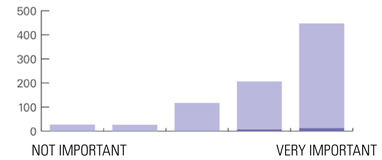
WHAT WE HEARD | ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP

The following is a summary of input gathered at the December 15th public workshop and the online survey that followed from December 20th to January 15th.

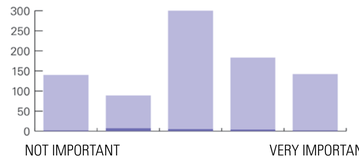
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Respondents were asked to indicate the level of importance for each of the following design principles.

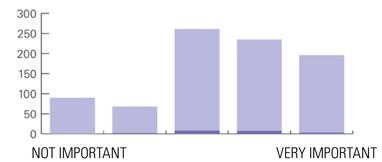
Maintain existing program within the park while maximizing efficiency and integrating with the park.



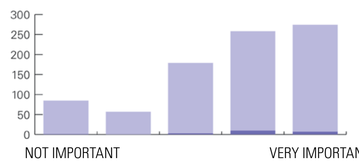
Increase amenity space for new programming.



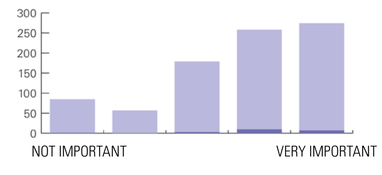
Provide a varied and unique experience along the hike and bike trails.



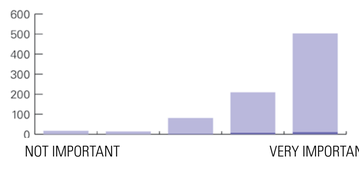
Provide adequate parking and transit opportunities for all park users.



Provide safe, accessible ways to get to the park from YMCA, Austin High School and nearby neighborhoods with or without the Pressler Street extension.

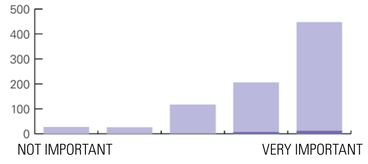


Think big about the transportation networks through the park to consider different possibilities that improve the experience for all users.

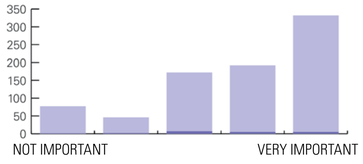


METRICS

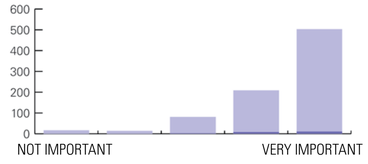
Safe



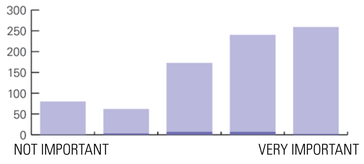
Good for Biking



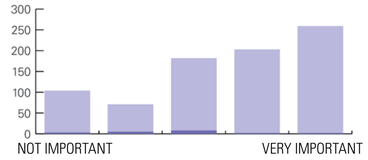
Good for Walking



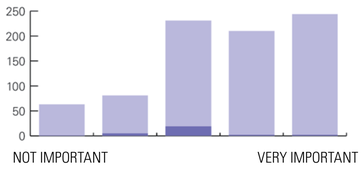
Well Connected Streets



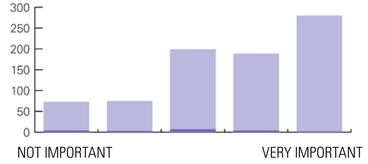
Minimal Delay to Drivers



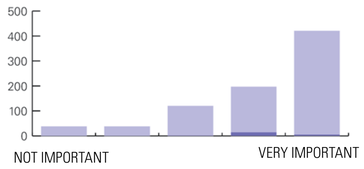
Quiet



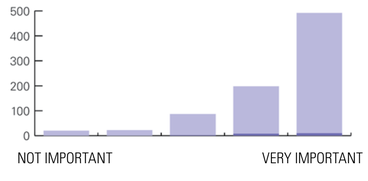
Minimal Disruption



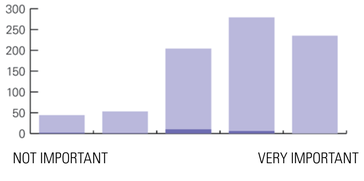
Protected Nature



Clean Water



Feasibility and Costs



20 Workshop Poll Participants

844 Online Poll Participants

ALTERNATIVES

NEEDS WORK | NEUTRAL | LOVE IT | OTHER

CURRENT ALIGNMENT | Cesar Chavez stays in its current alignment.

TOP 5 STRENGTHS
1. Minimal changes/disruption
2. Cost effective
3. APA has its own space
4. Accessible for all stakeholders
5. Quick

TOP 5 WEAKNESSES
1. Traffic on Cesar Chavez is only getting worse
2. Increased traffic with Pressler extension
3. Lack of safety
4. Lack of connectivity/disjointed
5. Very little parking or picnic table areas

ELEVATED RAMPS | Express lanes touch down past the High School. Cesar Chavez is at grade with a signalized intersection at Stephen F. Austin.

TOP 5 STRENGTHS
1. Better flow of traffic
2. Traffic light at Cesar Chavez and Stephen F. Austin
3. Parking potential under ramps
4. Safer than existing conditions
5. Park road seems more direct

TOP 5 WEAKNESSES
1. Unsafe for pedestrians
2. Increased traffic from stop lights and overhead flyover
3. Pressler Street traffic potentially routed through park
4. Too costly
5. Disruptive

TUNNELED ROAD | Cesar Chavez is buried under the park from Stephen F. Austin to Seaholm.

TOP 5 STRENGTHS
1. Maximizes park space
2. Less traffic from Cesar Chavez
3. More connectivity within park/pedestrian access
4. Quiet
5. Most beautiful/park-like

TOP 5 WEAKNESSES
1. High cost
2. Long construction time/disruption
3. Unclear where tunnel starts/stops
4. Lack of eastern access to Austin High School
5. Loss of access to South Lamar

URBAN STREETS | Cesar Chavez at grade with a signalized intersection at Stephen F. Austin and possibly more intersections.

TOP 5 STRENGTHS
1. Slows traffic
2. Traffic light at Cesar Chavez and Stephen F. Austin
3. Pressler feeds into Cesar Chavez instead of a park road
4. Better access to park and lake
5. Great connectivity

TOP 5 WEAKNESSES
1. Potential traffic concerns and congestion
2. Does not reduce pedestrian and vehicle conflict points
3. Pressler is too prominent
4. Too many roads
5. Safety Issues

SEPARATED SYSTEMS | Cesar Chavez is elevated and realigned against the bluff/rail corridor.

TOP 5 STRENGTHS
1. Removes large traffic concerns such as heavy/fast traffic
2. Connects both halves of the park to create a cohesive park
3. Provides good connections between the high school and the park
4. Large increase to park space
5. Pressler connects straight to Cesar Chavez

TOP 5 WEAKNESSES
1. Costly to move Cesar Chavez
2. Limited shared parking opportunities for Austin High School
3. Time consuming/disruptive to move Cesar Chavez
4. Potential traffic concerns with intersection at at Cesar Chavez and Lamar
5. Uses distributed (no central parking)

HYBRID | Cesar Chavez is at grade and realigned against the bluff.

TOP 5 STRENGTHS
1. Unifies the park
2. Provides good connections between the high school and the park
3. Removes large traffic concerns such as heavy/fast traffic
4. Safer for pedestrians
5. Traffic light at Stephen F. Austin and Cesar Chavez

TOP 5 WEAKNESSES
1. Costly to move Cesar Chavez
2. Parking west of the High School is too far away from the park
3. Potential traffic increase due to more intersections on Cesar Chavez
4. Time consuming and disruptive to move Cesar Chavez
5. Pressler Street traffic potentially routed through park

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