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May 3, 2019

- TO: John Schmitz Parks Director Matt Greiner – Public Works Director
- CC: File
- FR: Patrick Kueter, PE, Amy Quartell, PE

RE: Pioneer Parkway Trail Concepts – Public Information Meeting No. 1

A Public Information Meeting (PIM) was attend by approximately 70 people on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Crown Point Community Center. The purpose of the PIM was to share the initial concepts and to solicit feedback to improve pedestrian and bicyclist mobility along Pioneer Parkway from NW 62nd Avenue to Merle Hay Road. Based on the PIM sign-in sheets, approximately 88% of the attendees were from the immediate project area.

The format of the PIM included a brief presentation of alternatives and a question and answer period for purposes to understand each alternative. At the conclusion of the question and answer period, meeting attendees first discussed at their tables the pros and cons of each alternative and then shared their discussion with the overall group. Each attendee had the opportunity to document their individual thoughts on sticky notes and place them on an Alternative Board Summary so that all comments could be captured.

In summary, Alternative 1 was the most supported by the PIM attendees because they felt that it was cost effective and the safest solution since it kept pedestrian and bicycle separated from the vehicular traffic while maintaining the current parkway configuration for civic functions. Alternative 3 received limited support because it impacts the least amount of trees. Alternative 2 received support from one individual with the stipulation of a wider path.

In addition to the PIM, the City received written information from 5 individuals that represented themselves or a broader group. Included as part of this information, was a petition signed by approximately 26 individuals in support of Alternative 3 because of the least amount of tree impacts. Approximately 19% of the 26 individuals were from the immediate project area.

Based on the public feedback from the immediate project vicinity and the support of the adjacent businesses where a shared use path would be constructed, Alternative 1 is recommended for Council consideration to move forward into the detailed design and construction.

Attachments included:

- 1. Project Information Meeting Feedback Summary
- 2. Project Information Meeting Sign-in Sheets
- 3. Project Information Meeting Presentation
- 4. Project Information Meeting Alternative Summary Boards
- 5. Alternative Written Feedback
- 6. Alternative 3 Petition

Date: 24-Apr-19

 Project:
 Pioneer Parkway Trail

 Activity:
 Project Information Meeting - Feedback Summary



		Category Comment Access Have the nice park (Terra Park) and need to create access to it	
1	Bicyclists	Approximately 5% riders will prefer riding in the street rather than dodging dogs and strollers. This gives them no protection. This alternative doesn't seem to be a big concern to the riders I've asked, however. If it should- seem to be necessary, could a- shared lane be painted- on the street to give the "fearless and fast" riders a little safer place to ride?	
1	Bicyclists	Crashes for cyclists occur 2-4X more on side paths than roads. (Citations in walkability study.)	
1	Easement	Concerns with #1 (many points to consider, but the only viable alternative offered as I see it) Does the City have 20 foot easement for the trail?	+
1	Events	Road is closed for parades!	+
1	Events	We want parades and viewers and parkers to have ample space for community celebrations	+
1	General	Alternative 1 is enough	+
1	General	Table 7 attendees all agreed - a need. All agreed that Option 1 only viable alternative.	+
1	General	No action is not an alternative.	+
1	General	Doesn't like any option that goes into road access	+
1	General	Alternative 2 & 3 create significant changes to vehicle traffic patterns which seem unnecessary and don't accommodate all forms of recreational activities.	+
1	Maintenance	Maintenance of finished roadway other options - extra cost - inconvenience construction	+
1	Misc	Thank you for all you have done (Terra Park) that has enhanced - and for laying these options out for bike/walking path	+
1	Misc	Yes to Alternative 1	+
1	Misc	Our table likes Alternative 1	+
1	Pedestrian Traffic	Mostly walkers, dog walkers and children	+
	Pedestrian Traffic	Biker, walker wants off road	+
	Pedestrian Traffic	Craziness to go into road - traffic on both sides makes more sense	+
	Pedestrian Traffic	If the City is going to spend over \$1M on this project, it should benefit as many people as possible including walkers, runners and bicyclists - and tricyclics (wider than bikes). Alternative 1 does this	+
1	Pedestrian Traffic	best. (1c) Please consider the pedestrian traffic, crossing Pioneer Parkway out of Green Meadows, on to	Input
		the new trail.	2222
	Residential Impact	What will happen to property values?	????
1 1	Safety Safety	Prefer #1, don't mix people and cars on the same roadway I prefer this alternative - it maintains the two lane traffic and is a separate (safer) trail for	
1	Safety	pedestrians I have a separate request - add a pedestrian crossing button with flashing lights from Columbine	Input
1	Safaty	Drive to Terra Park. This is the major crossing into the park.	
	Safety	Cars and bikes and people should not share road	+
1	Safety	Alternative 1 is best safety for all	+
1 1	Safety Safety	Behind curb path seems safest approach to getting to No action is not an option. Alternative 1 - Yes! Given our new Terra Park - we need safe access for	+ +
1	Safety	peds and bikers I believe that the biggest concern is getting bicyclists and pedestrians to where they need to go	+
1	Safety	safely. I do not want anything on the road. We do need walkway on Pioneer - currently dangerous to pedestrians. I've had 2 close calls with drivers myself	+
1	Safety	I think it is a good idea to put something to make it easy for someone to get to where they need to go. I myself have biked on Pioneer Parkway and I feel we should make it safer.	+
1	Safety	Safe - from traffic, could it be 12 ft wide	+
1	Safety	Best good result with least effort. Agree, crosswalks non-negotiable - need to signal when pedestrian at crossing	+
1	Safety	I prefer Alternative 1 because it is a safe, simple solution. I like how cars are separate from bikes and walkers. It is also easy to maintain.	+

1	Safety	There are inherent side path dangers at intersections for cyclists, especially those riding against traffic flow. Each intersection and driveway creates a conflict point and danger for cyclists. Car stopping lines need to be clearly marked and used so as not to block intersections. Bikes need to take care when biking across intersections.	+
1	Signaling	Crosswalk signage	+
1	Speed	Whatever the speed on Pioneer now - people are speeding now, we want better enforcement	+
1	Speed	No "traffic calming." Speeds are in excess of safety for curved and intersected segments. Should be 30 mph max for safety?	+
1	Traffic	Leave street alone, too much traffic on roads already	+
1	Traffic	We would like to have a \uparrow lane and right turning lane at Merle Hay	+
1	Traffic	(1a) Please do not reduce any lanes of traffic, in either direction, on Pioneer Parkway I prefer option 1, as it keeps 4 lanes separated and a trail for 60th walkers and bikers. Option 2 & 3	+
1	Trail	seem very unappealing.	+
1	Trail	A thought. Having biked thousands of miles on all trails in Central Iowa, I know that bikers and pedestrians can co-exist on 10' trails.	+
1	Trail	Shared use path 10'-12'; 12' gives more room for walkers	+
1	Trail	More conducive to biker and walker to sharing a trail than road	+
1	Trail	(Shared path, people, bikes and dogs) No path at all	???
1	Trail	(1b) A path on the south/west side is more desirable.	+
1	Trees	"Adopt a Tree" program (for larger trees - replace)	Input
1	Trees	Replace old trees, already 40 years old	+
1	Trees	Liked the adopt a tree idea. Also liked the quick right turn lane at Merle Hay/Parkway idea!	+
1	Trees	Loss of trees. The route seems to have avoided as many trees as possible. Their removal would allow more diverse (species and age) trees to be planted.	+
1	No Change	My #1 choice is to leave it. My #2 choice is separate trail built on the south side.	+
1	Trail	Still creating a trail/path behind the curb at NW 62nd & Pioneer Parkway so just continue it	+
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3	Traffic	Not built or fit for head to head traffic. Meets standards?
3	Traffic	Wide vehicles, eg. trucks, trailers, city equipment take more than one lane. City maintenance (for instance tree work) would block traffic.
		Business traffic at busy times would make turns in and out and out of residential areas and businesses
3	Traffic	difficult. A promenade suggested: I see that as more appropriate along a corridor with small businesses,
		shops, restaurants, etc. or along a beach, or view.
		We support Option 3. It will not only be a bike trail for nearby Green Meadows, but this path could be
3	Trail	a new attraction for our city. Prospective-employers and employees alike are looking for amenities that will increase outdoor and healthy lifestyles. This kind of trail is one of a kind and will be a
		great attraction for
		additional employees and potentially employers. It will lead to Terra Park, which is beginning to

3aR3aL	Construction	Construction time frame	????
3aR3aL	Pedestrian Traffic	Road condition for running/walking needs to be higher than for cars - something to consider for plans 2 & 3	+
3aR3aL	Safety	Mixing traffic and pedestrians/bikes will be dangerous - it's better to keep cars and bikes/pedestrians separate	-
3aR3aL	Safety	3.a. A high visibility cross walk is a minimum:	Input
3aR3aL	Safety	- Painted cross walk with white zebra style cross hatches	
3aR3aL	Safety	- Overheard, flashing amber lights	+
3aR3aL	Safety	- Pre-warning: Crosswalk a head signage	
3aR3aL	School Bus	School bus issues	-
3aR3aL	Speed	3 times a day it is a race track	+
3aR3aL	Speed	Due to the high rate of speed of auto's traveling north/east on Pioneer Parkway, & the high number of out of neighborhood auto's turning on to Sunset Lane, I have a few suggestions:	Input
3aR3aL	Traffic	No head to head traffic please	-
3aR3aL	Traffic	Favor 3aL, spend extra cost for intersection	+
3aR3aL	Traffic Time	turning on Pioneer Parkway will take more time	-
3aR3aL	Traffic/Safety	Head to head traffic is more dangerous, will lead to more accidents	-
		Alternative 3 (all mixes) head to head traffic - bad idea; speed limit not observed most days;	
3aR3aL	Traffic/Safety	resident turning right will be made harder and no less dangerous (now bikers in mix); that median is too tall to see; would not pick	-

3bR3bL	Construction	Construction time frame	?????
3bR3bL	Data	If 3.b. is a tall justification, due to expense, time required, resources, I'd ask for the consideration	
	Dala	of Traffic Counts.	
3bR3bL	No Change	Not viable	
3bR3bL	Residential Impact	More encroachment in neighborhood	
3bR3bL	Safety	Problematic mixing traffic, pedestrians & cyclists	
3bR3bL	Safety	Children on PPWY concern	
3bR3bL	School Bus	School bus issues	
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3bR3bL	Speed	number of out of neighborhood auto's turning on to Sunset Lane, I have a few suggestions:	Input
3bR3bL	Speed	A round-a-bout or engineered traffic control slow down device is more desirable.	Input
3bR3bL	Traffic	Turning on to Pioneer parkway will take more time	
3bR3bL	Traffic	No head to head "Alt 3"; Parkway was designed for autos not people	-
3bR3bL	Trail	Already have existing trails	
3bR3bL	Trail	Still creating a trail/path at NW 62nd and Pioneer Parkway so just continue it.	+
3bR3bL	Trees	Loss of existing trees	+
		1st choice - don't do anything, we have enough trails. If it has to go in, not #1. We need to save the	
3bR3bL	Trees	trees. I do not want to lose trees outside of my home. It would ruin the look of Pioneer Pkwy to	+
		lose trees. And new trees would take a long time to grow.	

Other General Comments			
Misc	No Change	No sidewalk	
Misc	No Change	Waste of money! All plans.	
MIsc	General	Project a want, not a need	

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Misc	Back of Curb	Pioneer - Consistency: The Back of Curb trail would be more consistent with the trails in and around our campus.
Misc	Back of Curb, Appearance	Pioneer - Appearance: Although the alternative concepts may possibly serve the purpose, they feel like an afterthought. The back of curb option appears to be more intentional and designed with a purpose. Much like the new trail along Merle Hay Road near Johnson Brothers.
Misc	Back of Curb, Safety	Pioneer - Safety: We believe there could be possible confusion with employees and pedestrians when navigating in and out of the entrances on PP. Planters may not indicate a clear delineation between trail and roadway. We have recently installed some elevated crosswalks / pathways to improve pedestrian visibility and believe the back of curb option facilitates safer elevated walking surfaces. We believe head to head traffic on a two lane road is not as safe as if it were separated by a median. This in addition to the possible confusing roadways / walkways is a safety concern.
Misc	Back of Curb, Traffic	Pioneer - Traffic: Reducing the traffic lanes will be problematic during high traffic times. Example commuting to work. Today many of our campus employees use PP to gain access to the interstate. If PP and Merle Hay Road become more congested they may take 62nd West to 86th. The alternative plans appear to be a take away from the drivers perspective.
Misc	Data	Bike numbers and walker numbers are most likely skewed because of lack of safety in current
Misc	Data	configuration Traffic Counts
Misc	Data	a. Traffic counts for both of the number of cars & rate of speed on north/east Pioneer Parkway (especially AM commutes) may help illustrate the arterial use of traffic from Merle Hay Road to 62nd Ave.
Misc	Data	b. "Cut Through Traffic"- A large number of people traveling from & around 86th street, eastbound on 62nd Ave, use Sunset to travel into the businesses of: Ace Hardware, Post Office, HyVee, etc.
Misc	Data	b.i. While the number of "Cut Through" traffic has decreased since the high school moved west.
Misc	Data	b.ii. Both civilian & Commercial Truck traffic are utilizing Sunset as a cut through.
Misc	Data	 Semi style food deliver trucks are routing from retirement centers at Merle Hay Road and Winwood Drive, to business along Pioneer Parkway. Utilizing North Winwood Drive and Sunset Lane.
Misc	Data	 Employees from these centers and Corteva/Pioneer can be seen driving laps around North & South Winwood Drive taking smoke breaks.
Misc	Data	- White delivery vans from the Corteva/Pioneer center, cut down Sunset Lane, and then out to
Misc	Data	- Package Trucks: Both Fed Ex and UPS- it is not uncommon to see up to 5 different package trucks for each brand to utilize the North Winwood Drive to Sunset Lane route.
Misc	General	Pioneer - We are excited to gain more trail access along Pioneer Parkway and look forward to the improvements for our employees to access Terra Lake and the original Green Meadows including Hy-Vee.
Misc	General	My first comment is that No Action is not an acceptable alternative. We have a great park and lake at Terra, and there must be accessible, safety access for all citizens, whether driving, walking, or biking
Misc	No Change	Do nothing
Misc	Safety	Need to have safe pedestrian crossings - beacons could help For confident biker safety, it would be appropriate to add "sharrows" to the right lanes in the
Misc	Safety	roads
Misc	Safety	Crossing walk flashers at main entrance to Terra Park While I would challenge anyone reading these statistics to find a stop sign ran more in the City of Johnston then at Sunset Lane and North Winwood Drive. I do applaud the desire to build a
Misc	Safety	Pioneer Parkway Trail. This aspiration is several decades old. I would urge you to take the required steps to improve this corridor and improve the trail system, while maximizing both vehicular and pedestrian safety. Personally, I am against any changes to Pioneer Parkway. There are certain times of the day when
Misc	Safety	traffic is heavy (and cars speeding) on Pioneer Parkway, and the roadway is curving with many cut- outs for turns, which to me makes it a dangerous situation for walkers and bikers. Adding a bike lane to the street on both sides is not a solution, either. Des Moines has done this on some of their streets, and it affects traffic, parking, turning across the lane, etc. not to mention that you rarely see bicyclists on these paths.
Misc	School Buses	2 & 3 impacts to school buses
Misc	Signage	I don't believe Johnston utilizes Blue Street signs and Truck Route labeling. However, this would be a good example of the secondary impacts the 62nd Round-A-bouts have created. I am a fan of the 62nd Avenue design & Round-A-Bouts, as a side note.
Misc	Speed	Speed limits lowered and enforced

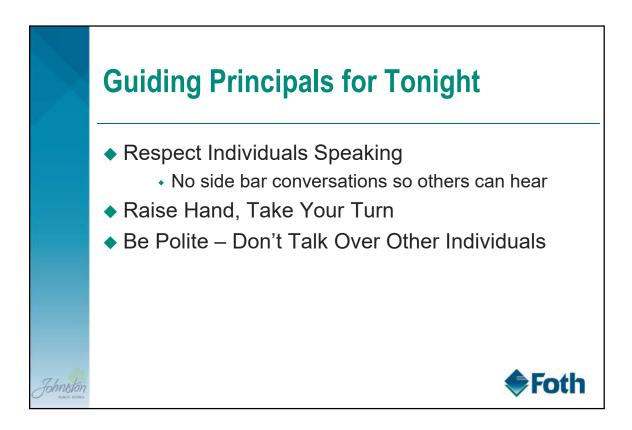
Misc	Speed	Speed limit 25 mph
Misc	Storm water Intake	Further conversation could be had of the storm water intake needs on Sunset Lane at both ends. For purposes of staying on topic we'll leave that for a future time.
Misc	Trail	Elevated trail - build over the boulevard for cyclists and walkers
Misc	Trail	Put a sidewalk on one side of Pioneer Parkway (not a bike trail); leave traffic alone
Misc	Trail	What about alternative route NW Beaver Drive to bike trail until trestle bridge rebuilt
Misc	Trail	Homestead Condo: We were open to having a walkway/bike path on our property. I'm assuming this is not being considered because of the cost? I am more concerned about safety on Pioneer Parkway.
Misc	Trail	Heartland AEA: Our senior administrative team reviewed and discussed the trail concepts. We would not be in favor of limiting vehicle traffic to one lane each direction. We would prefer to have the bike trail on the grassy area near the roadway (as originally discussed).
Misc	Trees	Adopt a tree allow residents to contribute for larger trees

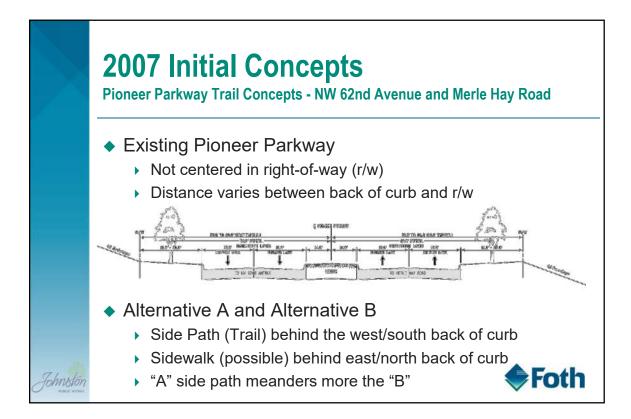
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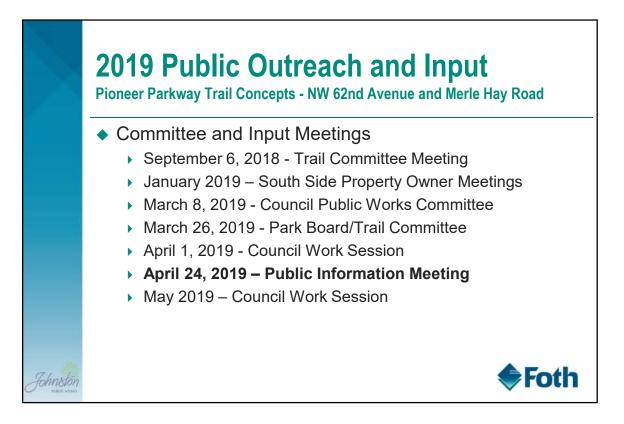
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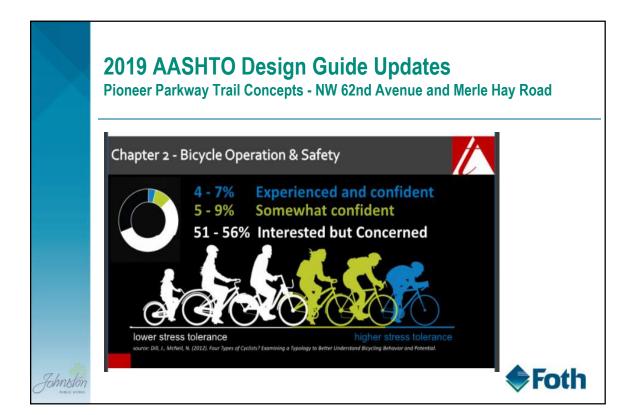


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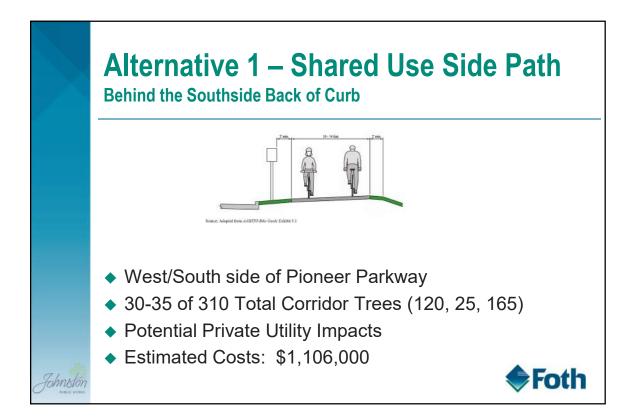


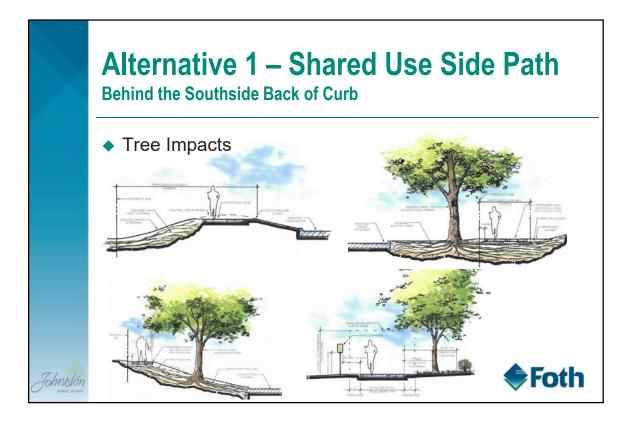


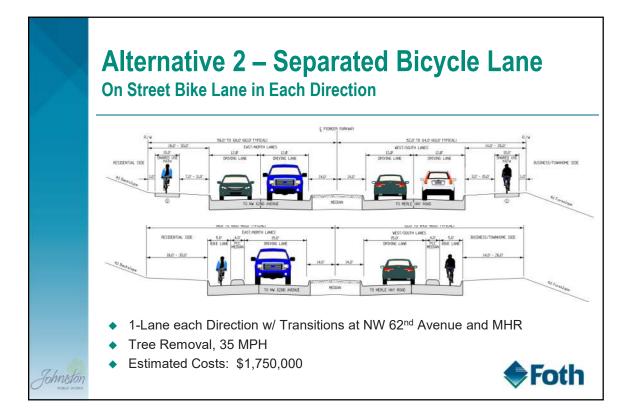


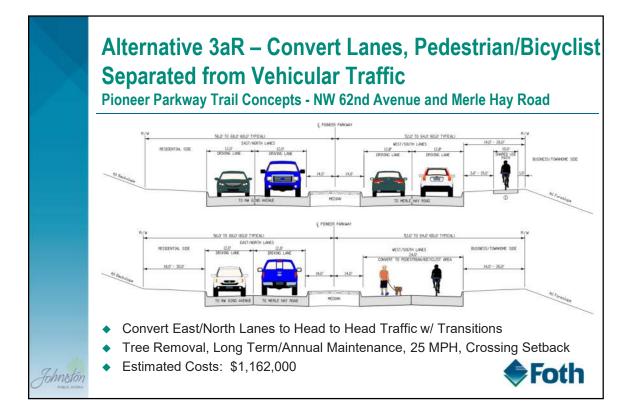


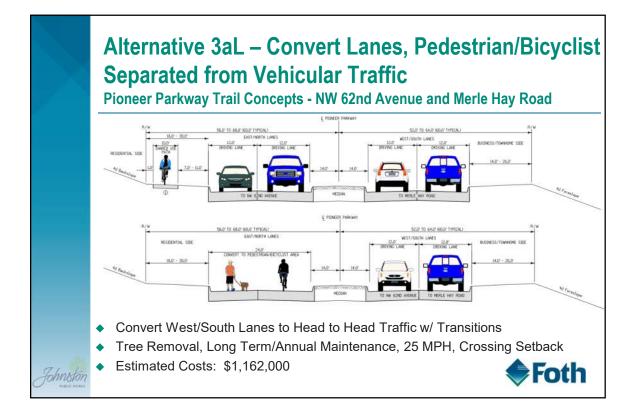


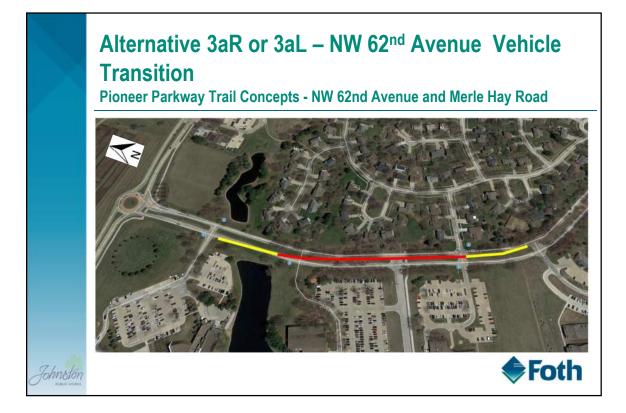


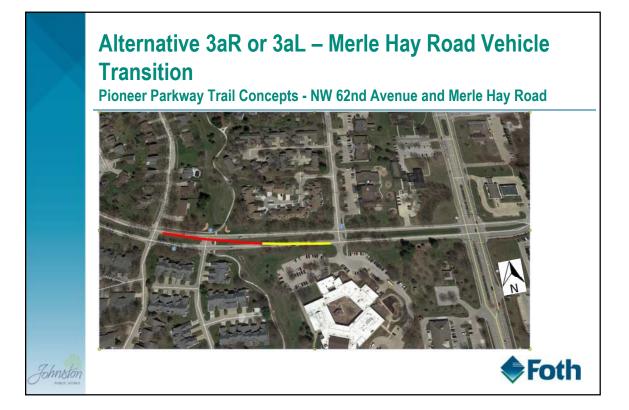


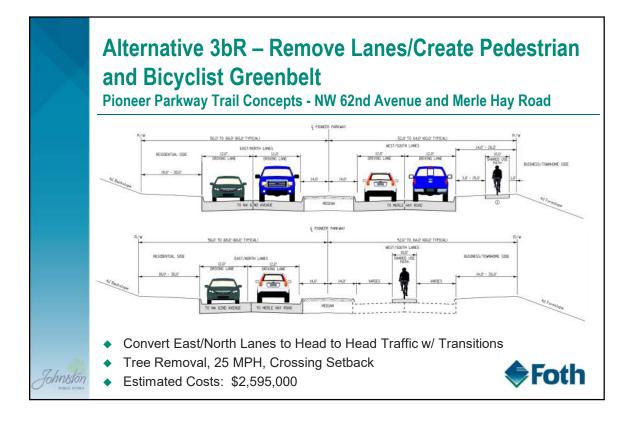


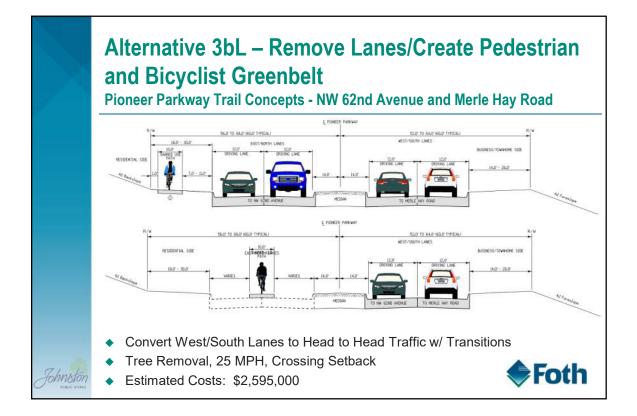


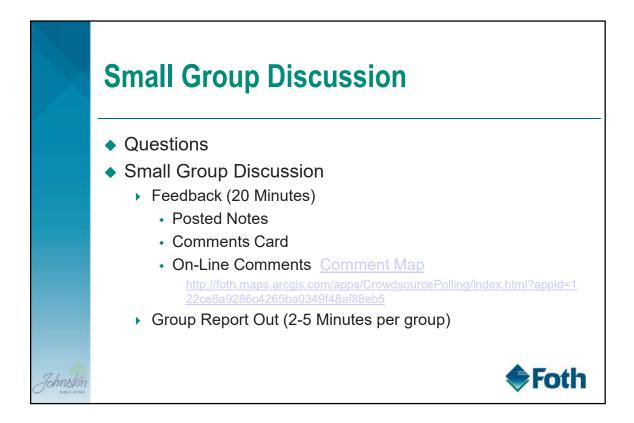








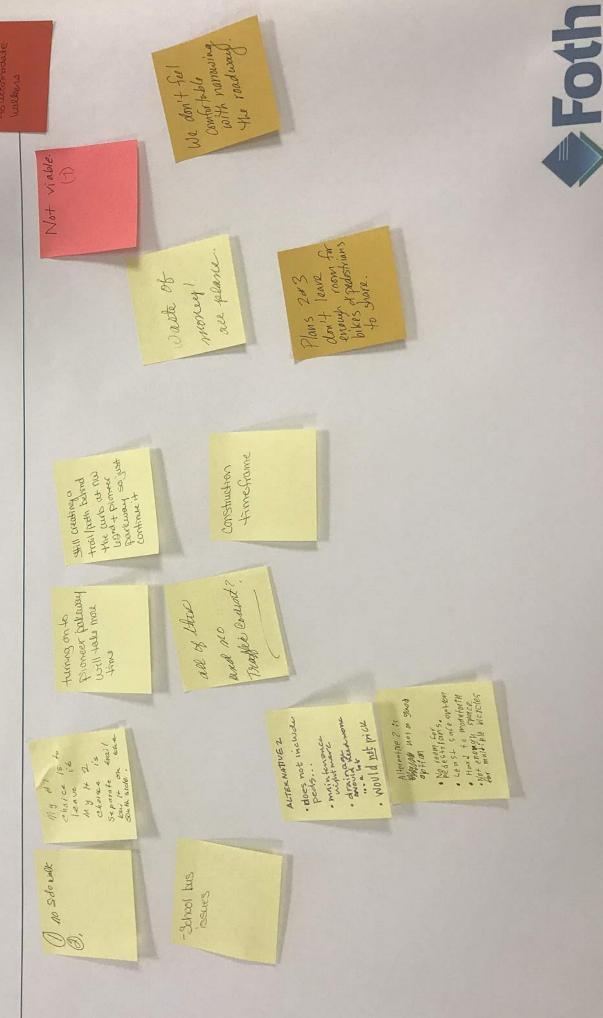


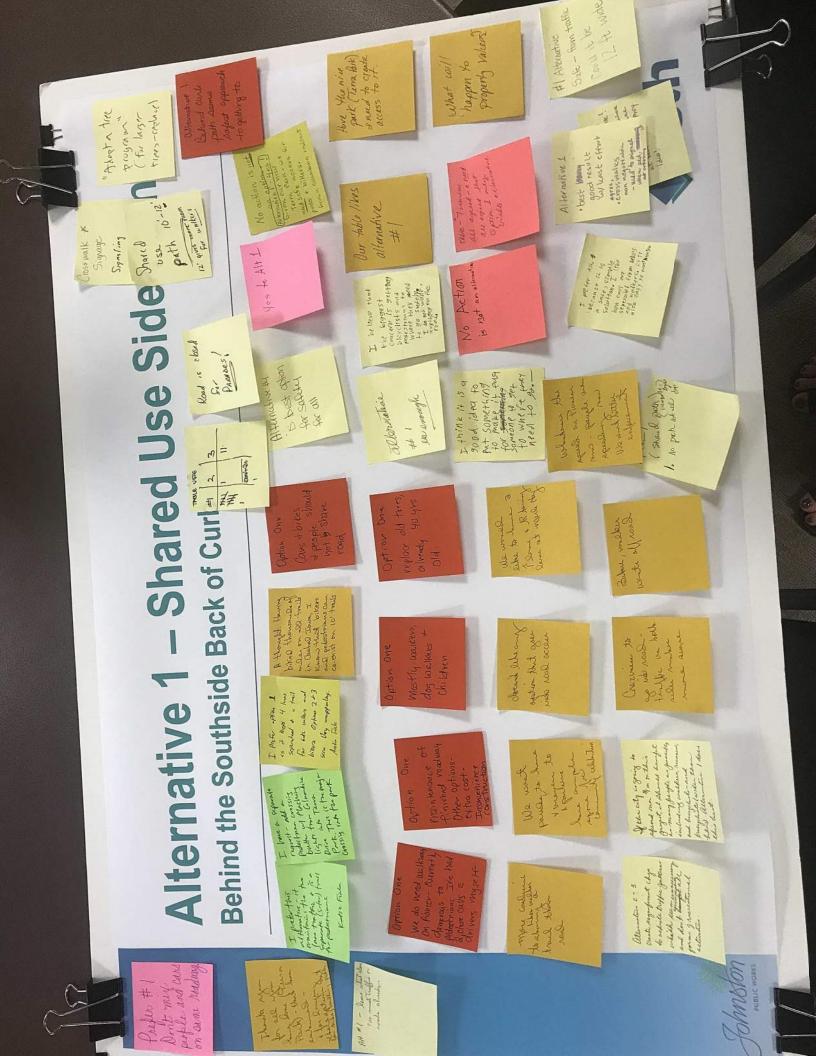














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