

Community Open House Notes

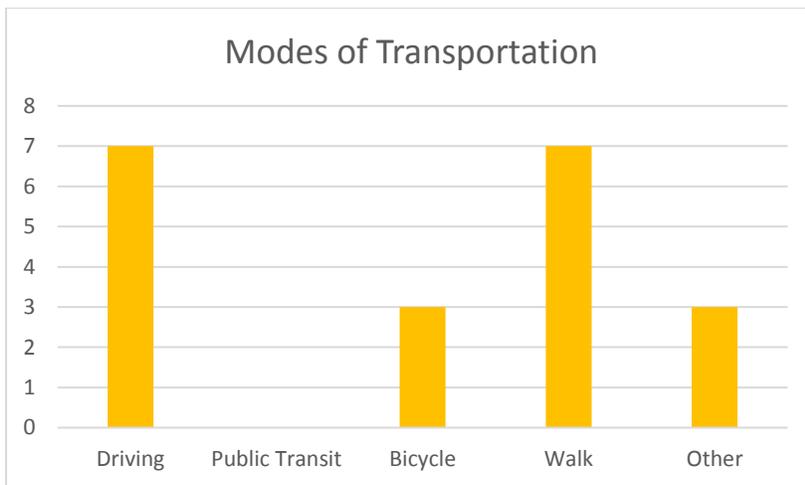
Palmdale Complete Streets  
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On December 6, 2016, the City of Palmdale held a Community Open House for Complete Streets at the Chimbole Cultural Center. Attendees learned about Complete Streets principles, including strategies for Palmdale’s street network to enhance community health, safety, and economic success. Participants were given the opportunity to provide input at multiple “stations,” and provided their views on specific transportation issues in the City, important factors in street design, and which streets they thought would benefit from Complete Streets concepts. The following comments were offered by attendees and provided verbatim in this summary.



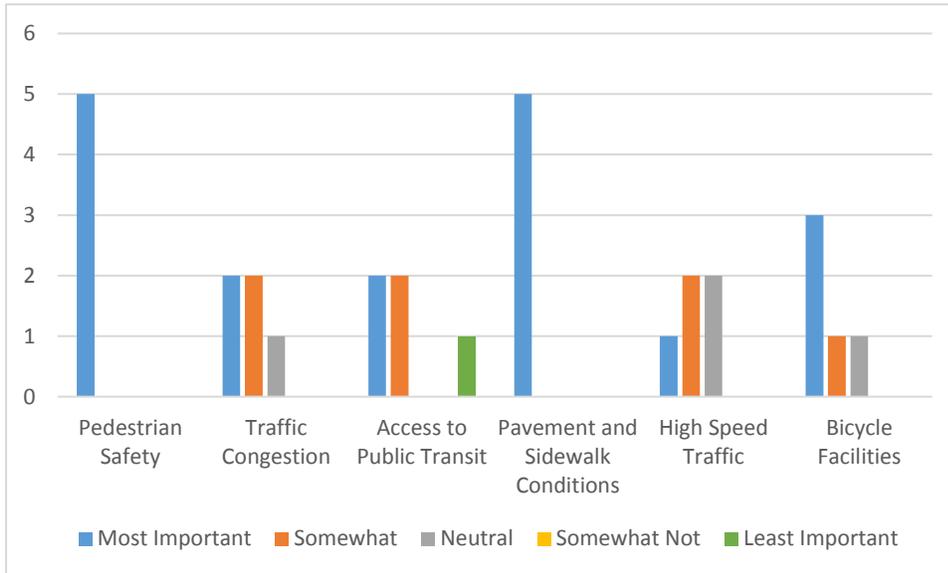
Station 1

What are the top three modes of transportation that you use?



**Station 2**

Listed below are some of the transportation issues/challenges you may face on a regular basis. Please indicate their importance to you.



- **\*OTHER=** Green/Alternative Energy Sources

Please identify locations in the City where transportation issues/challenges occur.

Street Name/Location	Existing Transportation Issues
Rancho Vista	High speed traffic
30 <sup>th</sup> West	High speed traffic
Town Center	High speed traffic
E 47 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Roundabout (Traffic Circle)	Many wrecks; avoid going that way (maybe more public education on how to use a roundabout)
Elementary School E 45 <sup>th</sup> St	There is mostly parent pick-up & drop-off; not many buses or walkers. I want to see the parking on the streets adjacent to schools with marked parking lots/sides of road or some way to organize parked cars. Speed is a huge issue. Speeding a problem. I don't think enough warning for stop signs
13 <sup>th</sup> St. East & Avenue R	Unsafe to enter Avenue R from 13 <sup>th</sup> , no place for PHS students to safely walk/bike
W 30 <sup>th</sup> & Rancho Vista	People are trying to cross from the park into the Vons parking lot. There needs to be a pedestrian crosswalk or something.

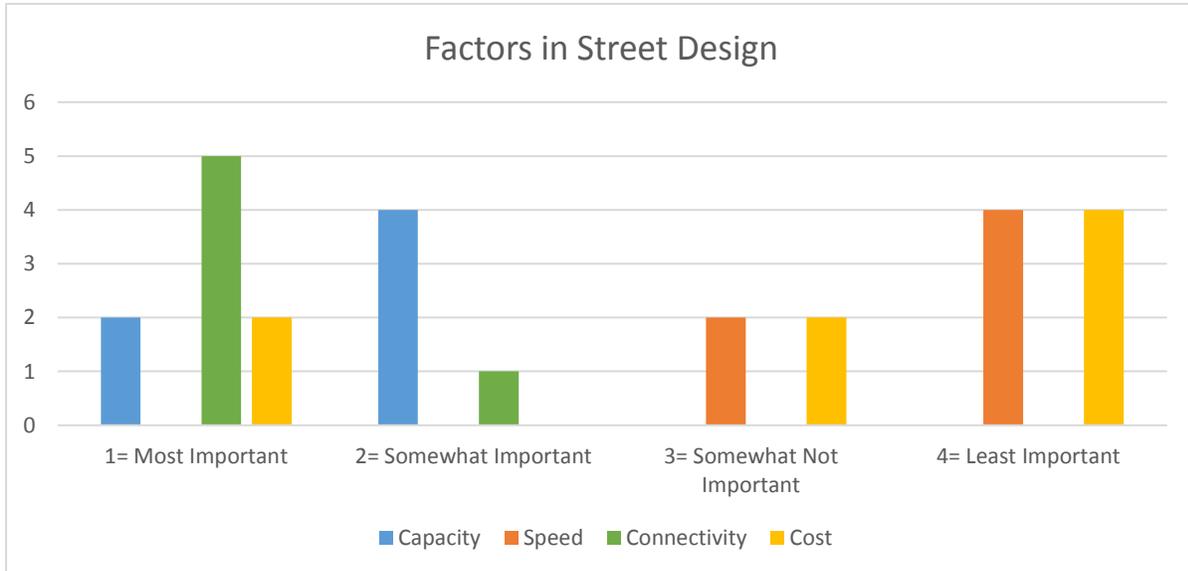
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Palmdale neighborhoods	I was told that speedbumps weren't allowed to be installed on the neighborhood streets. We have a speeding issues on long streets, like Palmetto between O-8 & Fulham where nothing can be done.
Overall	I'd love to see more bicycle lanes throughout Palmdale. Looking forward to the High-Speed Rail.

Station 3

Rank the following factors of street design in order of priority.



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### Station 4

**Which streets in Palmdale could use Complete Street elements, such as bicycle lanes, crosswalks, better bus stops, sidewalks, etc.?**

Street Name/Location	Type of Complete Streets Element
Avenue R	(I know this is in the works pending approval) This would be a huge boost to our neighborhood by promoting safety and increase the possibility of development. Someone's going to get hurt or worse turning onto R from 13 <sup>th</sup> or walking to school
Palmdale Blvd. from 5 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	I could envision a real economic renaissance here—and I'm sure you hear this constantly—like Lancaster Blvd. Bike would be huge here, as well as bus stops/seating
30 <sup>th</sup> St West and Rancho Vista	Really, any areas around the parks
Palmdale Blvd.	It would help bring pride to our City if we could revamp Palmdale Blvd. I know it's a bit difficult because Caltrans has big input, but if we could dedicate an area to pedestrians or something like what Lancaster has done with The BLVD—that'd be awesome!
Poncitlan Square Area	It seems like there has been some planning into making this a pedestrian area, but it'd be great to start to include the blocks around it. There are so many important buildings—Playhouse, Legacy Commons, City building, Library—that this seems like a logical place to create a "pedestrianized" town center or Complete Streets area
Around schools	Around both the high schools & elementary schools, but particularly the AV College. (Nevermind, I realized it's in Lancaster! Ha!). Okay, the new college that's being built on Palmdale Blvd. An EXCELLENT opportunity to revitalize the east side where the community tends to be forgotten.
Rancho Vista near Marie Kerr Park	There are very few places to cross the street safely. I have seen people running across and almost getting hit. It would be nice to see more trees and benches to encourage more walking. Mainly along business areas.
E 47 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Roundabout—speed too fast lack of knowledge how to use roundabout

## Station 5



### Additional Comments

- *Thank you for the opportunity to learn about Palmdale.*
- *Thank you so much for having this meeting. Everybody was very friendly & patient. I came here to learn about future development for Palmdale, specifically transportation/streets for schools.*
- *Avenue R! (I know this is in the works). Repurposing 13<sup>th</sup> East north of R too!*
- *Bike connectivity from S to R to Palmdale to Rancho Vista w/ Sierra would allow people to bike safely around town. I ride all the time but it can be dicey!*
- *Palmdale has incredible potential— Pedestrian/bike safety is tantamount to growth.*