



**Public Meeting #2  
October 1, 2008  
Meeting Notes**

The second public workshop for the Evanston Multi-Modal Transportation Plan was held on October 1, 2008 in the Parasol Room of the Evanston Civic Center.

The meeting was intended to provide a status update of the plan and gain further clarification of transportation improvements priorities. A community polling session was used to question the attendees on issues addressed in the plan. A community survey had been available to the public for a month prior and provided the background for the questions posed at the meeting. The questions and results from the polling session are attached.

The format of the meeting allowed for discussion of each question during the polling session. In addition, the polling questions provided a forum for discussion of each topic in general. The discussion was not limited to the issues raised by each question. The following notes summarize comments from the public, organized by topic.

**Sidewalk maintenance:**

- If enforcement is lax, higher fines are useless
- One of the biggest problems regarding snow removal is where snow plows create piles at the edge of the road, which are difficult to get over. This seems to fall in between the responsibilities of the property owner and of the City.

**Sidewalk repair:**

- The City itself should bear the responsibility of maintenance since they take on the liability and since the sidewalks benefit the entire community.

**Bicycle:**

- Bicyclists need to be educated about safe cycling skills, including using lights.

**Transit:**

- Can there be a hybrid system between flag stops and pre-determined stops?
- Residents are confused about where routes and stops are.
- Flag stops benefit senior citizens; there is concern over how close the stops would be if pre-determined stops are used.
- Education and reliability of service are necessary to increase ridership.
- There is a divide between the agencies and riders in terms of advertising service (residents need to be better educated about routes, stops, and schedules).

**Subsidized Taxi:**

- Service should be expanded for the disabled community.
- Low income residents would be better served by improving public transportation.



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- Subsidized taxi may benefit low-income residents for select trips, i.e. grocery store trips, particularly where transit service is poor.

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**Results by Question**

**Session Name: Current Session  
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**1.) Which is your favorite team?**

Cubs  
Sox  
None of the above

<b>Responses</b>		
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
	22.73%	5
	27.27%	6
	50%	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

**2.) Which of these cities do you think has the strongest claim to the invention of the ice cream sundae?**

Ithaca, New York  
Two Rivers, Wisconsin  
Evanston, Illinois

<b>Responses</b>		
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
	22.73%	5
	27.27%	6
	50%	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

**3.) What is your primary role in the Evanston community?**

Resident  
Business Owner  
Student  
Elected Official  
Employee  
Other

<b>Responses</b>		
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
	68.18%	15
	0%	0
	4.55%	1
	0%	0
	18.18%	4
	9.09%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

**4.) How long have you lived in Evanston?**

0-4 years  
5-9 years  
10-19 years  
20+ years  
I do not live in Evanston

<b>Responses</b>		
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
	4.55%	1
	9.09%	2
	13.64%	3
	40.91%	9
	31.82%	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

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**5.) Where in Evanston do you live?**

North of Davis, West of Ridge  
 North of Davis, East of Ridge  
 South of Davis, West of Ridge  
 South of Davis, East of Ridge  
 I do not live in Evanston

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
North of Davis, West of Ridge	13.64%	3
North of Davis, East of Ridge	4.55%	1
South of Davis, West of Ridge	22.73%	5
South of Davis, East of Ridge	22.73%	5
I do not live in Evanston	36.36%	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

**6.) What is your primary mode of transportation?**

Bicycle  
 Bus  
 Car  
 Motorcycle/Scooter  
 Train  
 Walking  
 Wheelchair  
 Other

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Bicycle	26.09%	6
Bus	13.04%	3
Car	34.78%	8
Motorcycle/Scooter	4.35%	1
Train	17.39%	4
Walking	0%	0
Wheelchair	4.35%	1
Other	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**7.) Did you complete the community survey?**

Yes  
 No

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Yes	100%	6
No	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6</b>

**8.) Did you complete the community survey?**

Yes  
 No

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Yes	55%	11
No	45%	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>

**9.) The City should take a stronger role in ensuring sidewalk maintenance through:**

Increased enforcement  
 Promotional/Encouragement programs  
 Higher fines  
 None

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Increased enforcement	50%	12
Promotional/Encouragement programs	37.50%	9
Higher fines	4.17%	1
None	8.33%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>

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**10.) In the case of repairing tripping hazards, should participation by residents in the 50/50 program be voluntary or mandatory?**

		<b>Responses</b>	
		<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Voluntary		41.67%	10
Mandatory		58.33%	14
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>

**11.) In consideration of all the responsibilities of the Police Department, do you agree that the City should take a stronger role in enforcing compliance at crosswalks?**

		<b>Responses</b>	
		<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree		66.67%	16
Agree		12.50%	3
Neutral		12.50%	3
Disagree		4.17%	1
Strongly Disagree		4.17%	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>

**12.) Should the City implement a supplementary program whereby bike racks may be requested within the public right-of-way:**

		<b>Responses</b>	
		<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
By any community member		12%	3
By property owners, adjacent to their property		28%	7
Both		28%	7
Neither		32%	8
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>

**13.) How should a supplemental bike rack program be funded?**

		<b>Responses</b>	
		<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
100% by property owners		30.43%	7
50% by property owners / 50% by City		39.13%	9
100% by City		30.43%	7
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**14.) Do you agree that recent efforts to implement on-street bicycle facilities where possible should be continued?**

		<b>Responses</b>	
		<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree		58.33%	7
Agree		16.67%	2
Neutral		16.67%	2
Disagree		0%	0
Strongly Disagree		8.33%	1

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<b>Totals</b>	100%	12
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**15.) Do you agree that recent efforts to implement on-street bicycle facilities where possible should be continued?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	37.50%	9
Agree	29.17%	7
Neutral	25%	6
Disagree	4.17%	1
Strongly Disagree	4.17%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>

**16.) Are you familiar with the bus flag stop policy?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Yes	79.17%	19
No	20.83%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>24</b>

**17.) Do you prefer flag stops or pre-determined stops for your bus service?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Flag stops	34.78%	8
Pre-determined stops	52.17%	12
No preference	13.04%	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**18.) Do you agree that Evanston expand its subsidized taxi program to include low-income residents?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	30.43%	7
Agree	17.39%	4
Neutral	21.74%	5
Disagree	8.70%	2
Strongly Disagree	21.74%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

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**19.) Do you agree that Evanston should provide a greater subsidy for the existing subsidized taxi program?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	13.04%	3
Agree	8.70%	2
Neutral	26.09%	6
Disagree	26.09%	6
Strongly Disagree	26.09%	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**20.) Would you most favor a transit pass program funded by:**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Employer contributions	34.78%	8
Developer impact fees	17.39%	4
Parking revenue	13.04%	3
City taxes	8.70%	2
I am not in favor of a transit pass program	26.09%	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**21.) Do you agree that the City should continue with the current, accelerated level of street resurfacing?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	56.52%	13
Agree	26.09%	6
Neutral	17.39%	4
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly Disagree	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**22.) Do you agree that the City should offer a menu of paving options for upgrading alleys?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	47.83%	11
Agree	26.09%	6
Neutral	17.39%	4
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly Disagree	8.70%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

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**23.) Do you agree that daytime parking restrictions within ¼-mi. of train stations should be relaxed to allow access to all Evanston residents?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	33.33%	7
Agree	4.76%	1
Neutral	19.05%	4
Disagree	14.29%	3
Strongly Disagree	28.57%	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21</b>

**24.) Do you agree that Evanston residents living outside of the permit zone should have access to on-street parking within ¼-mi. of train stations for a fee?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	23.81%	5
Agree	19.05%	4
Neutral	19.05%	4
Disagree	14.29%	3
Strongly Disagree	23.81%	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21</b>

**25.) Do you agree that non-Evanston residents should have access to on-street parking within ¼-mi. of train stations for a fee?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	17.65%	3
Agree	17.65%	3
Neutral	17.65%	3
Disagree	5.88%	1
Strongly Disagree	41.18%	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17</b>

**26.) Do you agree that non-Evanston residents should have access to on-street parking within ¼-mi. of train stations for a fee?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	13.64%	3
Agree	18.18%	4
Neutral	9.09%	2
Disagree	13.64%	3
Strongly Disagree	45.45%	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

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**27.) Do you agree that the City should consider increasing parking meter rates?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	80%	4
Agree	0%	0
Neutral	0%	0
Disagree	0%	0
Strongly Disagree	20%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5</b>

**28.) Do you agree that the City should consider increasing parking meter rates?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	36.36%	8
Agree	13.64%	3
Neutral	18.18%	4
Disagree	4.55%	1
Strongly Disagree	27.27%	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

**29.) Do you agree that it would be beneficial to introduce a new technology to make paying for parking more flexible?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Strongly Agree	52.17%	12
Agree	8.70%	2
Neutral	17.39%	4
Disagree	4.35%	1
Strongly Disagree	17.39%	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23</b>

**30.) Without consideration for cost, what is your preference in terms of making transportation improvements?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Pedestrian	54.55%	12
Bicycle	13.64%	3
Bus Stop Amenities	31.82%	7
Subsidized Taxi Service	0%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

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**31.) What is the second most important?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
Pedestrian	45.45%	10
Bicycle	31.82%	7
Bus Stop Amenities	18.18%	4
Subsidized Taxi Service	4.55%	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22</b>

**32.) If the City had a \$100,000 to spend on bicycle, pedestrian or transit improvements, what would you most recommend?**

	<b>Responses</b>	
	<b>(percent)</b>	<b>(count)</b>
0.5 miles of sidewalk replacement	42.86%	9
300 bicycle racks	28.57%	6
4 bus stops with concrete pad, shelter and bench	19.05%	4
22,400 subsidized taxi coupons	9.52%	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>21</b>