

Covington Highway Urban Design and Planning Study

Covington Highway is generally identified as the main vehicular thoroughfare beginning at the easternmost boundary of the city. It has limited pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure yet is a short walk from the Kensington MARTA station. The corridor has underdeveloped properties and institutional owners, some of which are looking at future redevelopment opportunities. In preparation for the eventual evolution of this corridor, the city is looking to build upon existing long-term planning documents to address multi-modal transportation connectivity along the corridor, as well as opportunities for open space. This effort proposes to also evaluate recommended site design and building mass, scale, and height, and explore desired uses with area property owners and community members.

This proposed project has 3-phases:

1. Existing Conditions, Content Gathering, and Analysis
2. Concept Framework Plan
3. Final Plan

The Community will have several opportunities to provide input.

- May 28: Community Feedback on Proposed Framework
- June 6-June 20: Online Survey
- June 30: Community Meeting to Review Draft Package
- July 27: Final Presentation to BOMC

The final deliverables will include an analysis of existing conditions, streetscape concepts to complement North Avondale/College Avenue, a framework plan with concepts for street connections, development areas, and other mobility connections, development test fits on three identified sites, as well as 2d and 3d massing modes. These deliverables will be provided as a PDF along with the native formatting document (InDesign or Affinity Publisher).

Schedule

Week of May 2

- Existing Conditions / Initial Base Mapping

Week of May 9

- Finalize Existing Conditions, Findings
 - Analysis and constraints for new street connections, development, mobility
 - Existing Covington Highway Streetscape Conditions / 3d Graphics
- **May 11: Project Intent/Project Intro (City to do based on this document)**

Week of May 16

- Streetscape Concept Options
- Framework Plan Concept Options
- **Virtual Internal Work session to discuss concepts with city staff prep for 28th (end of week) -**

Week of May 23

- **Open House with other projects (May 28th)**

Week of May 30

- Finalize framework and streetscape concepts
- Initial test fits
- Potential meeting with any property owners regarding framework? (ie Decatur Methodist, Avondale Baptist, American Legion) City will meet with LAS and property owners.
- Advanced schemes

Week of June 6

- Continued potential meetings with any property owners regarding framework (ie Decatur Methodist, Avondale Baptist, American Legion)
- **Online survey about uses** (city will collaborate with LAS team to develop questions. City will build and run survey)
- **Internal Virtual Meeting to review test fits/options**

Week of June 20

- City closes out the survey and delivers results

Week of June 25

- **Internal virtual meeting to review and prep for a community meeting**
- **Community meeting to review Test Fits and Survey Results (June 30)**

Week of July 25

- **Internal review with City staff**
- Final Package
- **Final Presentation to BOMC (July 27) LAS present**
- **Virtual Meetings**
- **In person meetings**

Summary of City Commitments:

- Promote Community Input Opportunities
- Publish Draft and Final Materials
- Plan and Manage Open House. (LAS assists with project materials and attends)
- Attend and Assist with Set-Up of In-Person Meetings
- Attend Virtual meetings and Give Feedback within 5-business Days
- Publish and Manage Online Survey (within input on questions from LAS)