

Virginia Street Bus RAPID Transit Extension Project

Community Working Group Meeting #3 Meeting Summary

April 21, 2017

UNR Innevation Center, 450 Sinclair Street, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions

RTC Executive Director Lee Gibson welcomed all attendees and gave a brief overview of project status.

2. Project Presentation

RTC Project Manager Doug Maloy and RTC Director of Planning Amy Cummings gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the meeting purpose, project history to-date, project schedule, and lighting, landscape, and hardscape alternatives for public input.

3. Project Exhibits

Several exhibit boards were posted around the room for public viewing and input:

- a. An architectural rendering of the proposed roundabout on North Virginia Street north of the 15th Street intersection
- b. An architectural rendering of Midtown Alternative 1 which included straight contemporary lighting, cobble tree wells, planter areas with seat walls, and varying width and color gray sidewalk panels
- c. An architectural rendering of Midtown Alternative 2 which included offset contemporary lighting, cobble tree wells with seat walls, no planter areas, and varying length and color gray sidewalk panels
- d. An architectural rendering of Midtown Alternative 3 which included cantilevered round lighting, cobble tree wells, no planter areas, and gray sidewalk with dark gray stripes adjacent to tree wells
- e. An architectural rendering of Midtown Alternative 4 which included curved pole lighting, decomposed granite tree wells, planter areas with seat walls, and gray sidewalk with rust colored stripes adjacent to tree wells
- f. Board for public input on which Midtown Alternative is preferred
- g. Board for public input on which Midtown lighting, landscape, and hardscape features are preferred

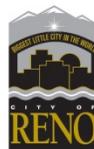
4. Public Input

Approximately 40 stakeholders attended the meeting. Attendees were asked to provide input by placing a sticker next to their preferred Midtown Alternative and placing stickers next to any and all Midtown lighting, landscape, and hardscape features they preferred. Attendees were also encouraged to provide comments on “flip charts” and comment cards.

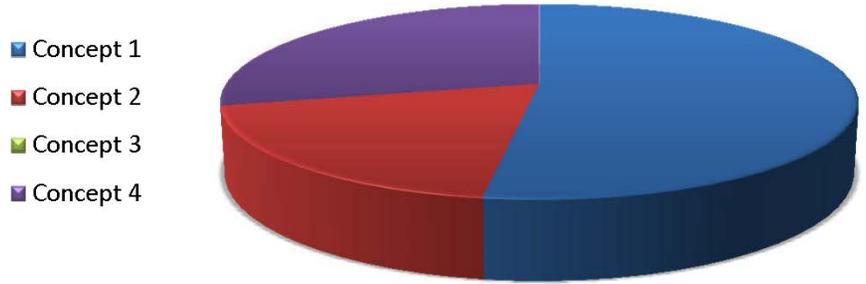
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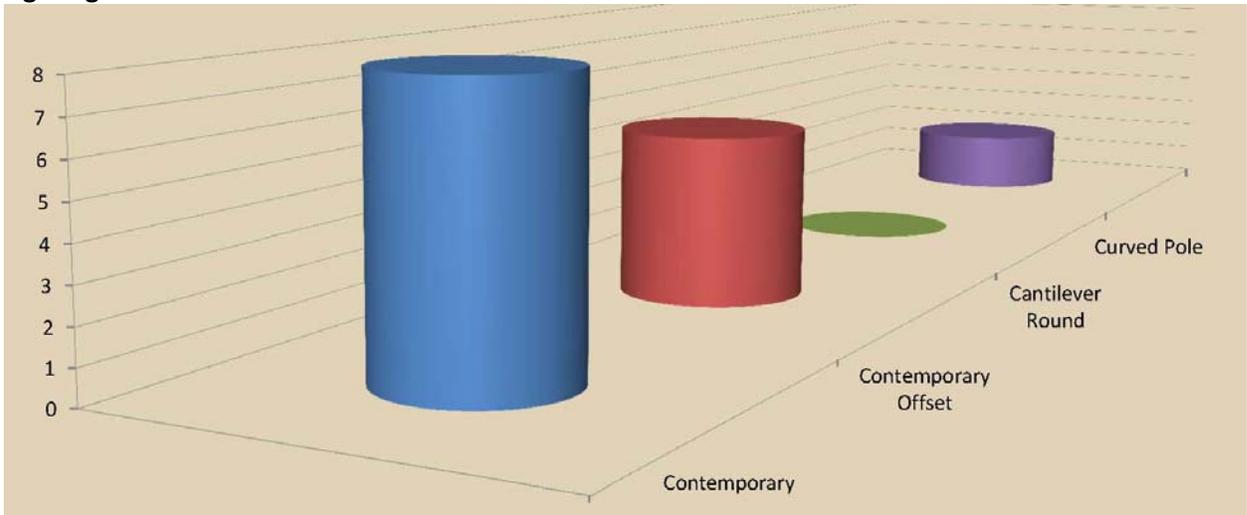


Midtown Alternatives Feedback



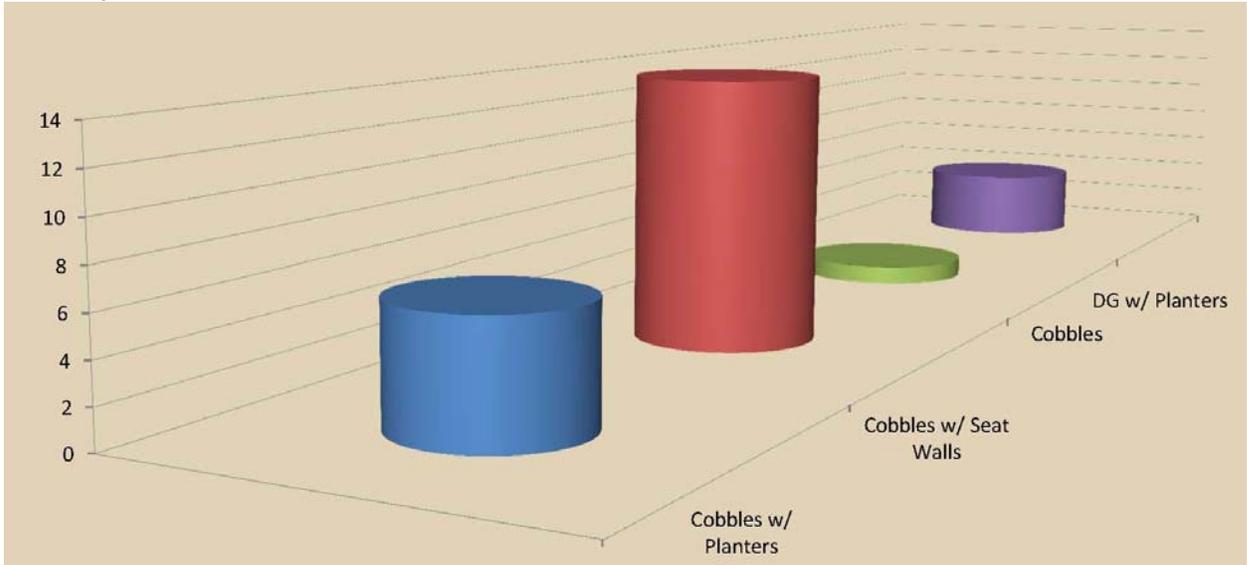
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Lighting Feedback



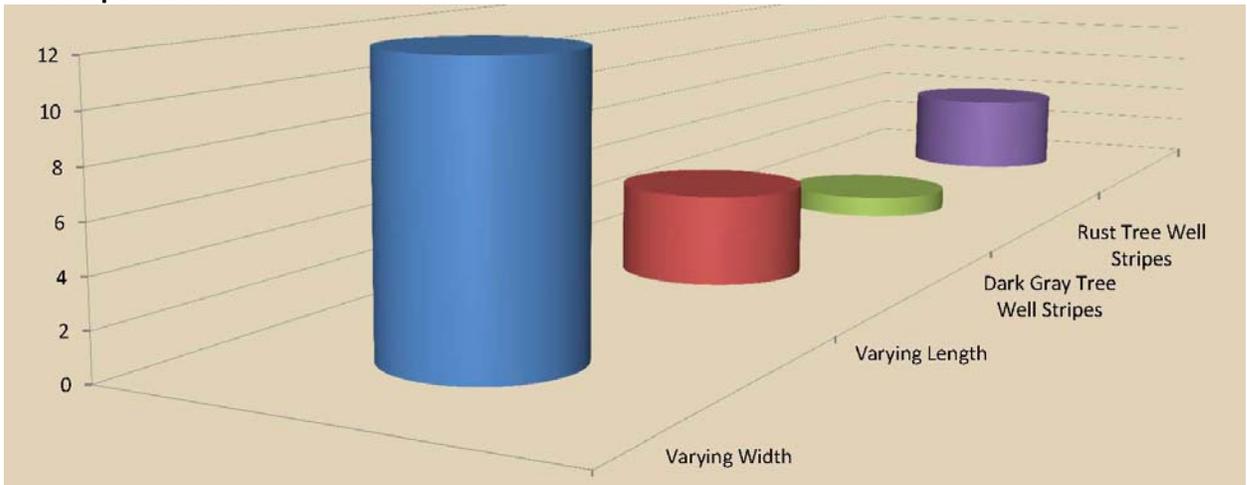
Lighting Comments: There were several requests for alternative light choices from those shown, i.e. “era appropriate” and “acorn” style. There were some suggestions for up-lighting the trees. Lighting should be brighter than Wells Avenue which is too dim, especially at crosswalks. Light poles should be equipped to hold banners, seasonal lighting, planters, etc. Solar powered street lights were also suggested.

Landscape Feedback



Landscape Comments: Several comments were received requesting many large trees and large planters/tree wells to help insure tree survival. There were also requests for barriers around the tree wells for ADA detection. Comments were roughly split between DG and Cobbles in the tree wells. Wood mulch was also suggested for the tree wells. DG tends to get spread around. Cobbles, if used, should be large to deter them from being thrown. Seat walls were generally liked, but there were some comments that the seating should accommodate individual persons (not side-by-side seating) and deter lying down.

Hardscape Feedback



Hardscape Comments: Very few comments were received regarding the hardscape. There was one suggestion of sidewalks capable of accommodating chalk art and one requesting pervious pavement for tree success.

Art Comments: There were several requests to incorporate or accommodate art in the project. Several suggested working with the Arts and Culture Commission to incorporate art into the seat walls or other seating elements. It was also suggested that more artistic and quirky elements be incorporated into the project. In contrast with that comment, it was recommended by others that the hardscape, landscape, and lighting should be muted to allow the “quirkiness” and character to be developed by the businesses and other stakeholders that make up Midtown.

Trash Can Comments: There were multiple requests for trash and recycling cans. It was recommended that these features be fixed to prevent knocking over or vandalism. It was also recommended that instead of trash cans, businesses should be required to clean trash and sweep daily to prevent trash accumulation.

Closing Comments: The RTC thanked the group for attending and participating and asked that additional input be provided at the displays. Comments received will be compiled and a summary will be prepared and distributed. Next steps include providing a presentation and recommendations to the City of Reno.

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