



## Design Workshop Summary

On October 5-8, the project team led a virtual design workshop to engage further with community members and refine the “starter ideas” created during the Discovery Workshop (August 3-6). Streetscape and redevelopment ideas were further refined during this time. The project team hosted two public sessions as well as a Community Advisory Committee meeting to refine recommendations based on public input. Roughly, 20 community members and community organization representatives participated in the workshops and shared their feedback on street cross-sections, redevelopment concepts, and proposed spot treatments.

Flyers were made available for this event in [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#) (Persian), [Pashto](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#).

### What we heard:

- West Arden Arcade is diverse, family-friendly community and those values should be clear in streetscape and development improvements;
- Greenery, landscaping and comfortable street furniture are critical for a vibrant and inviting walking and biking environment;
- Community space with opportunities for youth and families to gather and recreate are needed;
- Mixed-use development could provide much-needed housing as well as opportunities for local businesses;
- Street improvements throughout the project area must make it safe and easy to travel within and through West Arden Arcade, no matter what mode you choose; and
- Neighborhood streets need crossing improvements, traffic calming, and safe connections to busier arterials and important destinations.

During the design workshop, the design team developed the following materials, which are available in the [October 8th Closing Presentation](#).

- Refinements to a starter idea for Alta Arden Expressway to better accommodate people with vision disabilities;

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- A suite of spot treatments for neighborhood streets that include high-visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands, traffic circles and more; and
- Redevelopment ideas for a Town Center node at Arden Way (between Morse Avenue and Watt Avenue) and a Neighborhood Node at Fulton Avenue and Hurley Street.

## Recordings from the public meetings:

- **Opening Presentation and Discussion // October 5th 5:00-7:00 PM**

On Monday (October 5, 2020), the project team kicked off the first night presentation of Design Week with a presentation of what we have heard from the community with the previous outreach efforts and small group activity. It was a great start to the week with familiar and new attendees. As part of the meeting, participants engaged in two virtual small group activities. The first activity was transportation focused and looked for feedback on how to make the community safer and more inviting to walk. The second activity was based on the built environment that discussed the ideas of vacant buildings and uses of open parking lots.

[Click to watch](#) the presentation and hear the items discussed.

- **Closing Presentation and Discussion // October 7th 5:00-6:30 PM**

On Thursday (October 7, 2020), the project team closed Design Week with a summary of all the discussions we have heard so far from community feedback, the next steps in this project and an in-depth question and answer session with community organization representatives.

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