

Columbia Road Community Advisory Team

The ninth Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting took place on Tuesday, February 11, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

This month, the CAT convened to reflect on insights from recent stakeholder meetings facilitated by its members within their respective organizations. The discussion emphasized the need for engagement that resonates with different groups, clearer messaging on accessibility, and better ways to share feedback with the community.

Stakeholder meetings revealed varying priorities: youth participants focused on public transit, safety, and green space, while older adults prioritized safer crossings, bus reliability, and street activity. Participants found crash data and visual renderings helpful in understanding the project's goals, and many suggested using case studies from other cities to illustrate the benefits of proposed changes. Additionally, CAT members noted that accessibility should be more explicitly addressed in project messaging.

The interactive street design activity sparked meaningful discussions and helped shift perspectives, particularly around bike lanes and transit.

Finally, CAT members stressed the importance of closing the feedback loop. Many residents participate in engagement but rarely see how their input shapes decisions. Moving forward, the project team aims to provide clearer updates and ensure community voices directly inform the design process.

By refining engagement strategies and making the process more inclusive and transparent, the Columbia Road Transportation Action Plan continues to be shaped by those who live, work, and travel along the corridor.



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