall Mitigation Strategies:

The majority of survey participants in the additional comments section specific to this question voiced safety as the main concern, aesthetics secondly. There were some comments voicing concern about the cost, necessity and whether it should be an OST project vs. a county/city funded project.

Level of Support »	Strongly Against	Against	Neutral	In Favor	Strongly in Favor	Unsure	Other
Sculpted Shotcrete	6	9	16	29	24	3	0
Rockfall Fence	22	29	16	9	5	4	0
Cable Net & Wire Mesh	4	10	6	38	28	1	1



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Additional Public Comment Summary: Community Survey

Again, a majority of comments indicate support for the project, many on safety, and caution on keeping the aesthetics, and focus on commuting specific to the school communities. There were a few comments calling for a more quantitative presentation, and another about why rockfall mitigation is an OST project, why no cost estimates presented and why it isn't falling under the county/city (public works.)

Additional Public Comment Summary: E-mails, Comment Cards, Letters

The additional public comments that were gathered, approximately 19, all were in favor in some alignment improvement or development. There was again an even split, but within this participant group between the East Trail and Shoulder Improvements. Those who chose the East Trail, relayed themes of: affinity for trail flow and safety (no road crossings). Those in favor of the Shoulder Improvements, like those in the survey data set expressed the main reason for their choice as cost saving/efficiency.