

## **Open House #2 Summary**

*Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

*Two Rivers High School*

Attendance: Over 68 attendees. Some attendees chose not to sign in.

Format: Open-house discussion with informational boards and project layouts

### **Open house comments were collected through multiple different methods:**

- Notes from project staff who attended the open house
- Survey responses, both paper and online
- Post-it notes on the layout document
- Comment cards

### **Comment Summary:**

#### **Trail/Sidewalk**

- Strong support for a trail on at least one side of Delaware Ave. Mixed opinions on a trail/sidewalk on both sides, with support from residents in the surrounding neighborhoods but unanimous opposition from residents living directly on Delaware Ave. Residents living directly on Delaware Avenue do not feel a sidewalk is constructible on the east side of the roadway.
- Self-described “serious cyclists” support the trail for walkers and casual bikers but would prefer an additional bike lane for road bikers due to concerns about conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians.
- Reducing impacts to adjacent property owners, regardless of where the trail/sidewalk is constructed should be the number one priority of the project.
- If trail is only on one side, design team should further consider enhanced crossing at Emerson Avenue or Butler Avenue.
- Bumpouts at crossings would be beneficial if trail only on one side.



*Attendees talking with project staff at  
Open House #2*

#### **Property Impacts**

- Residents along the corridor are concerned for the project’s impact on their yard features such as fences, driveways, and landscaping and want to minimize impacts.
- Residents along the corridor are concerned over future snow removal needs along future trails and sidewalks.
- Impacted residents did ask if retaining walls were an option to further reduce impacts.

#### Other Comments

- Residents were interested in if assessments to private property owners would be included.
- Residents had many questions regarding construction, details on detours, property access, etc. that will be addressed in future open house meetings when the project progresses.
- Residents had comments on the change from a rural section to curb and gutter through portions of the project area and asked about regrading existing ditches.
- Many comments received related to lowering the speed of motorists along the Delaware corridor.
- Some comments received that if a trail is only being built on one side of Delaware Avenue, a sidewalk and trail are not needed on both sides of Butler Avenue.