

Summary

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Question 1: What do we already know about Grant Road?

- I use Wal-Mart and Peter Piper Pizza.
- The homeless hang out at Burger King and take up seats at the bus stops but don't use the bus to go anywhere.
- It's a major east to west road.
- It lacks water run off and creates flooding.
- When it floods, buses are routed off of Grant Rd. and then the bus stops are farther away from where we live and we have to walk farther in the rain (with our children).
- When it floods, services are more limited and sometimes we have to wait up to two hours for a bus.
- Buses usually run every 30 minutes.
- There are lots of potholes on Grant Rd.
- Lots of old buildings.
- Lack of sidewalks and even flat dirt where we can push baby strollers; also sidewalks don't connect, such as at Oracle Rd.
- Cars don't pay attention to pedestrians.
- Crossing lights don't give enough time to cross.

Question 2: What characteristics should be preserved along Grant Road?

- Costco.
- Old and historical buildings.
- Wal-Mart and Fry's.

Questions 3 and 4: What do we think will change in the future? How will these changes affect Grant Road?

- There will be better, more efficient cars with faster speeds and there will be more accidents.
- Fuel will go up causing more people to use bicycles, scooters and buses.
- Because of the rising housing costs, there will be more housing rentals, longer term

rentals, or government sponsored rent-to-own programs.

- Because of higher housing costs, there will be a need for more manufactured or prefabricated housing (called “improved entry” housing).

Question 5: What characteristics along Grant Road should be changed?

- Need more time for pedestrian crossings.
- Add more banking services.
- Need pedestrian walkway by Doolen Middle School.
- Bus services should run more frequently.
- Bus stops should have posted schedule, shade and seats (it’s too hot in the summer).
- Add wider sidewalks that connect.
- Add a Best Buy.
- Add a Food City.
- Add WIC services [Women, Infant and Children services provided by DES].
- Add urgent and/or wellness health clinic.
- Add housing for the homeless along Alvernon Way.
- Look at Speedway Blvd. for ideas on how to make Grant Rd. safer.

Question 7: What shared ideas “sum up” your conversation?

- Need to address rising housing costs and the trend toward more rental, long term rental, rent-to-own, prefabricated/manufactured housing to replace lost affordable housing units.
- Bus stops need shade, better seating and posted schedules.
- Wider and connected sidewalks.
- Addition of WIC and family/children health services center or clinic.
- Addition of homeless housing services in the Alvernon Way.
- Impact of flooding on rerouted buses and the delay of services.