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1 Downtown Corridors Workshop Summary

On November 2, 2015, the City of Concord and Arup held the first Downtown Corridors Community Workshop at Salvio Pacheco Square. The purpose of the meeting was to gain input into the opportunities and constraints in designing the public right-of-way along Salvio Street, Grant Street, and Oak Street in the downtown area. Eleven community members attended the meeting.



The meeting kicked-off with a welcome from Project Manager Joan Ryan. Following the welcome, Dahlia Chazan with Arup gave an overview of the Downtown Corridors Plan study area and goals. After the opening remarks, attendees asked questions and provided comments at the following stations:

1. Downtown Specific Plan: Experiencing the New Downtown
2. Ongoing Projects in Downtown Concord
3. Existing Conditions: Pedestrians
4. Existing Conditions: Bicycles
5. Existing Conditions: Autos & Transit
6. Street Furniture and Design Inspiration



2 What We Learned

1. Improving bicycle facilities is a priority. Preferences include:
 - a. Bike lanes protected from vehicle traffic by a parking lane or planter boxes
 - b. Bike lanes or “super sharrows” on the streets bordering Todos Santos Plaza

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- c. Bicycle detection at corridor intersections
- d. Unique, artistic bike racks in highly visible locations
- e. Priority to bicyclists and pedestrians on Grant Street
2. Designing for greater safety is important, with priorities such as:
 - a. Safe passage surrounding BART parking lots
 - b. Angled parking on Salvio and Broadway Streets to slow traffic
 - c. Street furniture and landscaping planters with rounded edges
 - d. Better, brighter lighting that is closer to the sidewalk
 - e. Holistically improving safety for Todos Santos Plaza workers and visitors
3. Street furniture should be unique and consistent. Examples include:
 - a. Ornate lighting fixtures
 - b. Trash cans that accommodate recycling
 - c. Parklets and other active, temporary uses
 - d. Chess, checker boards, and other integrated board games
 - e. Public restrooms at Todos Santos Plaza
 - f. Transformation of the decomposed granite on Grant Street into a designed space
 - g. Clearer wayfinding signs and fixtures
4. Community members support narrowing Grant Street.
5. Greater connectivity between Todos Santos Plaza and nearby destinations could help activate the downtown.

