

PENN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PHASE 2
PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE
Attendee Survey

1. What comments or questions do you have about the materials you saw at the Open House today?

Big fan of the bump-outs. Please consider pedestrian traffic signal or lights at corner of Penn and Pacific – it is extremely hard to cross there to the Family Dollar or Aldi. Cars go very quickly and do not stop for pedestrians.

2. Did you find this Open House format helpful in enhancing your understanding of the Penn Avenue Reconstruction Phase 2 project?
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Please, please keep the bumpouts. It makes it so much safer to cross Penn in Phase 1. We're very excited for the bumpouts/improvements at Pacific, as we cross daily.

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Yes

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If you could prioritize feedback from those of us that actually live on Penn, that'd be wonderful.

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Love the bump outs, especially on Penn & N. Pacific!!

Love the trees!!

Would you be able to share a landscaping maintenance plan?

How do you manage rodent problems during construction?

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Yes

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Nice job??

Please consider a more pedestrian safety at Penn & Pacific because of many people crossing for Aldi and Family Dollar.

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Are there guarantees for project timeline? Is there pressure on Trans Associates and the subcontractors to maintain timelines?

Contractor parking – will the construction contractors be parking in the area or being bussed/shuttled to work?

How will dust and dirt be managed?

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Yes, except the space was too small!

Public needed more time – 2 hours next time.

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Will the new trees have to be torn down and replaced if there's ever another major reconstruction?

The space was too small.

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Yes, but it was run as a Q and A, not an Open House.

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Bumpouts are phenomenal for pedestrians and buses. Penn Avenue already has more parking than it needs.

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I liked the proposal as-is mostly. I think there is room for improved pedestrian safety at intersections with painted walks and signalized lights at every intersection with pedestrian leads.

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Yes, I think if there was not, there should be a note taker or recording so the vocal concerns are not lost.

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What about Parking? A lot of the businesses have their own lots. Could any of the Penn Ave parking be put to other use in these areas? Bike lane – wider sidewalks?

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Yes / No

3. Please provide any additional comments here.

I love bumpouts and as a primarily pedestrian user in this area appreciate their purpose. I'd love to see raised crosswalks, LPI at each intersection and wider sidewalks. A bike lane would also be a dream. Connect the network as much as possible.

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I would like to bicycle more or a priority in the design even if separate bike lanes are not possible. It is great that people walking are given more of a priority with the sidewalk bumpouts.

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I would encourage the team to examine salvaging the trolley steel rail while excavation is taking place. Other cities have taken similar artifacts (from the roadway) and partnered with the local arts councils to develop site specific art installations. I would love to talk further on this.

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Yes, thank you for taking the time – these are important.

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Yes?

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PA Senate Bill just made it out of transportation committee (sometimes known as parking protected bike lane bill). Allows parking at places where there is not curb cut. So, curbless street? The best people-street at my university town was curbless. (Also keep this tool in mind for future projects).

Bumpouts struggles: Learn how to drive better. Learn not to not cut the corners. Pet peeve of mine when corners get cut by bad Pgh drivers. Bump outs better stay in?

When I discovered Coral, it was revelation. Can't wait for the official neighborhood!

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Hi. I'm a bike commuter – H.P. to downtown and I use Penn Ave as my daily thoroughfare. The Phase 1 project did nothing for bike riders and I hope Phase 2 will be different. We need accommodations for bikes on Penn. Bike paths would be great. You already have your “preliminary” plan that look so totally blocked out that a little tinkering with it would not do what I'm asking. It would require starting basically from scratch, which are probably not inclined to do.

I have looked at the “complete streets” demo project in Hazelwood and it looks fantastic. If there is not room for all that here on Penn Ave., maybe at least try the idea of alternating side parking – block by block – which would free up space for perhaps a bike lane.

And yes, I'll give Coral St a try, but I don't think that's the whole solution.

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Should describe what features from the previously completed section will and will not be included in this section.

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Very helpful.

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Graphics hard to read on the projection. Graphics on easels were good.

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Great job. Thanks.

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Yes.

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1 – Bump-outs – I often run over the Phase I bump turning right from Gross onto Penn. Please make larger vehicles can make the bump-out.

2 – Trees – Please have a maintenance plan for dead trees and leaves on the street.

3 – Bus shelters – we need them.

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Too small to really see.

Should be online before PT event.

Forgot to put contact email address on contact info form.

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Sort of.

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Liked idea of person/contact between hours of 7AM – 7PM.

Take a real critical look at bumpouts.

How about removing walkways for bike lane.

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They were too small to show needed detail. Need to show smaller sections, at larger magnification to be effective.

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Not much. And I don't they want input to make any changes. Disappointing.

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The most popular topic was the problems with bump-outs, but there was no indication the planners might remove them from the plan in response. Please get rid of the bump-outs. They do not help pedestrians. They eat up parking that is badly needed by businesses. Cars cannot see them to turn safely. Trucks can't turn around them and stall traffic daily trying to negotiate back, etc. for 30 minutes at a time. Get them out. Please, please get them out.

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Bus shelters would be amazing. People use my porch (salon porch) for shelter. They litter smoke beside the door and I can smell it in my salon and it is very loud. It also makes my clients nervous to talk in when people are literally blocking my front door smoking (not cigarettes).

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All have been answered. Re: landscaping and GI maintenance responsibilities and timeline.

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Glad more GI elements & trees will be incorporated & lessons learned from Phase I.

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