



## Community-Wide Meeting #3 MEETING SUMMARY

**Date:** October 4, 2017; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Ann Arbor City Hall (301 E. Huron Street), second floor Council Chambers

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**Attendees:** Public: 50 (see sign-in sheet, Appendix A)

Elected officials: Councilmember Eaton (Ward 4), Councilmember Frenzel (Ward 1),

City staff: Connie Pulcifer, JP Mansolf, Kayla Coleman

Consultants: Neal Billedeaux (SmithGroupJJR), Keenan Gibbons (SmithGroupJJR), Oliver Kiley (SmithGroupJJR)

**Meeting Purpose:** Presentation providing an overview of The Treeline Master Plan including preferred trail cross sections, conceptual renderings and implementation steps. In addition, the meeting provided open discussion time for questions and comments and an open house format to review materials on display boards. A [complete CTN video recording](#) of the meeting is available.

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### OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

The Project Management Team (PMT) covered the following information in the overview presentation:

- Project Overview
- The Treeline Framework
  - Preferred Cross-Sections
  - Key Terminology
  - Preferred route alignment
- Implementation Structure
  - Business Plan
  - Phasing Strategy
  - Cost Opinion
- Next Steps

### DISCUSSION

The following questions and comments were raised by meeting participants during the meeting discussion. This is not a direct transcription of the meeting discussion. This summary has been prepared from notes taken during the meeting. Where staff responses or clarification were provided, they are denoted in italics.

- Support for phasing to start at the northern section and move south
- Why does the crossing at Madison need an elevated crossing? An on-grade crossing may be more feasible and better suited to that intersection.
- The section of the trail along Hoover is the least desirable section of the trail
- I am concerned about people walking on the railroad tracks. As a part of this project, building a wall to close off access to the railroad should be considered.
- Good job on the trail from Dexter to Hudson Mills Metropark. Funding from the DNR for the Metropark project could be a useful example for The Treeline.
- Will the trail connect to the train station if the station moves from its current location on Depot St. to Fuller Rd.? *There is a Border-to-Border trail connection near the Fuller Rd. location which would tie into this trail.*



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- A property owner along the proposed trail route has not been contacted and would like to be included in the discussion. This property owner expressed concerns about impacts from the project.
- I am excited about the possibilities for unique experiences and landmarks that the trail could provide for the city.
- What is needed for fundraising? When does construction begin? *See additional information in the Business Plan and Phasing Strategy.*
- Where are you at in the process for the Allen Creek Berm Opening Project? What will be accomplished for the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B Trail) by that project? *The Allen Creek Berm Opening Project is continuing to move forward and will connect to the B2B Trail.*
- Support was expressed for the proposed alignment across N. Main.
- Disappointed in the alignment at the south side of the trail through U-M property, especially in reference to providing a path on game day. Also dissatisfied with the university response, with their resources (engineering and architecture schools) they should be able to solve the problem of how to make the trail fit and accommodate their other needs.
- Some bridges in the plan make sense. But I want to express caution regarding the Madison bridge and South Main gateway. The proposed on-street improvements for this area, such as improved crossings, could provide real benefits.
- I am interested in more information about city-owned properties. Is that being studied separate from this project? *Regarding 721 N. Main, 415 W. Washington and First and William Street lot, we don't have additional information to share as part of this project.*
- Are you working with programs like the crosswalk design, sidewalk gaps, and ramp replacement programs or the pedestrian walkways improvement program? Would they be involved in improvements at the Madison Street crossing? *Staff will be coordinating projects.*
- Be cautious that you aren't putting in things now that would be torn down later. Ensure coordination with ramp replacement program.
- I am thrilled about this project and the opportunity to bring people into downtown. People often express concern about safety of riding bike to get into downtown, the Treeline would provide a safer alternative with those who aren't comfortable riding on-street.
- Be sure to coordinate with the rowing club when you work on the spiral bridge at the north end of the corridor. The rowing boats need space to turn around, and if bridge structures extend into the water that could create problems.
- Will the bridge extend into the water? *Those details would need to be determined during project design.*
- A walkable, bikable community is highly desired and would provide tremendous quality of life improvements. Sidewalks, bike lanes, bike routes are wanted. Properties along the route will see significant increase in property value. People walking/biking will spend money downtown which is an economic benefit to the community. The stormwater benefits to properties in the floodplain and floodway also need to be considered. We need to think about the benefit the trail could provide to the properties when it comes to stormwater and flood management. Make efforts to reduce flood hazards in conjunction with trails.
- If you're not at the bridge further north along the corridor but still want to get across (e.g. to the rail berm) a safe crossing option is needed. Safe street crossings are needed at Summit, Main and Depot.
- The trail cross section identifies 20-30 foot width preference, but a 10 foot width could still provide a lot of benefit and move a lot of people. The project team should explore other options where you may not have space for full width, but could still provide benefit.
- We need to jump on near term opportunities. Once there is something visible that will help the whole project. On-street routes should come first. Coordinate with the pedestrian safety program. We need something tangible to get the project going.
- Snow removal might be an issue and should be taken into consideration. How heavy can the equipment used be? Or would smaller equipment make several passes?



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Appendix A: Sign-in Sheet

SIGN-IN SHEET

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Name (Please Print)	Representative of/ Affiliation:
1. LEW KIPPER	Border to Border
2. JASON FRENZEL	City of Ann Arbor
3. MONIQUE BARRY	SMITHGROUPJR

10. David Welsh	—
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1. JACK WALLACE	Resident
2. Mike Mitchem	Sunset Rd Resident
3. Jack Eaton	
4. Kim Easter	resident
5. THEODORE KENNEDY	resident

Andrea Sankar	asankar@wayne.edu
10. Rita Mitchell	Sierra Club H/K
11. Robert Klingler	
12. Margaret Wong	margaretlwong@earthlink.net



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Name (Please Print)	Representative of/ Affiliation:
CAROLYN WALLAGE	Resident.
1. Chris Wolfe	Resident
2. SETH PETERSON	RESIDENT
3. Anne Barnister	Resident
4. Roy Muir	Treeline Conservancy
5. Tim Ellis	Michelle Deatricks
6. Jon Hoffman	Resident
7. DUSTIN WHITNEY	RESIDENT
8. JESSICA LETAW	RESIDENT
9. Cymr Neheedy	Resident + Transportation Commissioner





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Name (Please Print)	Representative of/ Affiliation:
1. Peter Honeyman	self
2. Janine Easter	Treeline Conservancy
3. David Kennedy	self
4. Christine Crockett	Old Fourth Ward
5. ANN LANFORD	self
6. Kelly SCHWARTZ	get Downtown
7. RICHARD NORTON	self
8. SALLY HART PETERSEN	EXECUTIVE POLICY ADVISOR FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR
9. Robin Grosshueser	





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Name (Please Print)	Representative of/ Affiliation:
1. ALICE J. RALPH	CAC
2. ROBERT HELBER	310 W. ANN 315 W HURON
3. Melicia Van Jossen	416 W. Huron
4. Francesca Cassara	Treeline Cons.
5. Stephen C Brown	1507 Shadford Rd.
6. RICK LANGFORD	111 N. ASHLEY
7. MARY MCGEACHY	1280 Astor #1514
8. JOE O'NEAL	1920 SCOTTWOOD
9. W.A.P. JOHN	<del>1200</del> 1200 NORTH MAIN





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Name (Please Print)	Representative of/ Affiliation:
1. Alan McCannor	ICDJ and N.W.A.A Neighborhood
2. RAY DETTER	DOWNTOWN AREA CAC
3. Cathy Kimmell	West Huron Properties
4. PETER HOVK	WBWC
5. Donna Estabrook	citizen
6. Vince Caruso	ALLEN, ORIG
7. JAY BIBBY	HCMA
8. Ryan Stagner	AZ News
9. BRUCE GEFEN	POTOMBA, SAFE ROUTES 2 SCHOOL, P CITIZEN, AZ TRAIL CLUB

