

Military Parkway Corridor Study – September 3, 2024 Special Meeting/ Spanish Speaking @ Las Huastecas

Summary of New Community Input Received

Overview

A group of about 15 neighbors and business owners attended, with the following comments.

Notable

- Attendees want to hear from city what is possible vs not possible., want to see options.
- Traffic calming with bike lanes, green space and roundabouts is desired.
- Sidewalks and parking for businesses are critical needs.
- Street lighting was mentioned often.

Notes from the Discussion & Comment Cards

- Urban Ave has a lot of accidents.
- Safety is an issue when walking and driving.
- Traffic is due to commuters from Mesquite coming to and from work.
- Street lighting is an issue, need more frequent and working lights.
- Need more/safer ways for pedestrians to cross the street like bridges and walkways.
- Need parking, suggested using the streets running parallel to Military Parkway to add more parking NOT medians (like Snyder Plaza).
- Consider a roundabout at Urban Ave. and Military Parkway.
- Need to address flooding and drainage on side streets. Small businesses are impacted when it floods, they can't open and have a difficult time getting insurance coverage and getting insurance to pay for damages.
- Add trees and sidewalks to side streets



Councilman Jaime Resendez introduces the meeting.

- It would be ok to make side streets one way to increase parking for businesses
- Transitions from neighborhoods should be seamless between Parkdale, Urbandale and Lawnview, create more connected neighborhoods through a cohesive visual aesthetic
- Need dedicated painted turn lanes (right and left) to keep traffic moving.
- Concerns about ways to mitigate homeless issue (Family Dollar area), lights are dim after Lawnview.
- Military around Dolphin Rd is dangerous with accidents.
- Need more stop lights to slow traffic and facilitate cars crossing Military.
- Include bike lanes to calm traffic.
- Is a roundabout near a railroad allowable?
- Want ways to use the side streets for parking (make one-way frontage roads if necessary)
- Find a place to incorporate more green space: community garden (people steal trees); use medians for green space.
- Increase height of median curbs to help keep traffic from crossing on/at median.
- Use the road design to facilitate establishment of Urbandale as a historic district.
- Want corridor-long uniformity of Urbandale and Parkdale.
- Mentioned again: Miller Rd in Rowlett, from Chiesa Rd to Dalrock, is undergoing construction to become what Military Parkway could be: sidewalks and turn lanes on both directions and intersecting streets, even 12" curves that jut out just before turn lanes as traffic calming. It's a 40mph road that feels more residential than a highway.
- Would like to see and experience real-life examples of what it could look like.