Orange Line Transit Neighborhood Planning Effort
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH SUMMARY

Previous Public Engagement

BY THE NUMBERS:

16,000+
flyers distributed

250+
meeting attendees

650+
stakeholders receiving regular updates

OUTREACH TIMELINE:

2016
Council Office Briefings

2016
Neighborhood Council Meetings

2016
Community Workshops: Open House Style

2017
Community Workshops: Initial Concepts

2016-2018
Focus Groups

2018
Neighborhood Council Meetings

WHAT WE’VE TALKED TO:

Neighborhood Councils, Council Districts, Business Improvement Districts, Transit Advocates, Bike Advocates, Business Community Advocates, Nonprofit Organizations, Local Residents, Local Business Owners, Metro and Members of the Media.

What We’ve Heard

KEY THEMES:

Housing
– Desire for additional housing and a greater variety of housing options.
– Need for affordable housing and senior housing.
– Want more opportunities for smaller and more affordable for-sale homes for first-time homebuyers.

Land Use
– People prioritized developing commercial space, community space, and educational space around the stations.

Urban Design
– Support the idea of design regulations that would make new development more pedestrian-friendly and walkable; regulations should not be overly rigid, and should allow for a variety of architectural styles and building types.
– There should be development incentives for smaller parcels to encourage “fine grained urbanism,” as opposed to large-scale developments that assemble multiple parcels.

Open Space
– Desire for more open space throughout the station areas for recreation
– Want to see shade trees and outdoor seating. Need better tree species (roots, shade, droppings) that provide a good canopy.

Mobility
– Desire for improved pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connectivity and safety throughout the community, including bike lanes, pedestrian scramble crosswalks, wider sidewalks, and active alleys.
– It should be easier and more pleasant to walk to destinations. Some neighborhoods lack sidewalks, which should be improved.