

Summary of Responses from the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Project Community Open House

A community open house was held on June 5, 2018 to provide a progress update on the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement Plan created in partnership by the City of Colorado Springs and community residents in 2013-2014. Proposed refinements to the Plan were also presented and open house participants were asked to provide written comments. Seventy-four people signed in at the open house and 43 comment forms were submitted. The responses received and the next steps forward are summarized in this newsletter.

For the refinement which removes the Water Street bridge and replaces it with two offset bridges, which Alternative do you prefer?

Alternative 1: Southern replacement bridge at Pike Drive: 32% prefer

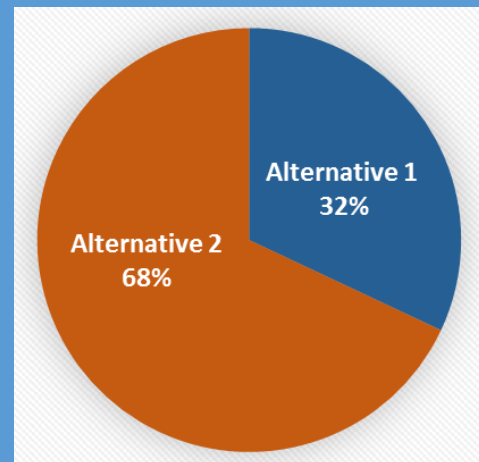
Summary of reasons:

- Better traffic flow for Howbert Elementary School.
- Fewer residences impacted by increased traffic flow.
- Better for traffic in/out of neighborhood.

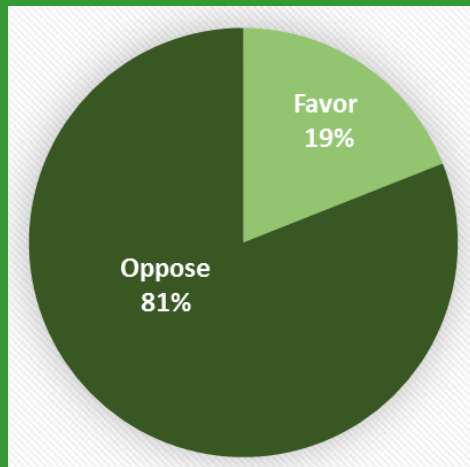
Alternative 2: Southern replacement bridge at Adams Drive and a pedestrian bridge at Pike Drive: 68% prefer

Summary of reasons:

- Safer for school children and parents.
- Maintains pedestrian bridge at school.
- Better access for school and neighborhood.



The City may consider elimination of the Westmoor Drive channel crossing in the future and would appreciate your initial thoughts on that. Do you think that this should be considered?



Elimination of channel crossing: 19% favor

Summary of reasons:

- It is safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Reduces traffic for Howbert Elementary School crossing.
- Improves bike trail connectivity.

Elimination of channel crossing: 81% oppose

Summary of reasons:

- Reduces emergency vehicle and neighborhood resident access.
- Reduces escape routes from neighborhood.
- Increases the use of less safe Water Street intersection.

The open house exhibits, presentation, and all verbatim comments received can be found on the Camp Creek Project web site at ColoradoSprings.gov/CampCreek.

Do you have any other comments about the information you received at tonight's Open House?

Summary of Comments by Category

Traffic management ideas (26% of comments)

- * Could you put a roundabout at 31st Street and Water Street?
- * Reduce speeds on 31st Street by lowering speed limits or installing speed bumps
- * Consider two lanes from Fontmore Street to Colorado Avenue.

Roundabout (25% of comments)

- * Because of the traffic volume and directional movement in the roundabout, it would be difficult for Pleasant Valley residents to get out of their neighborhood.
- * Make the roundabout two lanes to handle the traffic volume.
- * Consider non-motorized users' safety; put in grade-separated crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Water Street bridge (21% of comments)

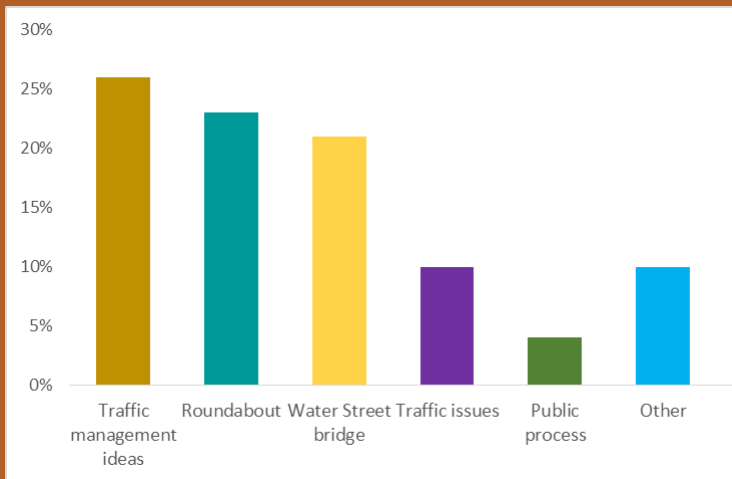
- * If closed, more traffic from the north would have to use the proposed roundabout.
- * Closure would reduce emergency access and resident access and convenience in north Pleasant Valley.

Traffic issues (10% of comments)

- * Neighborhood and emergency access in and out of Pleasant Valley is important.
- * Traffic in the neighborhood has increased significantly in the past few years.
- * Fix the problems with Highway 24 and Colorado Avenue intersections to alleviate traffic problems in Pleasant Valley.

Public process (4% of comments)

- * Seems like the City has already decided what it's going to do.
- * Good meeting — thank you.



Technical Analysis, Community Responses Drive Designs

Based on initial engineering analysis and community responses received at the June 5 open house, the City will include the following in the pre-final design plans that are being prepared for 31st Street.

- * The Fontanero and 31st Streets intersection will be designed as a roundabout that will accommodate vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.
- * The City will study 31st Street between Fontanero Street and Highway 24 to identify potential ways to improve traffic operations.
- * The Westmoor Drive channel crossing will remain; a new bridge will be designed to replace the existing Westmoor Drive and 31st Street bridge.
- * The Water and 31st Streets intersection will be designed to remove the existing Water Street bridge and replace it with two one-way bridges nearby. A new bridge north of Water Street will carry westbound traffic and a new bridge south of Water Street will carry eastbound traffic. A new pedestrian bridge will be designed to cross Camp Creek near Pike Drive.

What Will Happen Next?

- ◆ Complete pre-final design for 31st Street between Bijou Street and Chambers Way in 2018.
- ◆ Construct Rock Ledge Ranch creek stabilization in 2019.
- ◆ Construct Garden of the Gods flood mitigation facility in 2019.
- ◆ Pursue funding sources for construction of 31st Street corridor improvements.