



State Street/Library Mall
 Public Information Meeting #2
 August 13, 2013

Summary of Comments

General Comments
Consider the following: -Program Coordination -Shade and Seating Structure -Artistic Bike Racks -Covered Bike Corrals and Valet Services -Alternative Bike Route -Bike Repair Shop -Winter – Ice Skating Rink -Wading Fountain
-Concern about food cart expansion lending itself to larger businesses occupying food cart space which is supposed to be for “mom and pop” type business. (Vendor)
-Do not destroy the fountain or the clock. (2)
-Limit Bike traffic through the area.
-Restrict the food carts on the 800 block to the south side to open up the north side to other types of activities (i.e. music or picnicking)
-Consider changing access on Langdon Street to only bike/ped/emergency vehicles/loading vehicles. Move inter-city buses.
-Close Langdon to cars, or at least one way. (4)
-Give bikes an invitation to route around the mall – Lake → Langdon → Park.
-Remove all at the bottom of Bascom Hill and improve Park Street crossing
-Make entrance at Bascom Hill also useful to function as a stage for large events. (2)
-When presenting areas where electrical will be run, consider not just showing it as where food carts will be located. It gives the impression you are trying to maximize food carts.
-Make sure mall maintenance snow removal equipment fits. (3)
-Simplicity is critical.
-Central staircase at Bascom Hill makes the most sense.
-Symmetry is best
-Consider reshaping or repurposing the area between the University Club and Humanities. (3)
-The 2 State Street blocks of bike lanes should have green pavement.
-Connection between ECM and State Street should be a key point
-Currently too much concrete. The 800 block is a dead zone. (2)
-The bike policy limits connectivity



-Remove wall at the base of Bascom Hill
-Where would moped parking go?
-More amps for food carts – At least 20 amps (vendor)
-Big Trees, the bigger the better.
-Consider a winter/Christmas market
-Concern about bike/ped conflicts (3)
-Stage-make sure there is a space for people. Needs to be well programmed.
-Keep carts away from University Club entry (3)
-Stone work has been added to University Club that can be considered for added seating capacity. (2)
-Need seating that is not with the food carts. (2)
-Balance food carts with inside businesses
-Pay attention to entrances (2)
-800 Block should be a quieter place. Not just food carts, could be art, other programs, farmer's market
-Don't forget seasonality
-More organic feel with the trees, not so linear (2)
-Consider arcades of sheltered seating for places to sit in inclement weather
-Consider food trucks vs the food carts
-More flowering trees
-Patrons of the vendors know where restrooms are in the 700 block but not in the 800 block. This poses a concern to vendors that could end up on the 800 block (vendor)
-Like offset/cluster vending – offers a more park-like setting along the balustrade and more of a market/shopping center affect. (2)
-Large number of food carts in both alternatives makes it seem as though they are priority #1 (2)
-Would be helpful to see Alumni Park plans to see how it ties in with the alternatives
-Less food carts – restrict to 700 block.
-Love ice rink idea
-Like seating at Historic Society and Memorial Library
-No literal continuance of ECM
-Large tree beds should allow for growth
-Colored pavement lanes for bikes
-Ok with turning carts 90 degrees (vendor)
-Don't like cluster of carts on 800 block due to visibility and maneuvering concerns (vendor)
-Vendors would consider longer hours and season if better lighting and if destination drew more people
-Lake and Park Street connections are critical
-Concern about vendor locations during construction (vendor)
-Like the idea of more carts since more carts will draw more people. (vendor)
-Langdon Street - Seems the bus waiting issue and at least a preliminary circulation



concept for Alumni Park need to be known before the right crossing design and location can be developed for Langdon Street.

-State Street: Other than bike racks, neither of the two alternatives really addresses how the State St. portal to block 700 would be enhanced. (Can we make Walgreen's un-brick their storefront??) Is 'table' a possibility here too?

-Both concepts include ample bike parking at the portals – this is good, but design solution and location will be critical. Folks prefer covered & secure bike parking.

-Not sure what creative paving or other solutions will slow bikes down in the 26'-wide highway the fire department has now provided them. A key concern.

Concept Comments - Oval

-Like the "Oval" scheme

-Interest in seeing how the seating is accomplished in the "Oval" scheme

-Slows down bike traffic from ECM

-Split space prevents complete takeover of the space

-Like the current fountain and would like it to remain in the Oval option

-Design seems more fluid and incorporated with artistic/natural design.

-Oval scheme more interesting in front of Memorial Library.

-Like the entrance to Bascom Hill (2)

-Seems more timeless/more classic plan

-Reaches to past alumni – Still recognizable

-Like fountain

-Oval would accommodate multiple smaller and informal activities better

-Great Lawn uses Memorial Library as its primary backdrop; but Historical Society is by far the better-looking building. Is there a solution that can focus Great Lawn activity more in that direction and still keep gist of Great Lawn circulation pattern?

Concept Comments - Lawn

-Like the shift connection from ECM to the promenade. Better north-south movement from ECM (3)

-Like the stage/step area in the lawn option. (3)

-Large grass area lends to more opportunities

-Prefer "Lawn" option – space less linear and food cart groups add interest.

-Provides a better "Big Event" space

-Layout has more dynamics, more distinctive

-Existing circle doesn't work, why would the oval be better?

-Takes advantage the two terrace spaces for possible stages

-Like lawn option – keep stage area in front of Memorial Library



-The shift on State Street works well with views
-Seems more flexible
-Better event possibilities
-Prefer the State St. 'jog' of Great Lawn concept to straight-away of Oval. Might impact bike speed (very little). Also provides a deeper space for carts on 800.
-Prefer the overall circulation pattern of the Great Lawn alternative – especially how it funnels East Campus Mall traffic more directly, and provides the 'knuckle' that puts a there in the center of this space.
-The central gathering space/stage in Great Lawn is a very desirable feature located in a great spot. Something like it should appear in the final concept.
-Great Lawn would seem to handle large events better
-Concern about attachment to the fountain – this alternative does not have the fountain