

10/5/10 West Route 66 Sector Development Plan Listening Meeting Summary

-Introduction of Listening Meeting and explanation of activities by Strata Design.

-Activities:

Facilitated discussion on topics related to the Sector Plan:

Discussion words

Zoning/Land Use: commercial zoning, residential zoning, mixed use zoning, light industry zoning (IP) heights, setbacks, design guidelines, parking, landscaping, housing types, development incentives, desirable and undesirable land uses, employment uses, micro business opportunities, mobile vendors, signage.

Transportation: trails, crosswalks, sidewalks, transit, bike paths, stop signs, intersections, traffic signal, traffic (car and truck), speed limits, speed bumps, modern traffic circles, street lights, bus shelters, street paving, street trees, safe routes to schools

Other Public Infrastructure and Services: parks, plazas, skate parks, pools, community centers, libraries, fire station, police station, infrastructure; arroyos and drainage; ditches and drains, public art, street furniture, wayfinding

General: Historic Route 66, Gateway to Albuquerque, Rio Grande, Mainstreet, Walkability

Mapping Exercises

1. What do you like/dislike about the corridor?
2. How do you get to the corridor? (Walk, ride a bus, drive)/What places do you visit in the corridor? (Shopping, work, services, exercise, entertainment)

- Summary of Facilitated Discussion:

- Don't like mobile signage (signage that is moved periodically to different locations-on vacant lots?)
- Property owner at 98th & Central-has been cited for using sign banners. Wants ability to use banners for advertising.
- Issues with signage-some businesses are spray painting their advertising on the sides of their buildings.
- There are too many tire shops on Central and some double/triple as other businesses. Ex: tire shop/lingerie shop/taco stand.

- There are too many tattoo parlors on Central.
- No more liquor establishments-package liquor sales, and limit alcohol advertising.
- There are many signs on Central for businesses that have either been torn down or are vacant.
- Vacant buildings that are boarded up and not being maintained. Ex: 47th & Central.
- Don't want any more affordable housing.
- There is plenty of market rate housing in the area that is vacant, would like to see a program that helps public service workers ex: police, teachers etc. buy homes.
- There is a need for diversity of housing, townhouses, condos etc. something other than single-family.
- There is a need for senior housing.
- Mike Stewart -owns Mike's car wash at the Metropolitan Redevelopment Site (NW corner of Central & Unser). He is interested in developing Senior Housing on part of his property . There are issues with the frontage road between Unser & 98th St. There doesn't seem to be a plan for it. It could be used for ingress/egress, bike and pedestrian lanes instead of blocking it off. There are also drainage problems on the frontage road.
- The plan area contains different areas-segments. Area around the river could be more walkable development, but from 98th St. west it is more auto-oriented. This could be enhanced by drawing on the history of Route 66, cruising etc. and incorporate the racetrack. The businesses on Central are mismatched for the areas where they are located. Response by Strata: this is something the Sector Plan can address. The community should think about what kinds of businesses they would like where and the conditions those kinds of businesses find attractive.
- A lot of work has been done around 40th St. the trash has been removed; there are nice walking paths and bike trails.
- Acequias are an important element in the community. They should be preserved and tie them into schools-community working on Walking School Bus project-encourage kids to walk to school, but get them off the streets.
- The current Sector Plan envisioned Central as a 6 lane road. This is the wrong thing to do. The idea of a frontage road is good. Central's purpose should not be to move traffic through, but to encourage people to slow down and stop in the area. There really needs to

be a safe pedestrian crossing at Central & Unser with the planned Unser crossing on one side of street, and transit station, etc on the other.

- Traffic speeds on Central are high-50mph from Unser west. Should consider reducing them.
- Question: Will the Sector Development Plan change zoning of land in the County?
Response: This Sector Development Plan cannot change zoning on County land. The plan will make recommendations for the County portion of the plan, and the Planning Team is coordinating with the County.
- There is a need for more bus shelters on Central.
- The Route 66 arches/gateways are nice. This kind of thing should be expanded and build on the Route 66 theme.
- Would like to see renderings of a vision of what Route 66 could look like.
Develop/encourage a Route 66 character.