Residents See a Bright Future with Improvements from the Southeast Houston Mobility Plan

The Houston Planning and Development Department welcomed over 100 residents from South Park, the Greater Hobby Area, Brunswick Meadows, Sunnyside, Golfcrest and several neighborhoods in the study area to its second round of Southeast Houston Mobility Plan public meetings. The meetings were held in District D on Wednesday, February 6 at the Sunnyside Multi-Service Center and Saturday, February 9 at the Charlton Community Center.

The meeting began with Kurt Schulte from Walter P. Moore detailing the project boundaries, existing conditions summary and project objectives. After revealing the draft recommendations, attendees were able to give their feedback at interactive transportation workstations.

“I think the meeting was very informative and much needed for the community,” said Mary Roberts, President of Civic Club 237. “I saw excitement and anticipation of the improvement of our neighborhoods. I think the plan was well thought out and it will improve the quality of lives.”

Residents from Sunnyside to the SouthBelt and everywhere in between were eager to leave detailed comments at the interactive workstations. They were able to review transit, roadway, intersections and bikeway and pedestrian maps. The residents were able to make recommendations for the study area and ask questions to members of the project team. Members of the community also shared recommendations for transit, bikeway and pedestrian improvements in their specific neighborhoods.

An area that received a considerable amount of feedback was Neighborhood Connections. Individuals voted on their preferred mobility choices. Attendees ranked mobility solutions such as street connectivity, docked bikeshares, dockless scooters, microtransit, closer destinations to mixed-use facilities, and high-quality sidewalks, crosswalks and bikeways, as low, mid or high priorities.

“I think this is wonderful that you’re having these meetings. This is important,” said
Nelda Cervantes, member of Park Place Civic Club. “This is my neighborhood. I want it to be better in every facet; transportation, health, better living conditions and mobility.”

With the recommendations given during the public meetings, the committee can prioritize goals and make adjustments before presenting a final draft of the plan to the Houston City Council for approval.

“The study was a first step in taking a hard look at the area and taking a proactive approach to serving the needs of the residents of Houston’s South/Southeast corridor,” said Sonny Garza, Board Chair of Tax Increment Reduction Zone (TIRZ) 8. “We look forward to learning the results and integrating the study’s findings into future infrastructure projects within TIRZ 8.”

If you weren’t able to attend, visit the Southeast Houston Mobility Interactive GIS Map and leave your specific comments and concerns by February 22.