

**4th Street and Montano Area Improvements
Corridor Master Plan
Stakeholder Workshop Summary August 12-13, 2008**

The values and issues identified by the public and the information derived from focus group and individual stakeholder meetings and interviews will help to guide the process for the 4th Street Corridor Master Plan. Although the issues presented below will not be the only areas explored in the Plan process, they represent some of the critical points made throughout the course of the interviews and discussions held in August.

**Values/Issues Exercise
August 13th, 2008; 6:30 PM**

Aerial maps of the study area were provided at each table, and three post-it notes were given to each participant to list the top three elements they value most or consider an issue regarding 4th Street. Each person then posted their values/issues on the wall. The project team identified common themes or categories and organized the values and/or issues under each, where appropriate.



The categories were identified and also the number of post-it notes under each category is as follows in order of magnitude:

- **Ditches, Laterals, Acequias: 12**
- **Shopping, Commercial Character: 11**
- **Restaurants: 9**
- **Sense of Place (Community, Neighborhood Identity, Valley Identity): 8**
- **Open Space: 8**
- **Rural Atmosphere: 8**
- **Trees, Landscape: 8**
- **Street Lanes, Traffic Signals, Traffic: 7**
- **Architecture: 7**
- **Character, Diversity: 7**
- **Walkability: 5**
- **History: 3**
- **Transit: 2**
- **Police Station: 1**
- **Environment (Noise, Pollution, Light): 1**



Best of/Worst of 4th Street Corridor Exercise
August 13th, 2008; 6:30 PM

Using the aerial maps from the previous exercise, the participants were each given three red and three green sticky dots to identify their individual opinions of the best and worst elements of 4th Street on the map. Each table designated a team spokesperson who subsequently reported back to the general group the results from their respective tables. Participants were able to write on the maps to qualify or characterize a particular issue if desired.

The project team noted general positive and negative elements from the table reports as follows in no particular order or rank:

Positive

- Los Alamos Neighborhood
- Lee Acres Neighborhood
- Gavilan Neighborhood
- Anderson Fields
- Shopping
- Rail Runner Station coming soon
- La Plata Road
- Smith's Shopping Area
- Ditches, Acequias, Laterals
- Grecian Park
- Access to Paths
- Los Poblanos Trail
- Pedestrian Crossing at Guadalupe
- Bus Stop Proximity
- Powdrell's
- Open Spaces
- Churches
- Schools
- Diversity of Businesses
- Bike Trails Off Montano
- 2nd Street Redesign

Negative

- Grecian and Gene at Rush Hour
- Area by Ditch
- Fast Food Row
- Congestion
- Traffic
- Road Design

- Sidewalk Conditions or Lack of Sidewalks
- Rush Hour
- Detention Pond by Smith's Shopping Center
- Poor Pedestrian Access at 4th and Montano
- Run Down Area by Long John Silvers
- Bar and Liquor Store by Smith's Shopping Center
- Asphalt Jungle in Smith's Parking Lot
- Retail is "confused"
- Widening of Guadalupe Trail Road
- Maintenance and Management of Smith's Shopping Center
- Playground Equipment at the Park
- Dirty Streets
- No Shade, Benches, or Bus Stop Shelters on the Street
- Transient Population by the Laterals or on the Streets
- Labor Ready Office
- Traffic Control
- Abandoned Businesses and Gas Station
- Power Lines
- Trash Cans and Recycling Bins on the Street
- Buildings South of Dion's
- Landscaping at McDonald's

The feedback and input from the aerial maps and the public workshop will be utilized during the charrette process at the end of September, and will be analyzed in the final report being presented to the City of Albuquerque later this year by the project team.