Butler Street Design Guidelines

Goals:

1. Create Standards for future streetscape improvements to be implemented as part of development projects.

2. Identify traffic calming and place-making opportunities along the corridor for which future funding could be pursued.
Outcomes:

1. Create **Design Strategies and Standards** for Landscape & Green Infrastructure, Street Furniture, Lighting, Traffic Calming Measures, and Public Art for future development along Butler Street.

2. Designate specific **place-making opportunities** along the corridor providing detailed illustrations of opportunities for improving the public realm.
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How does this project build on other City of Pittsburgh efforts?

- Recommendations will apply the city’s Complete Streets Policy and Design Guidelines to Butler
- Will integrate Strip District Network and Parking Management Study recommendations
- Will integrate Pittsburgh Bike Plan recommendations
Process | Timeline

**February 2019**

**Task 1 - Needs & Opportunities**
- Existing conditions survey & mapping
- Walkshop
- Resident and business owner surveys

**April-May 2019**

**Task 2 - Conceptual Design Scenarios and Strategies**
- Design strategy concepts
- **Community Meeting (tonight)**
- Complete corridor design recommendations
- Draft report issued for review

**June 2019**

**Task 3 - Design Guidelines**
- Schematic design plan
- Final meetings
How has the community’s input been collected?

- Better Streets Lawrenceville survey: 169 responses
- Business Owners survey: 51 responses
- Resident survey: 85 responses
- Walkshop
- There is still time for input + comments!
Survey Questions for Business Owners:

• What are the current issues with your district and more specifically your block?

• In an ideal world, how would Butler Street (in your area) function?

• In an ideal world, what would Butler Street (in your area) look like? What is the future character you envision?
Findings | Surveys

Survey Questions for Residents:

• According to a survey conducted in 2016 by Better Streets Lawrenceville, 40th and Butler Street was listed as the most problematic intersection on Butler St. What are other places along Butler Street that you feel unsafe?

• In an ideal world, what would Butler Street (in your area) look like? What is the future character you envision? (We are looking for your suggestions regarding landscape and stormwater planters, lighting, street furniture, public art, and anything else that builds upon the existing character...)

• When you visit a Butler Street business, how do you get there (walk, drive, bike?) and how can that experience be improved?
Emerging Strategies from Survey Responses:

• Improve pedestrian and bike safety: apply traffic calming techniques at key intersections & curb cuts
• Organize the existing sidewalk elements to reduce clutter & ensure accessibility
• Add more street trees & stormwater plantings
• Add more street furniture & bus shelters
• Add more public art
• Improve parking & loading management
Findings | Survey Responses

Number One Issue: 40th & Butler

- Large parking fields
- Street furniture needed
- More public art
- Bike box needed
- Add Stormwater Plantings & Trees
- Dangerous curb cuts
- Trash Bins Needed
- Safer intersection treatment needed for pedestrians and bikes

Number One Issue: 40th & Butler
Findings | Survey Responses

Typical Butler Section

Crumbling paving
More trees & stormwater planting
Parking & loading conflicts
Illegal parking blocks intersections
More street furniture & public art
Respect historic character
Findings | Survey Responses

Street furniture needed

Cluttered sidewalks

More street trees & landscape

Dangerous curb cuts

Better pedestrian crossings

More Trees

Pedestrian safety & Curb Cuts

Remove Billboards. Add Public Art

Lower Lawrenceville
Findings | Survey Responses

- Duplicate stormwater plantings & trees
- Crumbing paving
- Pedestrian/vehicle conflicts
- Illegal parking in intersection
- Expansion bumpouts & add street furniture
- More seating & green space

Central Lawrenceville
Findings | Survey Responses

- Too many curb cuts
- Pedestrian crossings
- Large parking fields
- Dangerous intersection
- Connection to river (signage/trail)
- Improve open space & bus stop
- Add stormwater plantings & trees
- Extend bike lane
- Sunoco
- Allegheny Cemetery
- Standard Bank
- Upper Lawrenceville
Recent streetscape innovations in Pittsburgh
Possible Design Strategies

Example Opportunity Intersection

- Shared street
- More trees
- Shorter crossings & traffic calming
- Public art
- Stormwater planter
- Bus stop bumpout with seating & shelter
Possible Design Strategies

Example Opportunity Intersection

- **Encourage public art interventions throughout**
- **Organize existing sidewalks into clear circulation and amenity zones**
- **Add amenities in intersection bumpouts: bus shelters, stormwater planting, benches, etc.**

**Typical Width - 36' Curb to Curb**
- 60' Right-of-Way
- 2 - 11' Travel Lanes

**Curb Zone**
- Maintain
- Through Zone

**Frontage Zone**
- 12' Sidewalk
- 7' Bumpout / Parking
Next Steps

• Create design recommendations for the entire Butler corridor.

• Discuss options with project team, city staff and community.

• Develop new online survey for additional feedback.

• Create document draft for review.
• What else needs to be considered?

• If you would like more information or to provide comments about this project, please contact Rachel @ the Lawrenceville Corporation.

• Thank you for your time!