

Eisenhower East Small Area Plan 2019 Update
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Community Comments and Questions

Housing

- Need Condos to buy, fewer apartments to rent
- Require more affordable housing for developers to hit current/proposed height limits Wegmans can afford more than the 1% shown on the proposed board
- More affordable housing Condos
- With Amazon coming in, will housing rates grow
- Ownership housing that is properly priced for regular folks
- More Homes (affordable)
- More affordable housing
- Affordable condominiums

Land Use

- Make our neighborhood a Mini Manhattan! We love density
- Prices only go up if there is more demand than supply
- Build more high-quality density around the Metro
- I hope the human/community input won't be lost amidst the monetary focus of builders
- Need more stuff, development, density to be a livable (vs bedroom) neighborhood
- Design for families with kids Many live here Kids cross Eisenhower and need park spaces 3 bedrooms units needed
- Develop empty lots that are an eye-sore, add parks, retail, or restaurants - Too many office buildings
- More character in buildings (architecture) feels like an office lot
- Please keep height of buildings lower than 10 floors

Retail/Amenities

- Some kind of destination (Eisenhower is merely a corridor) - What is here in terms of commercial can be re-developed. The lots that are blank can be developed into commercial, cultural, retailer or mixed destination locations
- More Restaurants and Chains (Cava, Chipotle) – Food drawing
- More coffee shops open later – More outdoor areas to gather in
- At least 1 or 2 bars – nothing currently open after 10:00 pm
- I think that the strip mall by the gym is a waste of space - I think an Expo Center or office should go over there
- Sports bar, more local restaurants / bars like icing St (No Chains)
- Grocery store close by
- Heated Pool and Pool Access
- Public heated swimming pool for Off-Season

- Enhancements to current dog park or another nicer option for our furry friends
- No need for more 1st floor retail space
- Vacant retail fill with child play or activities for 8 – 10 years old
- Less Vacant retail space
- Have shops space on ground floors of residential buildings - Very successful in Portland, OR - It keeps community “alive”- not abandoned commercialized places after hours, due to residents
- More variety of stores
- More restaurants, plaza for Farmer’s market, picnics and other events
- Add voting locations to Eisenhower East

Open Space/Parks/Gathering Spaces

- Need places for kids to play
- More park and rec space needed
- More Plants and Seating
- I think that there should be more parks, because many kids live over here and this area isn’t exactly for children
- More green spaces Playgrounds, Picnic Areas
- Green corridors open space and Green/Urban forest - Ed Nature Trail
- Green spaces are great
- Density level * greater traffic congestion, leave space to “breathe” (open space)
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Utilize Carlyle Square for more outdoor events and concerts, or neighborhood gathering
- Keep doing events in Carlyle (but not fun runs, everything else)
- Vegetable Gardens
- Incorporate Biophilic Design
- I’d like to see more green areas, native trees, playgrounds
- More access to nature – community group to clean up garbage regularly – ban plastic bags in stores (pollute waterways) –
- Will you fix the dog park?

Mobility/Connectivity

- More Dash Bus stops
- Improve walkability and less traffic
- Build a real sidewalk and bike path on Mill Road by the movie theater
- Improve the sidewalk along Eisenhower especially near the strip mall and parking garage
- Want to emphasize bicycle infrastructure and better pedestrian access
- Love Metro – more walkable spaces
- Bike trail that connects to Mt Vernon trail – trail along the River – Look at Boulder, CO as example
- No Right Turn Keep Eisenhower Circle!! Do Not change to a T intersection!
- Keep Eisenhower Circle a Circle – No accidents – Very Graceful and lovely to see
- Expand Eisenhower Avenue lanes

- Traffic enforcement – step up Patrol presence (crosswalk violations, speeding, red light violations- Eisenhower & Mill are 25, but it is like walk cross at own risk 8 – 6
- Mill Road needs extra lanes – too much traffic to get on highway
- I feel it is getting more dangerous to walk along Eisenhower, especially at night
- Spend money on something other than the E Circle
- Eisenhower and Mill need traffic calming Lots of jaywalking – few crossings Mill highway entrance draws distracted drivers in highway mode
- on Red at Eisenhower and Mill heading to 495 Make it easier for walkers
- Evaluate “green” streets
- Connect trail from Lee Center to Eisenhower please
- Improve bike infrastructure
- Bike trails that connects to the one thru DCA
- Improve tunnel under railroad to Duke Street
- Real pedestrian – friendly pathways to Duke St It is so convoluted now, that often I’ll get in the car when I’d prefer to walk
- Improving cycling and walking are important Make the pedestrian underpass to king street metro open 24/7
- Repair roads and sidewalks

Process

- Excited about the transparency and opportunity for community engagement
- Having different reps available to answer questions within their realm worked well They seemed eager to help and hear what we had to say too
- I like the posters and being able to ask questions and post our ideas on sticky notes
- Very well staffed Good visuals Excellent time/location
- Individual attention from staff member was great
- There was a lot of knowledgeable city staff to answer questions Well done!