

47th St Repaving & Traffic Safety Project

Focus Group & Public Meeting Results
October/November 2024

12.19.24



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Repaving & Traffic Safety Project

- 2025 Streets Department repaving corridor
- Change 2-way traffic to 1-way northbound + add a parking-separated bike lane

Proposal




- Speed cushions
- Painted corner areas
- One vehicle lane northbound
- Two parking/loading lanes
- Parking separated bike lane southbound



Engagement Summary

- Fall '23 & Winter '24: 48th/47th meetings
- Fall 2024: door-to-door flyers in advance of 4 meetings
- 3 Focus Groups in October 2024:
 - Meeting 1: Renewal Presbyterian Church , Spruce - Baltimore
 - Meeting 2: West Lofts, Chestnut - Spruce
 - Meeting 3: St Francis de Sales, Baltimore – Kingsessing
- Public Meeting
 - More than 130 people at the public meeting at St Francis de Sales Auditorium



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**47TH ST TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT
CHESTNUT - KINGSESSING**

Improve traffic safety for people walking, biking, and driving

Three Focus Groups
For residents and business owners on 47th Street and the 4600 and 4700 blocks of intersecting streets only


Chestnut - Spruce Meeting
Monday 10/21 6:30 - 8PM
West Lofts, 220 S 47th Street

Spruce - Baltimore Meeting
Tuesday 10/15 6:30 - 8PM
Renewal Presbyterian Church
4633 Cedar Avenue

Baltimore - Kingsessing Meeting
Wednesday 10/23 6:30 - 8PM
St Francis de Sales Auditorium
917 S 47th Street

Public Meeting
Wednesday 11/20
6:30 - 8PM
St Francis de Sales School
Auditorium
917 S 47th Street
Co-hosted by City Councilmember
Jamie Gauthier

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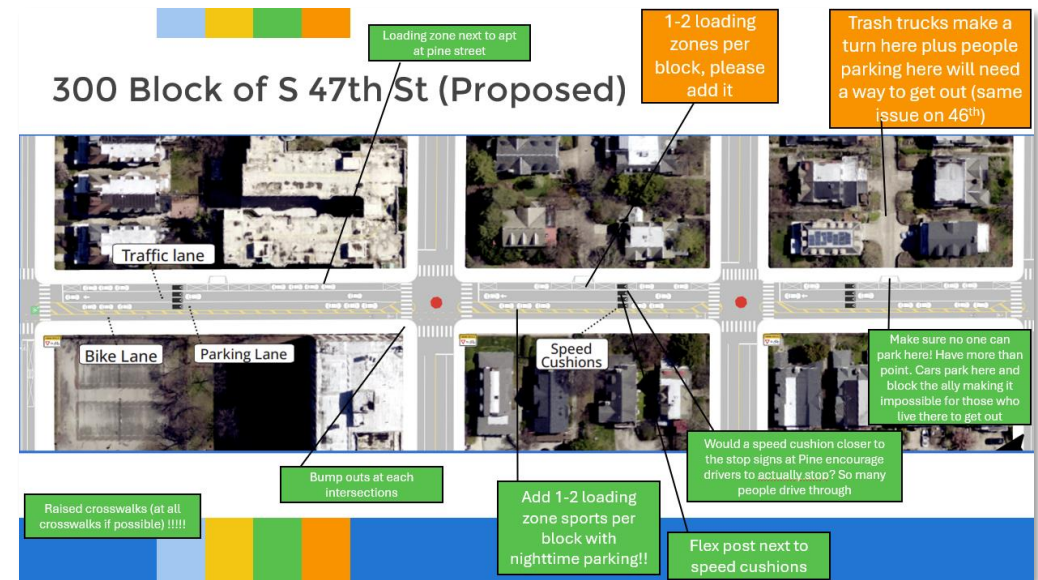
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Participant Feedback

- Table exercises with block-by-block diagrams at each meeting
- Exit surveys at Public Meeting

47TH STREET REPAVING + TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT: CHESTNUT TO KINGSESSING		EXIT SURVEY November 2024				
PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN						
1.	How did you hear about the meeting today?	Online	Neighbor	Email	Other	
2.	What is the closest intersection to your home? (example: 47th & Chestnut)					
3.	What is your relation to 47th Street? (check all that apply)	Live Along	Work	Both	Other	
4.	How do you travel on 47th Street? (check all that apply)	Walk	Bike	Drive	Bus	Other
Do you have comments or concerns? Write them here						

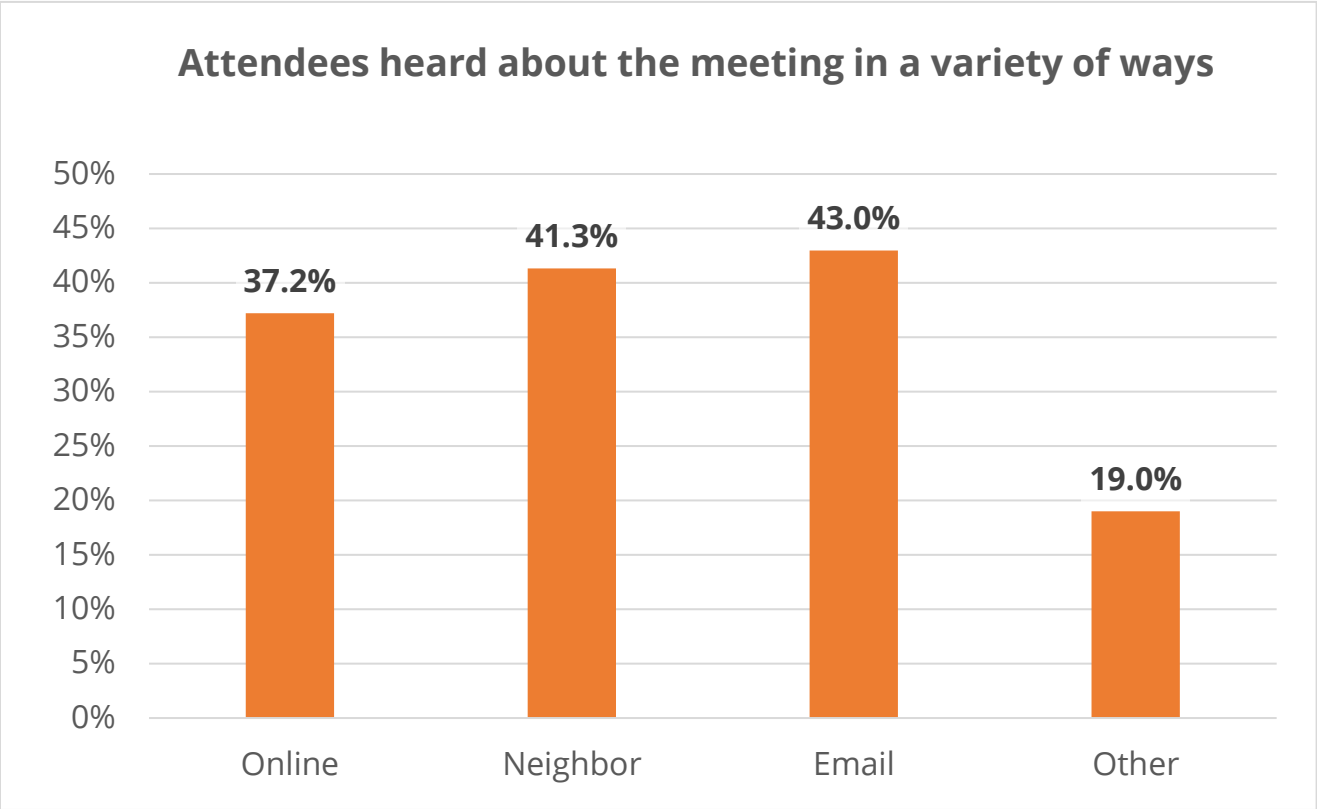




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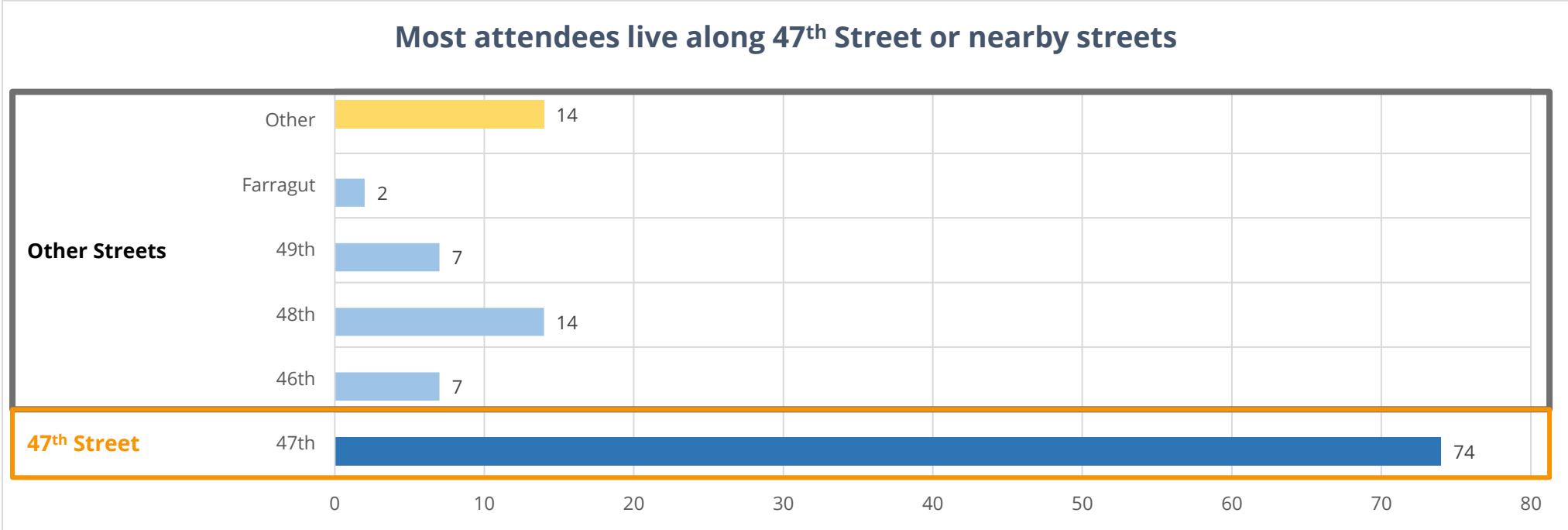
11/20 Exit Survey Summary

Q1: How did you hear about the meeting today?



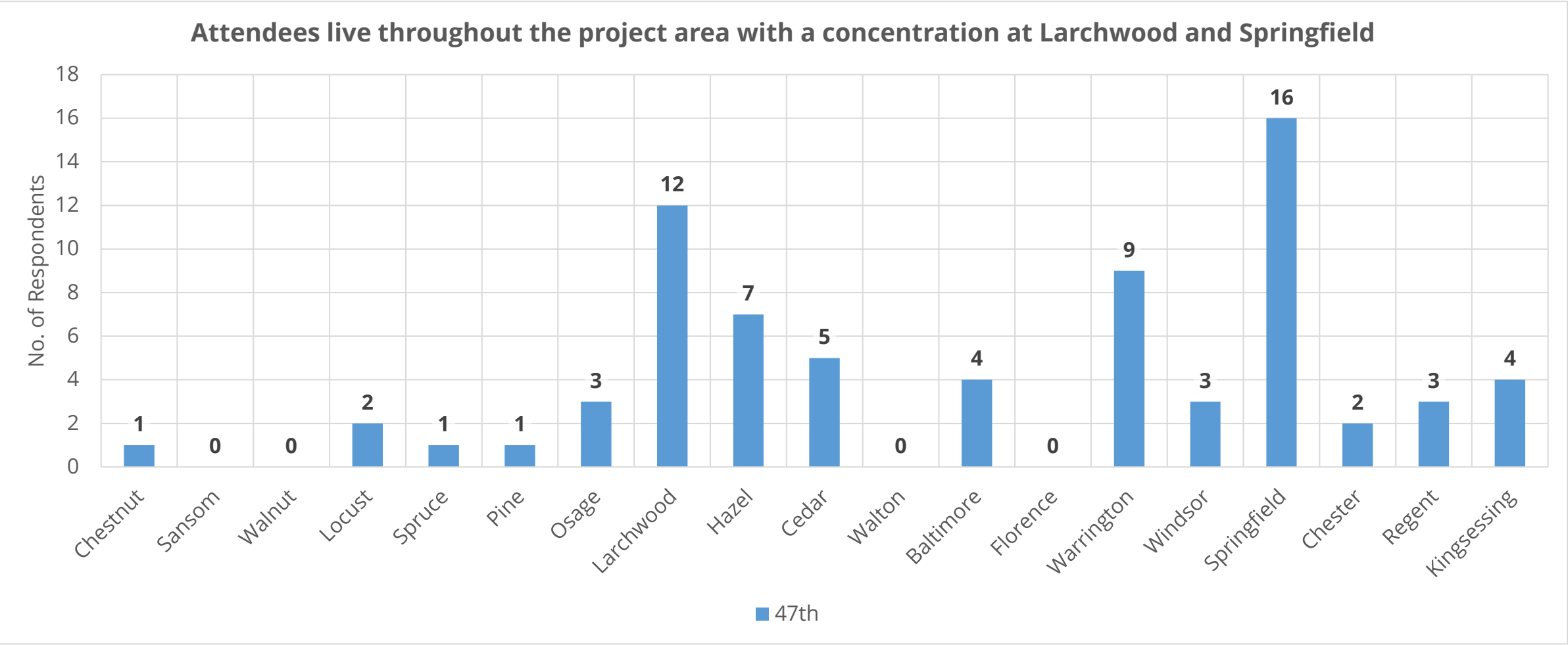
122 people filled out the exit survey

Q2: What is the closest intersection to your home?

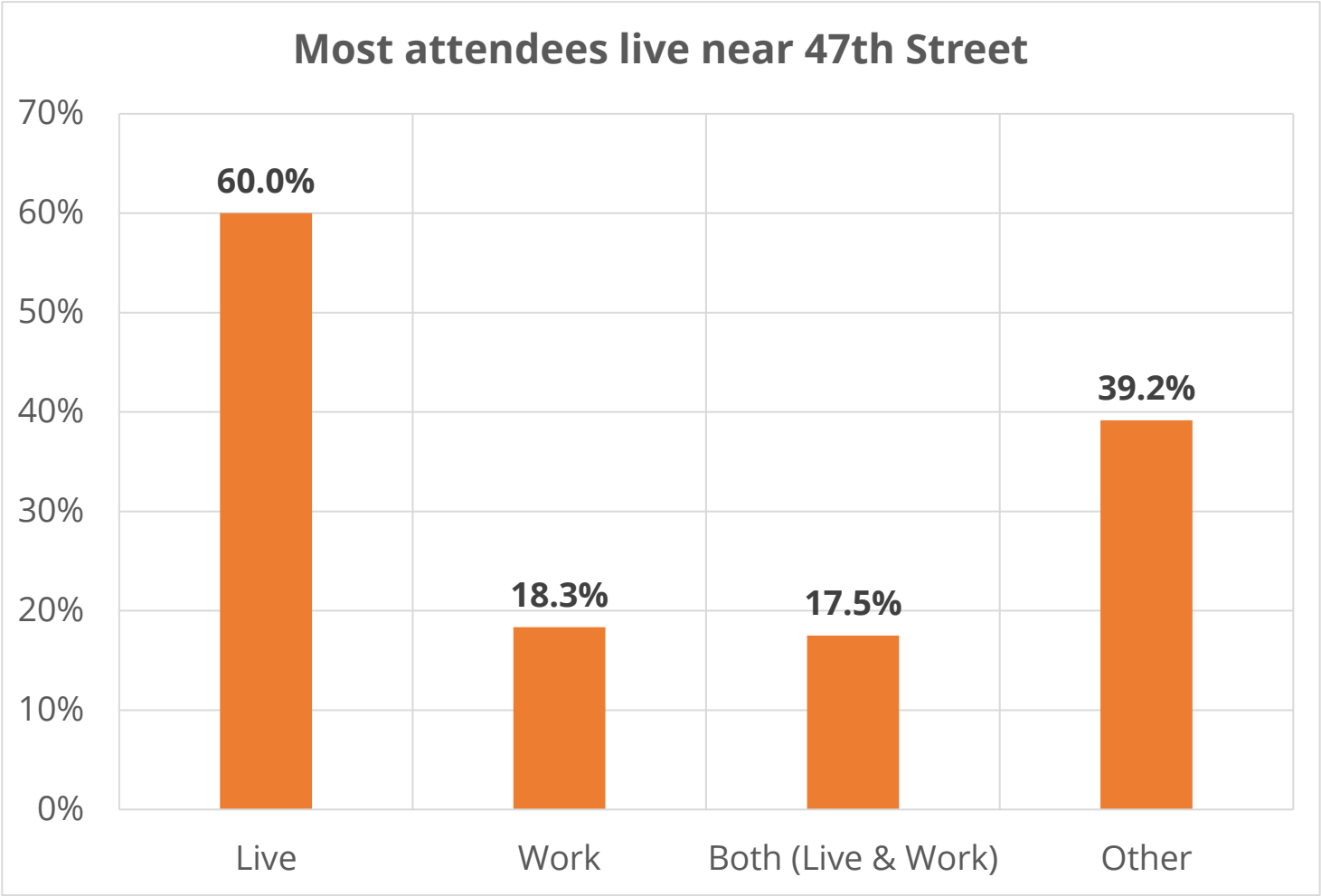


118 people answered this question

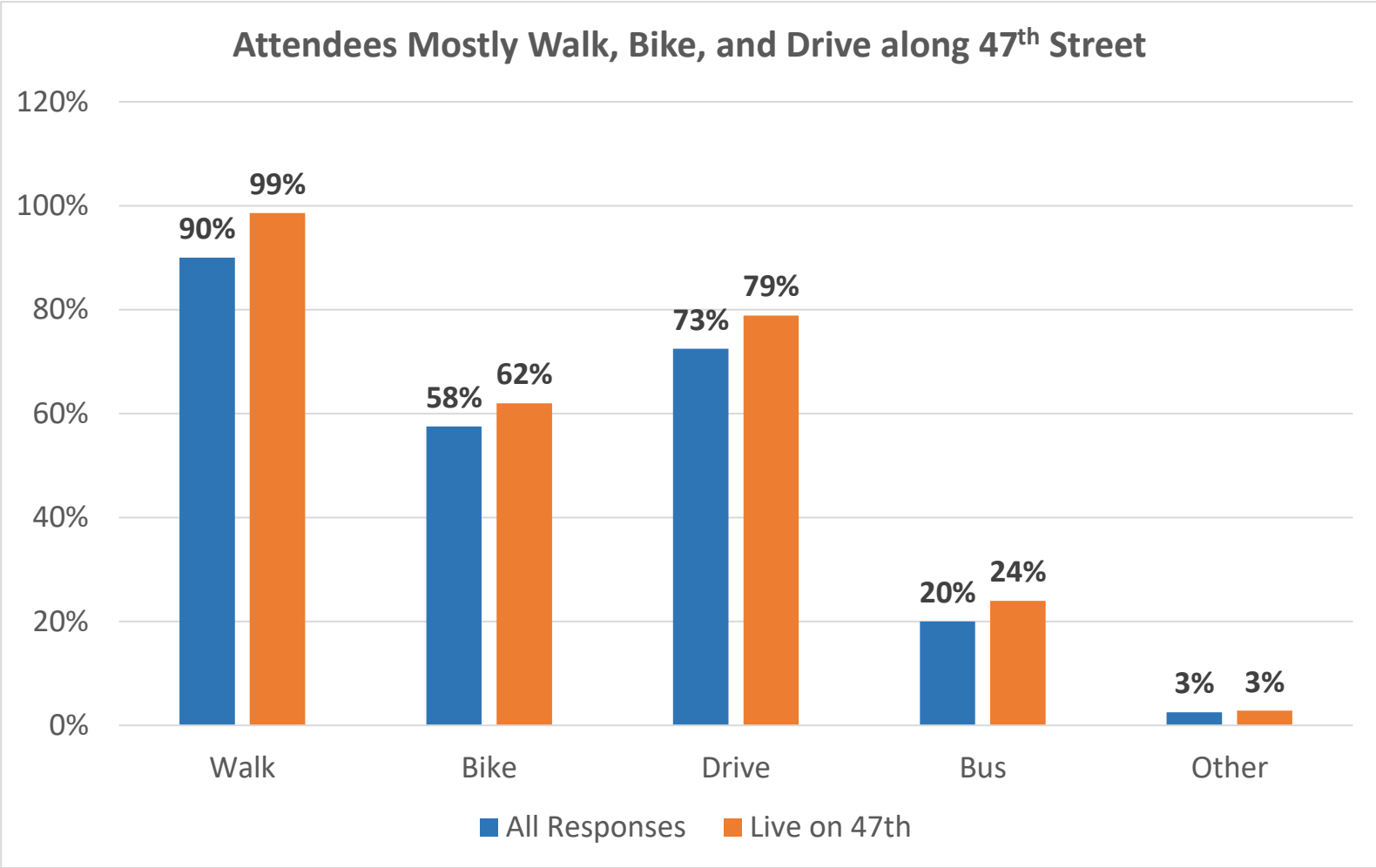
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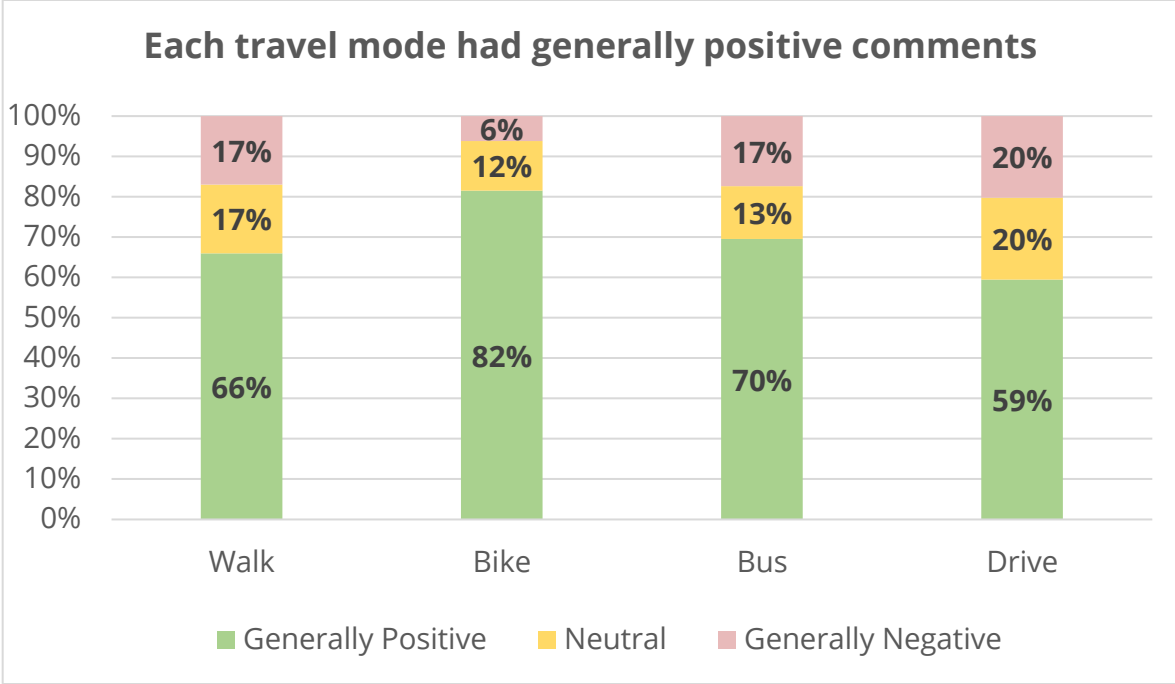
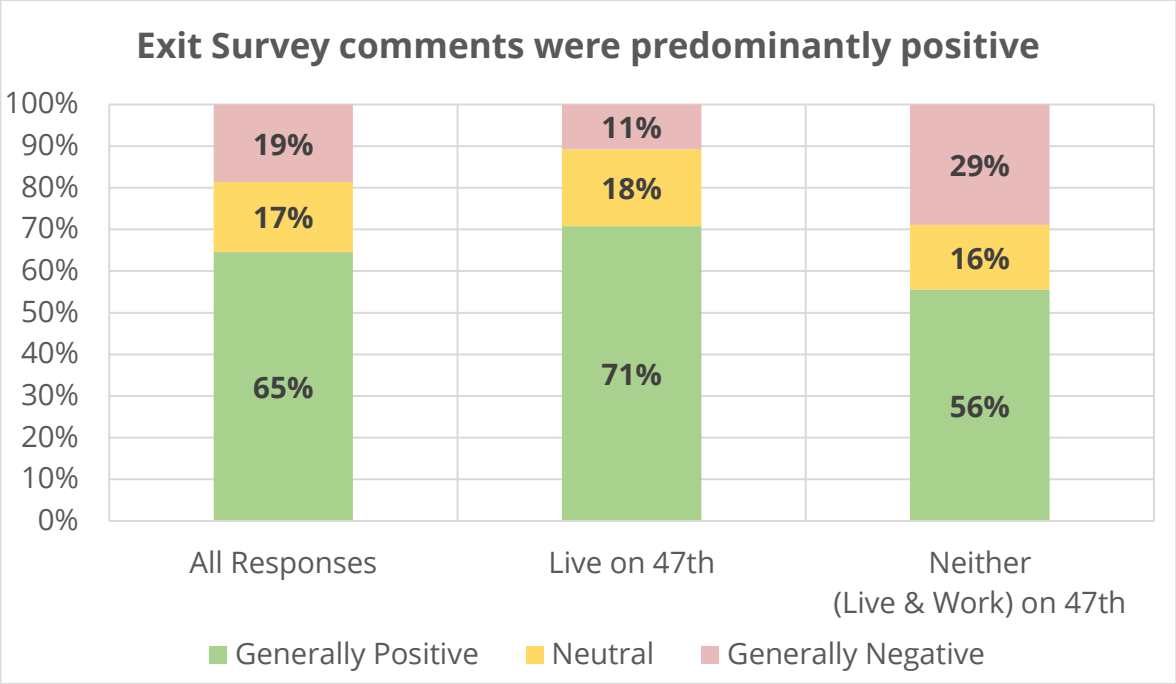
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Q4: How do you travel on 47th Street?

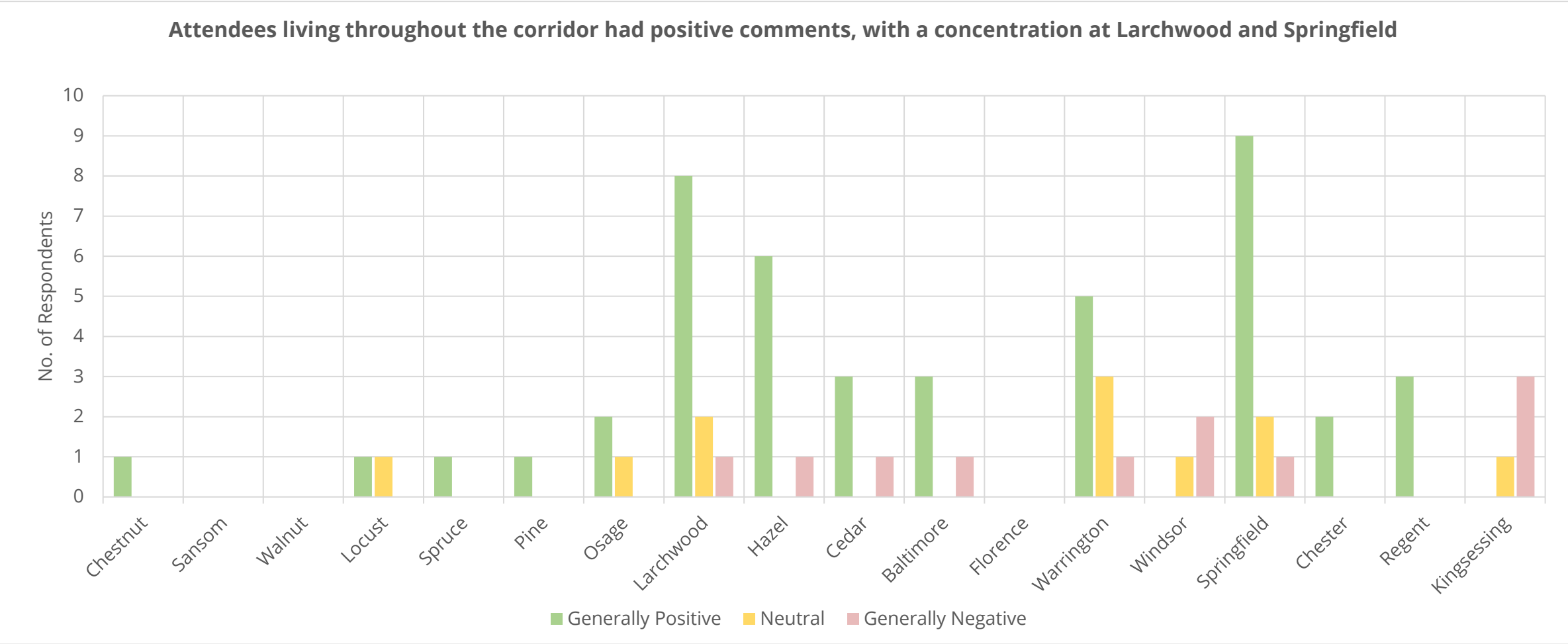


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The City categorized Exit Survey comments into three categories: generally positive, neutral, and generally negative.

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Sample comments:

- I appreciate the data-backed efforts to make Philly safer for walkers and bicyclists.
- Traffic calming is needed in our neighborhood for the communities' safety!
- ...I have small children and I live in fear of them crossing the streets. Anything to slow traffic and make us all safer!
- I use many modes of transportation and all will be safer with this new layout.



Q5: Respondent comments

Concerns expressed:

- Requests for all-way stops instead of signals for reduced driver speeds.
- Not enough parking for neighbors
- Maintenance and cleaning of bike lane
- Sight lines in the new layout and conflicts between contraflow bikers and drivers

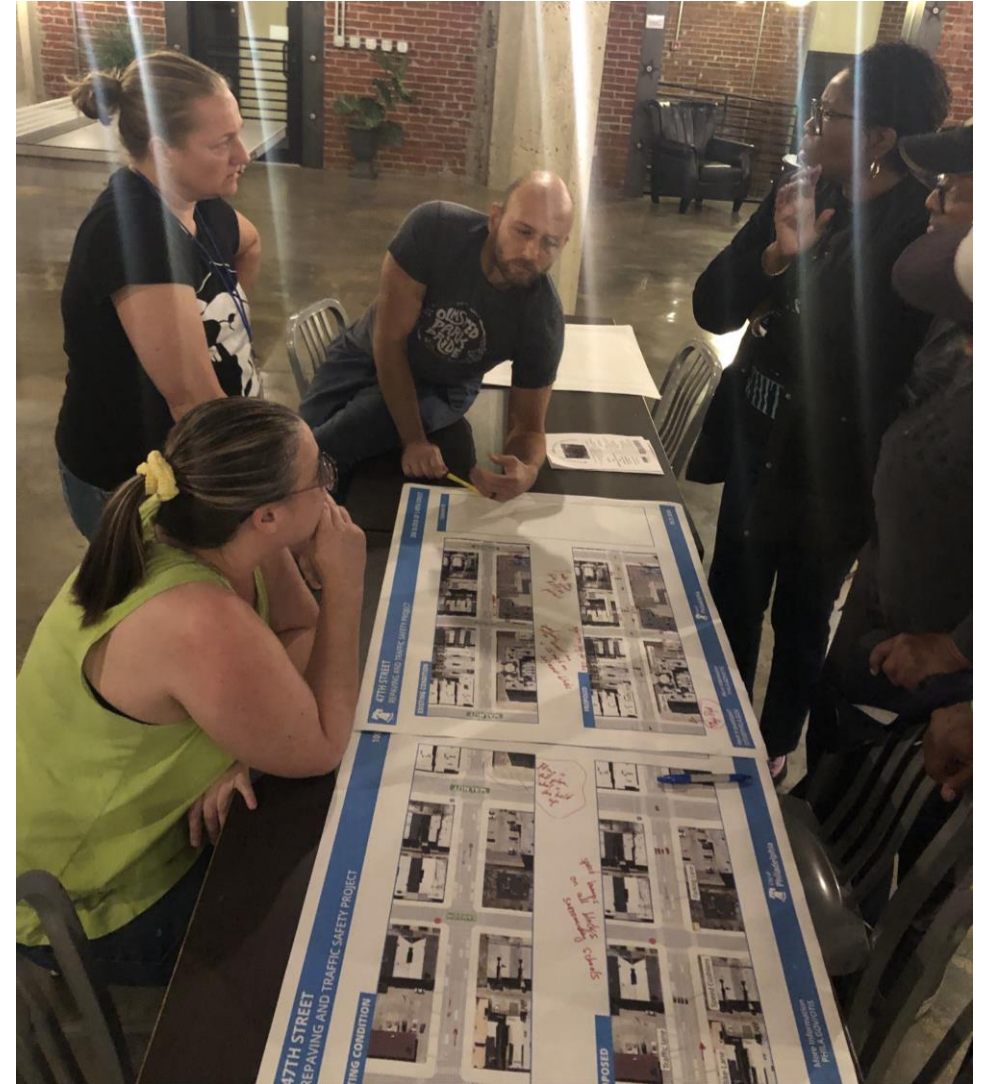


Table Exercise



47TH STREET
REPAVING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT

1000 BLOCK OF S 47TH STREET

EXISTING CONDITION



COMMENTS

Empty box for comments.

PROPOSED



Add loading here, lots of commercial

Keep these X boxes clear with flex posts so that people driving out of Regent can see oncoming traffic

Shops load in the trolley stop today, add loading zones

Lots of families crossing here to kindergarten

October Focus Group Meeting comments are highlighted in an orange box.

At each meeting, we asked attendees to comment directly on Existing/Proposed block diagrams.

Respondent priorities:

- Calm & organize driver behavior at school drop-off and pick-up
- Speed cushions and daylighting setbacks
- Neighborhood & business-serving loading zones
- Driver sight-lines at driveways, alleys, and side streets

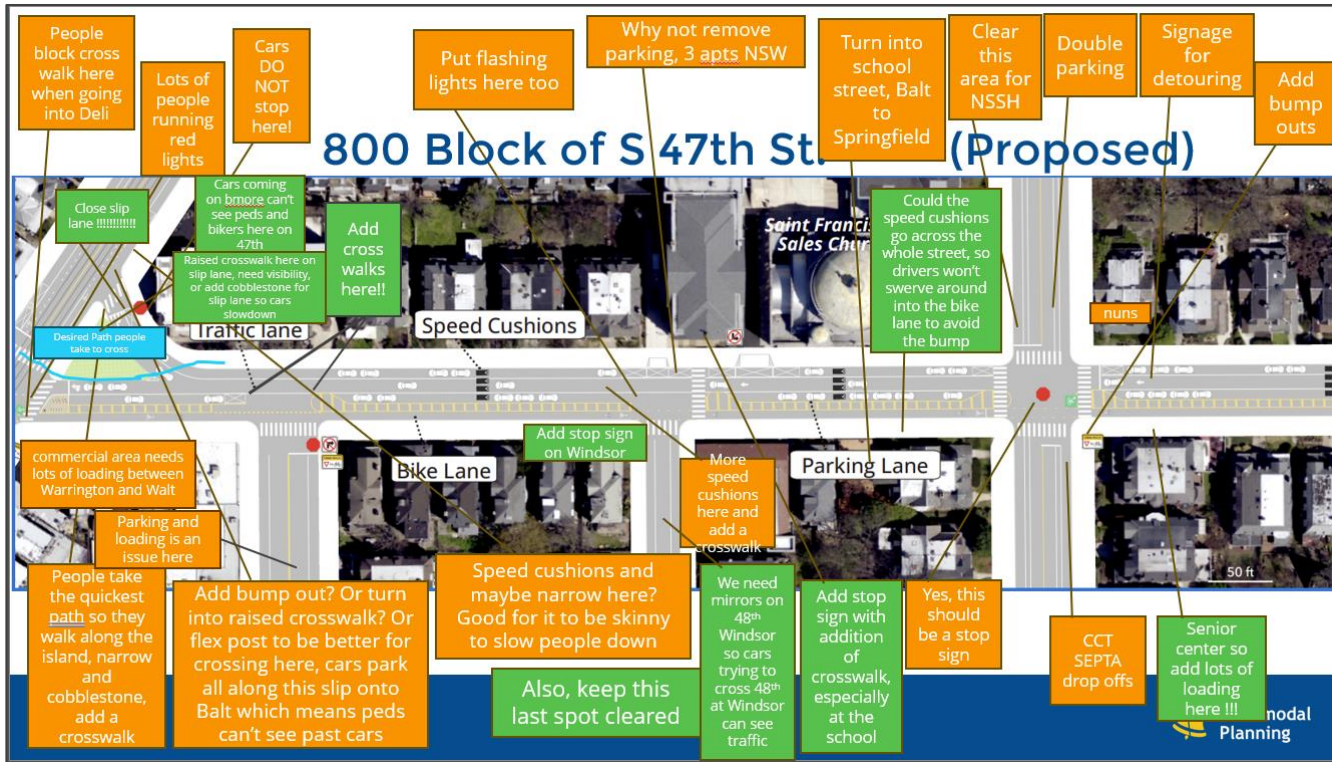
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Table Exercise: Example



Focus Group Comments in Orange

Public Meeting Comments in Green



*Full block set in appendix

Next Steps

Near Term: Before Legislation

- Design conversation with Streets Department & CM Gauthier's office
- Report back to community stakeholders
- Move forward City Council legislation

Late Winter: During Design

- Identify business loading zones locations and work with PPA and Streets on curbside regulations
- Additional detailed parking regulations discussion at Lea Elementary & St Frances de Sales School during design

Thank you

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APPENDIX: Table Exercise Comment Summary by Block

Appendix: Block Table Exercise

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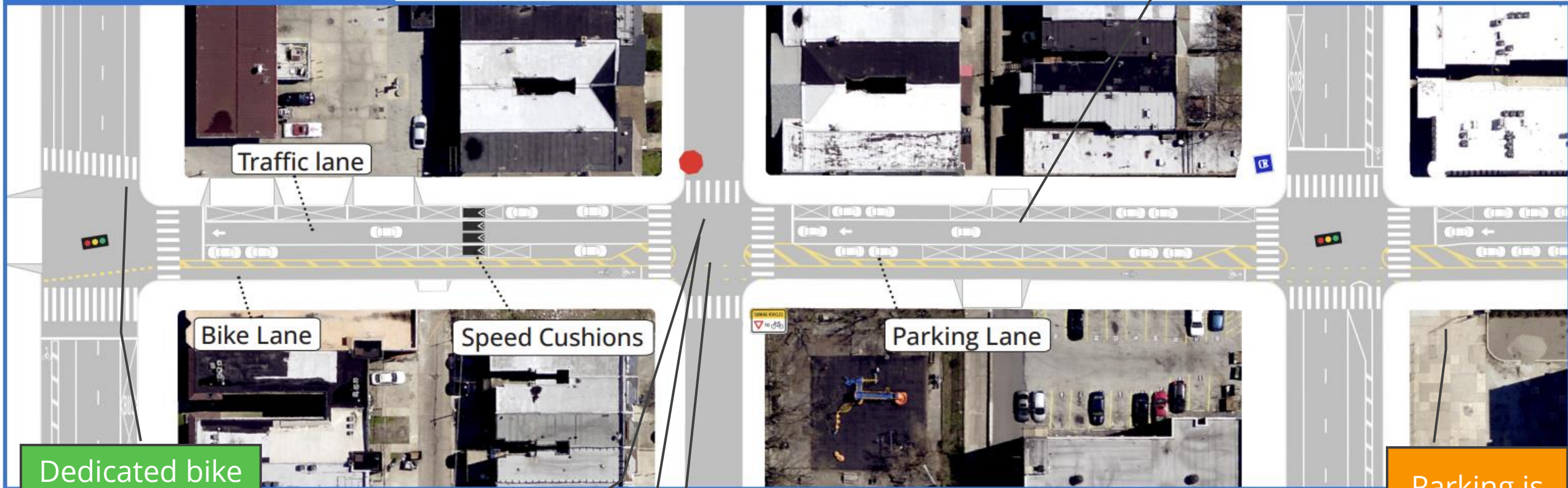
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100 Block of S 47th Street (Proposed)

Add speed bumps here, so they are on all blocks surrounding school



Dedicated bike box or signaling when turning onto Chestnut!!!!

Will this be a 4 way stop?

Stoplight at Sansom

Public transit commuters currently park around 47th & Sansom st to ride SEPTA to other places, so there's potential to lose more daytime parking for residents

Parking is the plan, what is the hold up for this area?

Midblock loading zone here for west loft? Could LZ be parking at night?

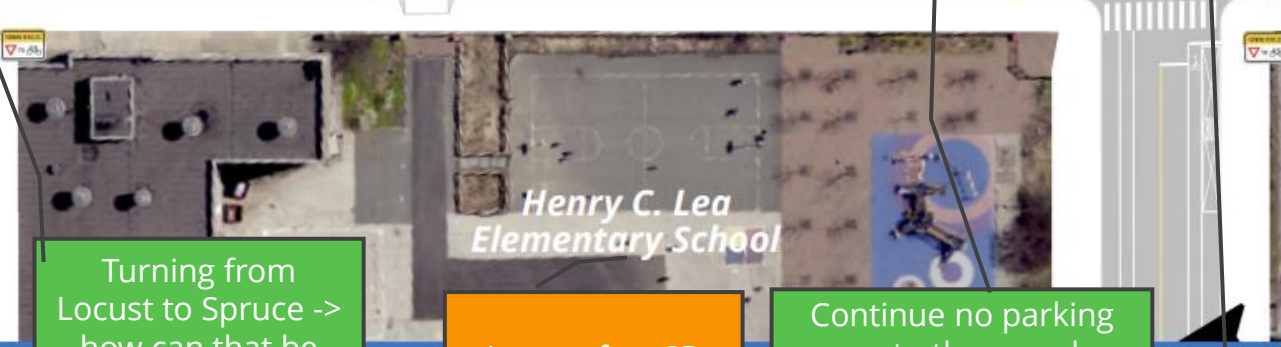
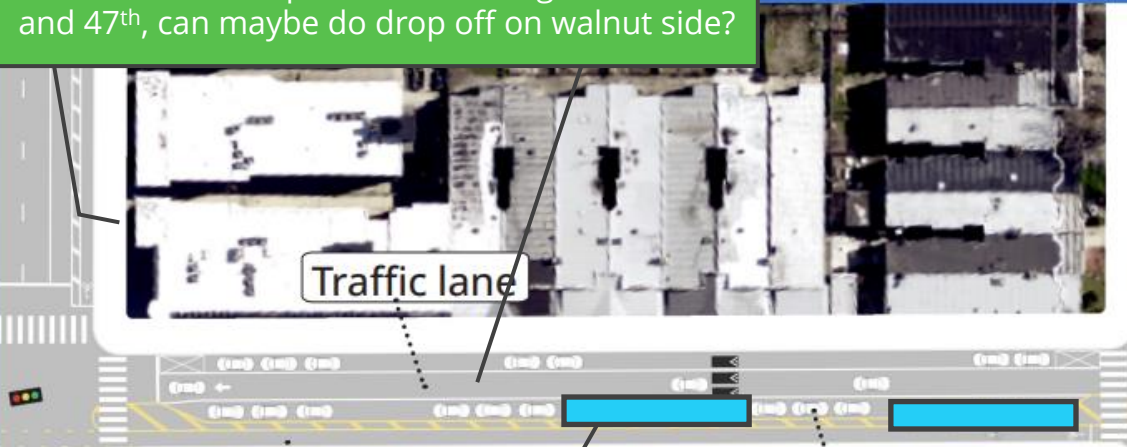
People often park on corner where it says, "no parking", makes it hard to see around the corner!!!!
Add daylighting to help this?

Would need signs about school dismissal then or parking

200 Block of S 47th St (Proposed)

NSSH suggestions

Concern about apartment building on Walnut and 47th, can maybe do drop off on walnut side?



Potential parking for West Loft, uber/lyft pickup?

Midblock loading zone here for west loft? Could LZ be parking at night?

Current loading dock, could we push west loft delivers to here, possible uber/lyft pickup?

Turning from Locust to Spruce -> how can that be safer?

Lea prefers SB (separated bike lane)

Continue no parking up to the speed cushion!!!

3 buses and parent loading on Locust

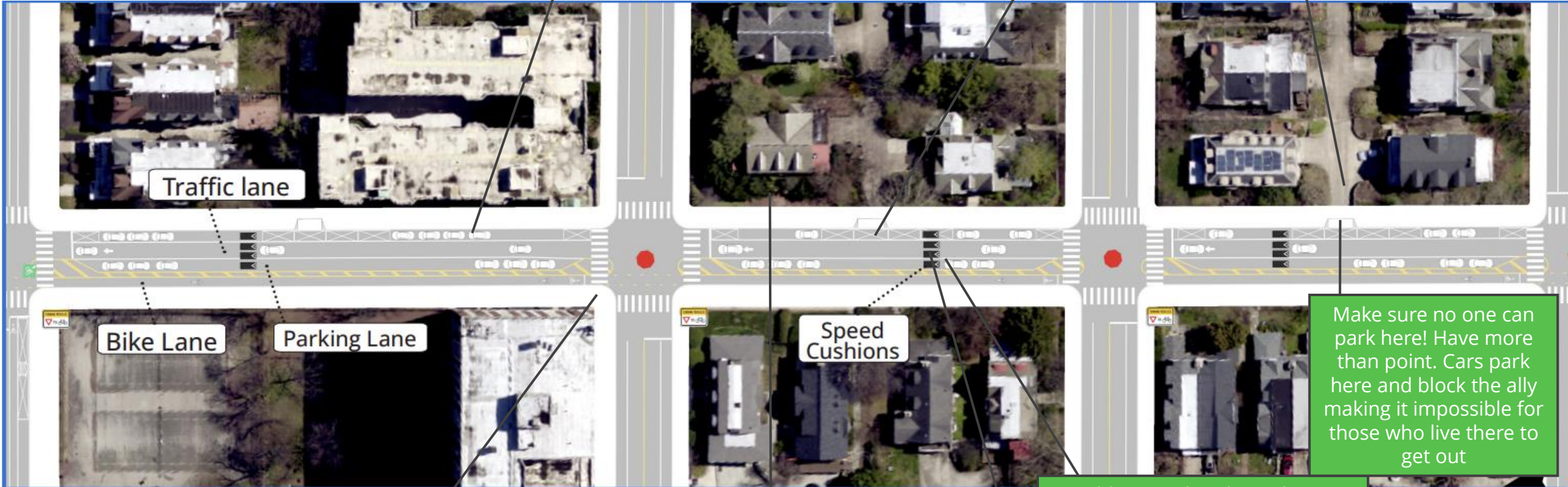
Curb extensions and bump outs at school and Spruce & 47th (like Penn Alexander has)

300 Block of S 47th St (Proposed)

Loading zone next to apt at pine street

1-2 loading zones per block, please add it

Trash trucks make a turn here plus people parking here will need a way to get out (same issue on 46th)



Traffic lane

Bike Lane

Parking Lane

Speed Cushions

Bump outs at each intersections

Make sure no one can park here! Have more than point. Cars park here and block the ally making it impossible for those who live there to get out

Would a speed cushion closer to the stop signs at Pine encourage drivers to actually stop? So many people drive through

Raised crosswalks (at all crosswalks if possible) !!!!!

Add 1-2 loading zone sports per block with nighttime parking!!

Flex post next to speed cushions

500 Block of S 47th St. (Proposed)

Add signage to protect one way, extend flex posts around the corners

Every corner gets abused with parking, the corners and crosswalks need to be protected

Cedar is dangerous at this crosswalk, people speeding to catch the bmore light then zooming up to this crosswalk, make this a raised crosswalk so peds are more visible and cars slow down !!!!

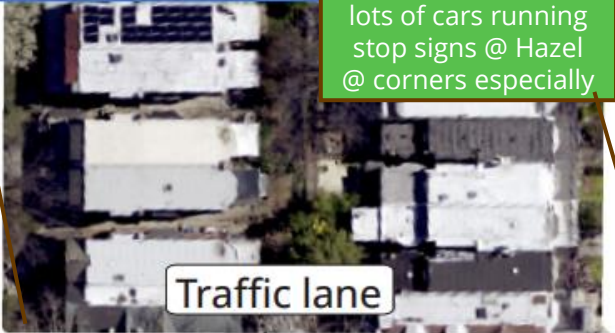
Even though this is no parking, people are always parking here so flex posts/ daylighting is needed to enforce no parking on the crosswalk !!!!

Please close this slip lane, it is designed for highways not neighbors

Lighting issues, Hazel is very dark, lots of cars running stop signs @ Hazel @ corners especially

The hooded light are hard to see because of the sun sometimes during the day, change the angle and add walk light

Street eatery in the summer
Loco Pez West Philly



Raised crosswalks at every crosswalk!!! These would also slow cars down like a speed cushion would

Crosswalks always have cars in them all along this section of 47th

Improve sightlines at Cedar and 47th

Storm drainage issues, flooding forces peds to have to walk in the road and would be a potential issue for the future bike lane

Make loading zones clearer, especially with the one way!

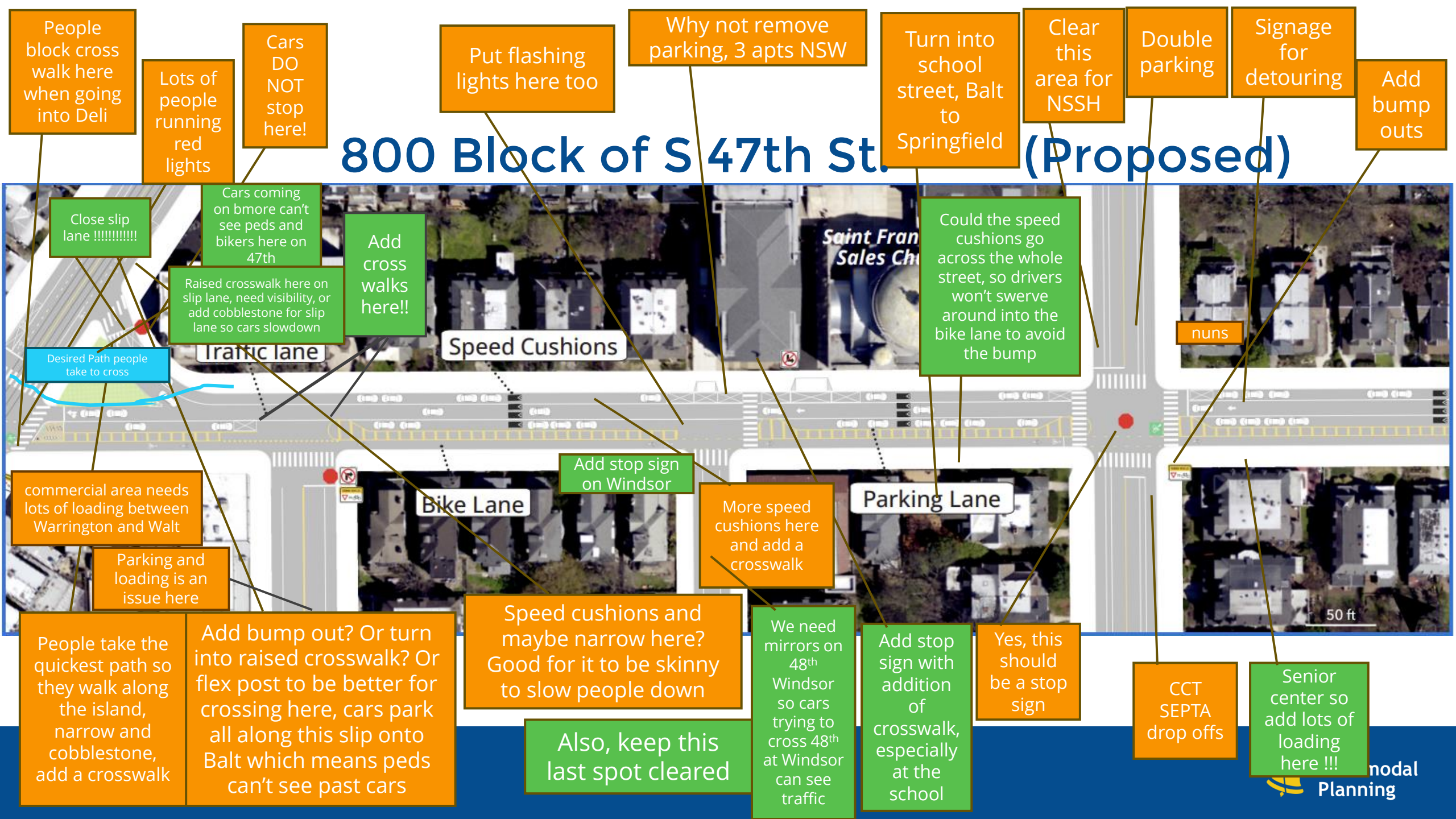
Improve left turn safety

Sacrifice more parking between bmore and cedar so all crosswalks are clear, people need to be seen!

Loading needed here, Convert all to 20 min loading

Parking lots have peds cutting through

800 Block of S 47th St. (Proposed)



People block cross walk here when going into Deli

Lots of people running red lights

Cars DO NOT stop here!

Put flashing lights here too

Why not remove parking, 3 apts NSW

Turn into school street, Balt to Springfield

Clear this area for NSSH

Double parking

Signage for detouring

Add bump outs

Close slip lane !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cars coming on bmore can't see peds and bikers here on 47th

Add cross walks here!!

Raised crosswalk here on slip lane, need visibility, or add cobblestone for slip lane so cars slowdown

Desired Path people take to cross

Saint Fran Sales Ch

Could the speed cushions go across the whole street, so drivers won't swerve around into the bike lane to avoid the bump

nuns

commercial area needs lots of loading between Warrington and Walt

Parking and loading is an issue here

Add stop sign on Windsor

More speed cushions here and add a crosswalk

Parking Lane

People take the quickest path so they walk along the island, narrow and cobblestone, add a crosswalk

Add bump out? Or turn into raised crosswalk? Or flex post to be better for crossing here, cars park all along this slip onto Balt which means peds can't see past cars

Speed cushions and maybe narrow here? Good for it to be skinny to slow people down

Also, keep this last spot cleared

We need mirrors on 48th Windsor so cars trying to cross 48th at Windsor can see traffic

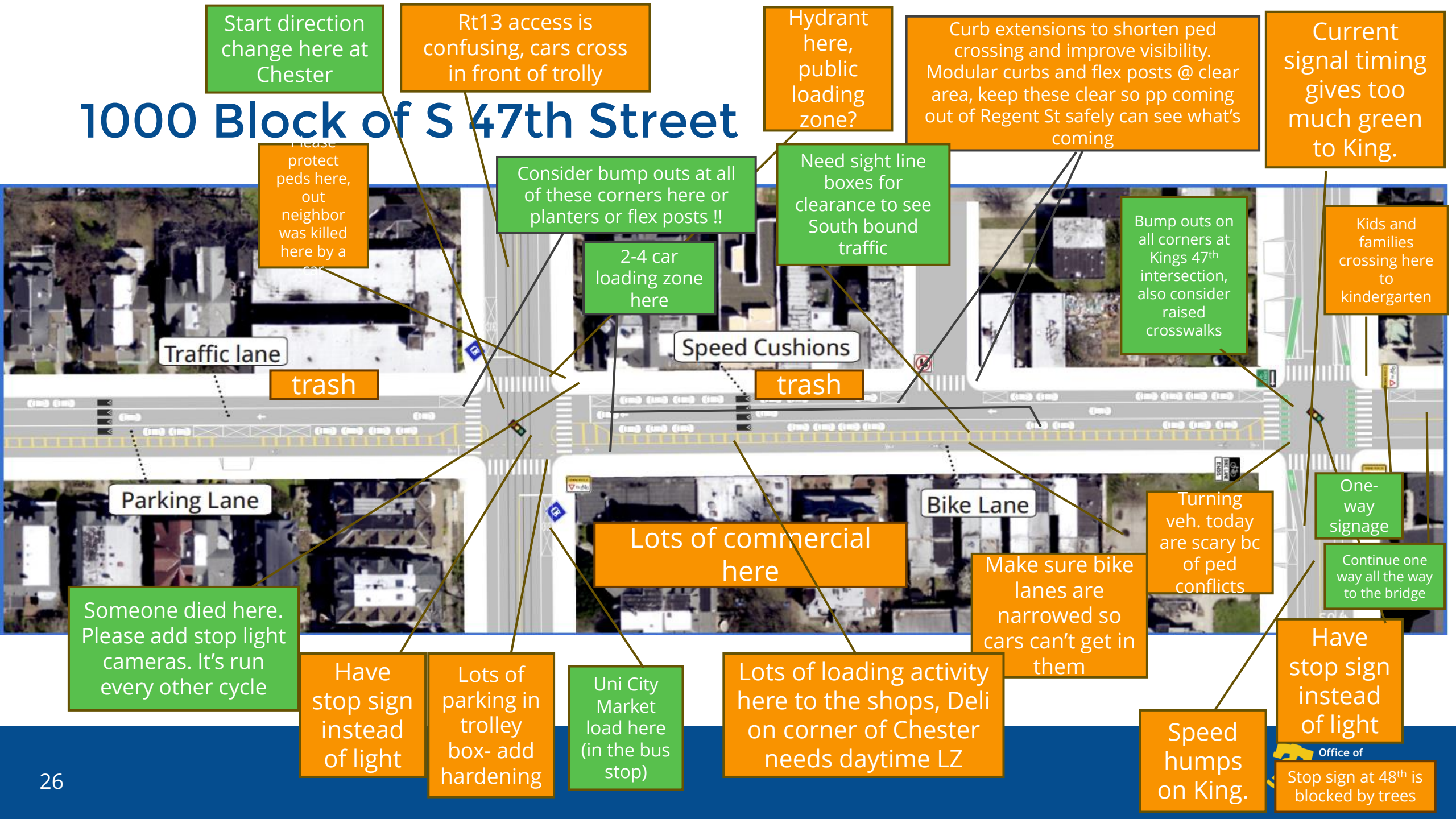
Add stop sign with addition of crosswalk, especially at the school

Yes, this should be a stop sign

CCT SEPTA drop offs

Senior center so add lots of loading here !!!

1000 Block of S 47th Street



Start direction change here at Chester

Rt13 access is confusing, cars cross in front of trolley

Hydrant here, public loading zone?

Curb extensions to shorten ped crossing and improve visibility. Modular curbs and flex posts @ clear area, keep these clear so pp coming out of Regent St safely can see what's coming

Current signal timing gives too much green to King.

Please protect peds here, out neighbor was killed here by a car

Consider bump outs at all of these corners here or planters or flex posts !!

Need sight line boxes for clearance to see South bound traffic

Bump outs on all corners at Kings 47th intersection, also consider raised crosswalks

Kids and families crossing here to kindergarten

2-4 car loading zone here

Traffic lane

trash

Speed Cushions

trash

Parking Lane

Bike Lane

Lots of commercial here

Turning veh. today are scary bc of ped conflicts

One-way signage

Continue one way all the way to the bridge

Someone died here. Please add stop light cameras. It's run every other cycle

Have stop sign instead of light

Lots of parking in trolley box- add hardening

Uni City Market load here (in the bus stop)

Lots of loading activity here to the shops, Deli on corner of Chester needs daytime LZ

Make sure bike lanes are narrowed so cars can't get in them

Speed humps on King.

Have stop sign instead of light

Stop sign at 48th is blocked by trees