



**Public Meeting #3  
February 17, 2009  
Meeting Notes**

The third and final public workshop for the Evanston Multi-Modal Transportation Plan was held on February 17, 2009 in the Parasol Room of the Evanston Civic Center.

The meeting was intended to present the draft plan and gain feedback on the proposed recommendations. The draft plan will be revised based on the comments heard from the public in this meeting. The draft plan was posted on the web site prior to the meeting and the public was notified of its presence, giving everyone a chance to read through the document before the meeting.

Recommendations from the draft plan were presented in a PowerPoint by chapter. The public was asked for feedback on each chapter before proceeding to the next one. The following comments were recorded during the meeting:

General:

- The plan is very thorough.
- A lot of research went into the plan and it contains a lot of useful data.

Alley:

- Re-word the objective to clarify that the aim is to reduce repetitive maintenance costs due to regrading unpaved alleys.
  - T.Y. Lin will revise the objective
- Could there be a system whereby maintenance costs of unpaved alleys are paid for by property owners bordering that alley? This may encourage more people to pave their alleys due to the high cost of maintenance.
  - T.Y. Lin will add this to the plan
- Could property owners who are willing to pave the alley pave only a portion of the alley if other property owners along the alley are not in favor of paving the entire alley?
  - Paul Schneider noted that the City is beginning to explore possibilities such as paving portions of alleys and will continue to consider this.

Bicycle:

- What about covered racks? Covered racks may be more popular.
- Improved signage for bicycle parking may increase usage of bike parking on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of parking garage. That level could be named to reflect the existence of bike parking.
  - T.Y. Lin will add language to the plan regarding improved bike parking signs
- A policy on abandoned bikes should be included in the City's ordinance or policy.
  - Rajeev noted that the City already follows a policy of tagging and removing abandoned bicycles if they are brought to the City's attention.



#### Parking:

- Clarify utilization vs. demand and demand of parking garages vs. on-street parking demand.
- One parking spot per block of on-street parking should be dedicated to motorcycle/scooter parking.
- Add a recommendation on parking incentives for hybrid or zero-emission vehicles. Incentives could include reduced fares, free parking, or reserved spaces in prime locations.
  - T.Y. Lin will add this as a recommendation.
- Include a recommendation for removing parking if it is in fact under-utilized and using that space for other uses. The plan suggests converting under-utilized parking to long-term parking. This should include parking for commuters or long-term parking for Northwestern students.
  - T.Y. Lin will revise the language for this recommendation to reflect these comments.
- The plan recommends reducing the private parking supply in downtown Evanston. Concern was raised over reducing residential supply. The plan should state that specific recommendations about where parking would be reduced will require further study.

#### Roadways:

- Consider using speed tables instead of speed humps.