

Preliminary Design Meeting Summary

June 20, 2016 6:00pm – 7:30pm
D'Youville College, Madonna Hall
334 Porter Avenue, Buffalo NY 14201
(online feedback open from June 20 – June 27)



This Meeting

With the public visioning phase complete, the Niagara Street Now team has been busy developing a preliminary design of the Niagara streetscape from Porter to Ontario.

During the June 20th meeting at D'Youville College's Madonna Hall, the design team presented a "first pass" at what the corridor might look like when complete. In addition to viewing a presentation from members of the design team, participants were encouraged to offer feedback both verbally and in the form of written notes and comments on large-format street design maps posted in the room.

Niagara Street Now

The City of Buffalo's Department of Public Works and the Buffalo Sewer Authority are leading an effort to transform Niagara Street. This streetscape project seeks to enhance accessibility, safety, and corridor vibrancy for all – residents, visitors, and businesses. Niagara Street Now will cover Niagara Street from Porter Avenue up to Ontario Street.

Who Participated?

30 participants

30 participated in-person, 0 participated online

Participated in-person: Clint Holcomb; Cornelia Dohse-Peck; Dave Ettestad; Elizabeth Ettestad; Deborah Grine; Joe Kedron; Mary Ann Kedron; Lisa Kenney; Bryan Lohr; Lillian Quintana; Howard Rich; Barbara Rowe; Nick Solly; Amy Weymouth; Michael Rizzo (Sports City Pizza Pub); Aimee Buyea, Andy Czuba (Sugar City); John Schmidt; Justin Booth (GO Bike Buffalo); Peter Sowiski (Vision Niagara); Nathan Marton (D'Youville College); John Luiz (Buffalo Niagara Partnership); Anthony James (Vision Niagara); William Peck; Renata Kraft (Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper); Michael Wysochanski; Kevin Meindl; Brian Dold (Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy); Evelyn Vossler, Jim Vossler (Rediscover Riverside, Black Rock-Riverside Alliance)

Participated online: None

Additional Comments



Provided below are comments participants offered both at the meeting as well as online via the project website.

Written Comments from meeting attendants:

Location	Comments
PORTER TO TONAWANDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put in as many street trees as possible! I am against removing the Niagara St section from Porter to Busti. If improvements are being made from the beginning of Niagara Phases 1&2, it doesn't make sense to skip a whole section and then continue improvements after Busti
ROBERT RICH WAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move bus stop to south side of Robert Rich Way intersection
SCHOOL AND PROSPECT ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospect Ave is in bicycle master plan and provides a great alternative connecting to cycle track on Niagara. There should be accomodation connecting prospect to Niagara here.
BRECKENRIDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1225 Niagara St renovation to begin 2016
AUBURN AVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sugar City arts space at better wire products
LAYFAYETTE AVE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1315 Niagara is Buffalo alternative therapy Need signal at corner Crossing needed at Layfayette
DELEVAN AVE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1407 is Sports City and Pizza Pub
1502 NIAGARA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crescendo Apts & mix use
TONOWANDA ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundabout crossover for pedestrians?! How does this work with the bulge?
CYCLE TRACK TYPICAL SECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a curb necessary at sidewalk?
BUFFALO NIAGARA OPPORTUNITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffalo Niagara Riverland Trust and BN Riverkeeper paddlesport launch locations - fewer curb cuts ask Julie
WAYNE STREET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs a crosswalk here
RR BRIDGE AND BRIDGE ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No turning lane under RR bridge
BRIDGE STREET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs a crosswalk
HAMILTON ST.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bumpouts at Hamilton?
HERTEL AVE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why not something like West Ferry St at Hertel Ave? Dark entrance

- Consider entranced intersection treatments when transitioning from 2-way cycle track to bike facilities on either side of street
 - Turning lanes? Need signage to show bike
 - Puize restaurant (now open) NE corner
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Written Comments submitted online:

- None