

**MAPLE HEIGHTS TLCI (#19024)
COMMUNITY MEETING #3**

March 31, 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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Summary of Meeting

Wednesday, March 31st marked the third and final community meeting of the Maple Heights Southgate Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) planning study. This meeting provided the opportunity to both clarify any confusion that may have been caused by the previously attempted culminating community discussion, as well as deliver the final recommendations from the planning process.

Building Momentum

- This TLCI planning process not only builds off of the foundation that was set with the City's Master Plan, but also serves to capitalize off of the recent public and private investments made in the community.
- This collection of activity has resulted in an improved bond rating for the municipality, a clear indication of the progress the City, led by Mayor Blackwell, is continuing to make.

Identity, Movement & Arrival

- Final recommendations for the planning process were grouped into three categories, identity, movement and arrive. Each of the recommendations put forth sought to improve at least one of themes.
- These three terms were established through discourse with the City, local stakeholders and members of the community.
- Each of these terms directly ties to the transportation planning process and recommendations:
 - Identity – physical infrastructure gives the first impression for travelers to, through and within your community

- Movement – the experience moving within a community should be memorable, accommodating and extend beyond just moving through a space
- Arrival – brings all three terms together, where a space is created that makes people feel that they have ‘arrived’ somewhere special
- This final community discussion also ensured the community’s voice was heard and the following preferences, emotions and feelings about what this work should seek to achieve were expressed:
 - Clear signage and crossings
 - Pedestrian friendly experience needs improved in the commercial district
 - Bike lanes can serve to encourage recreation and an active lifestyle
 - When considering public art, must consider visibility, and not provide areas to hide behind
 - Important to incorporate high school into public art design process
 - A feeling of arrival is accompanied by anticipation, similar to going on vacation
 - Importance of safe and secure spaces
 - Mid-block crossings should be well lit, and provide visual cues to drivers to improve safety
- A question was raised about the road width of both Libby and Warrensville Center being able to accommodate medians at narrower locations, and the dimensions of the road will allow for medians to be accommodated in the majority of places identified.

Top Priorities

- The following items were identified as the City of Maple Heights’ top three priorities coming out of this planning process
 - Enhanced City of Maple Heights Welcome Signage
 - Vertical striped crosswalks for clear identification of pedestrian crossings
 - Align signage at park entrances at Maple Heights Blvd and Mayville Ave with City’s brand standards
- The community expressed excitement about these next action steps, with members of council communicating a desire to determine costs and begin raising funds for their completion

Next Steps

1. Submission of Final Report to NOACA for review and approval – April 7th

If any of the items herein are in conflict with your recollection of what was discussed or if any important elements have been omitted, it would be appreciated if you would contact us immediately. Otherwise we will assume the above items are correct.

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