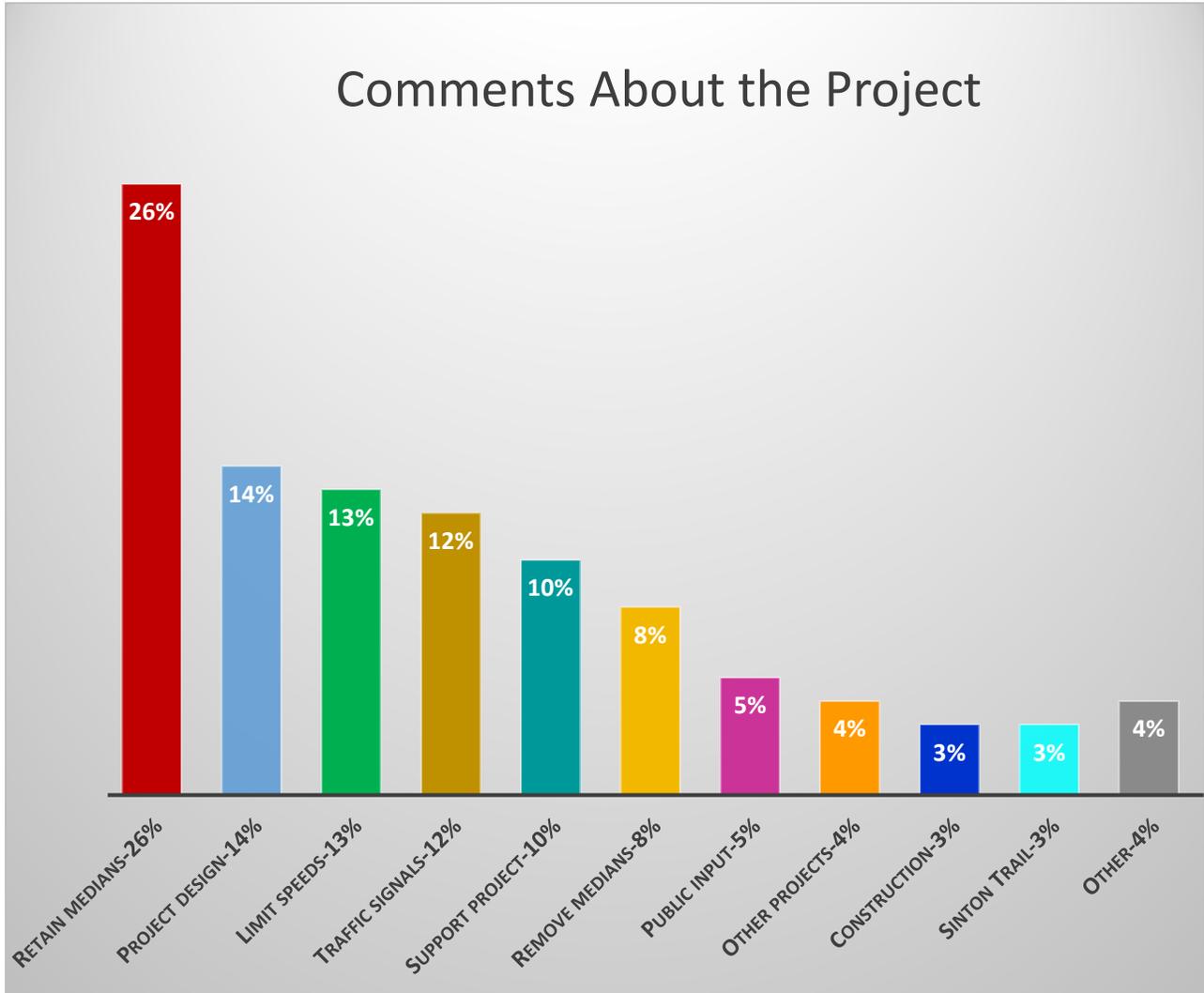


# Centennial Boulevard Reconstruction Community Open House

June 30, 2016

## Summary of Comments from the Individual Comment Cards\*



*\*A total of 82 people signed in at the meeting and 46 comment cards were submitted.*

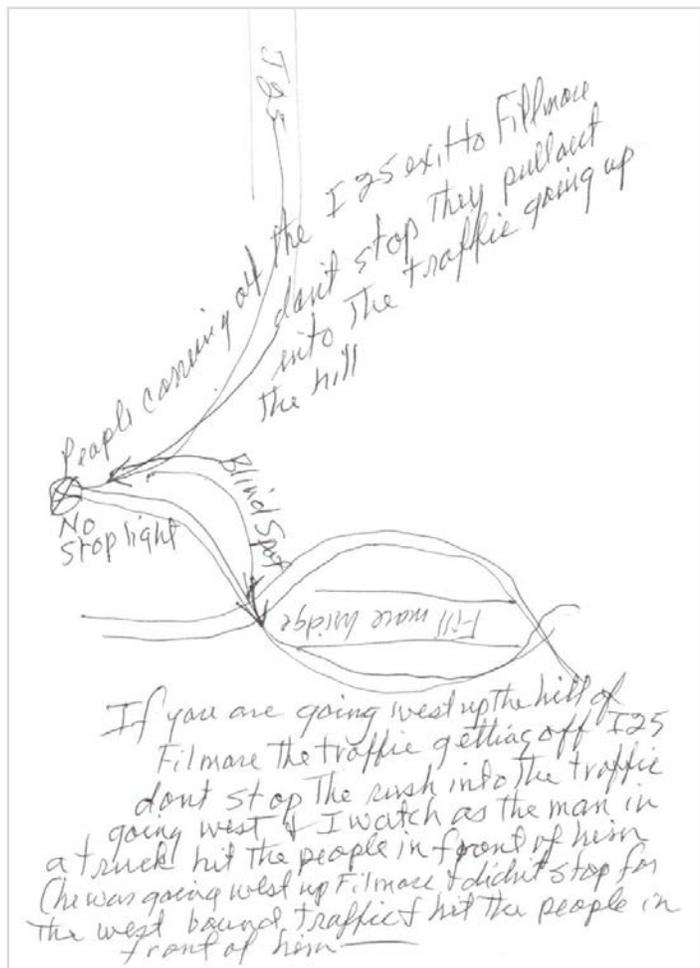
## Categorized Verbatim Comments from the Individual Comment Cards

### ***Please provide any comments you have about the Centennial Boulevard reconstruction project***

#### Retain medians (20 mentions = 26%)

- This city used to be known as a “Tree City” and all I have seen in times of financial crisis is their removal. Removing the median and the trees is just more of this. They beautify the blue collar area and are a must-stay along the Boulevard. Please, please do not remove them! There is nothing wrong with the road that property maintenance [won’t help] which I’m all for having my taxes be raised to pay for. Keep the value of our neighborhoods and cease selling them down the river for short-sighted goals – such as Intel.
- Eliminating medians from Chesham, south to Fillmore, is a huge mistake. The road in the winter can get extremely icy and currently the median protects vehicles from sliding into oncoming traffic. Although this is an obvious cost issue, the price in safety mishaps will probably be greater.
- Why do we put things in (medians on Centennial) just to tear them out later? We waste so much money in this city, yet the city had to ask us for more money to maintain our roads.
- I would like to see the medians left in several areas, especially around Holi Springs Lane and Chesham Circle where many children cross and myself! I stand in the median. The bus stop is on our corner. Please give some consideration to leaving as many trees as you can in the medians.
- Lack of community input – removing medians in the residential area is a travesty – no thought to the folks that reside in this area. Major safety and aesthetic issues and why would you tear out established trees? So the west side will now look like Powers Boulevard. I am opposed and will join those who wish to fight this madness. Project decisions obviously made in a vacuum.
- I appreciate the presentation and explanation by the engineers who were here. I also understand the reasoning for removing the medians through the neighborhood. However, I’m concerned by the increased probability of speeders coming down the hill. Many people go fast now with the medians. I can only imagine how much faster they will go without the medians. I’m thrilled that the plan will allow the City to put medians back into the road if safety becomes a bigger issue in the future.
- Glad to have the paving redone, but I am so opposed to removing the medians. They provide visual quality and slow traffic by reducing the width of the road.
- I believe we need to add more medians or greenways, specifically on the hill where traffic will increase in speed without them. Property values will also decrease and people and homes are in danger during icy weather.
- I am very concerned about the removal of medians in the middle section of Centennial, as well as speed of traffic. I would like to see a median of some kind. It seems very unsafe, especially in winter, when cars lose control and will go into oncoming traffic.
- Please consider re-building the medians for safety as well as aesthetic purposes.
- We need as many trees as possible on medians and next to sidewalks to preserve a nice residential look to Centennial Blvd. Don’t turn it into an ugly thoroughfare like other streets in the city. Don’t make it worse! Better to keep medians with trees all along Centennial.

- Medians in middle section MUST be retained!
- 1. Concerned about safety in the middle section /Holland Park: 1.a. Possibility of head-on collisions in the center turn lane; 1.b. Possibility of head-on collisions outside the center section. It's a steep hill and in the winter, the median currently keeps out-of-control cars coming down the hill in the north-bound lanes, at least.
- Removal of the medians, especially in the south and middle stretches, is going to increase the accidents because of limited sight lines and higher speeds. There are too many streets entering the street and this provides a lot of blind spots. Holland Park was not well planned for the traffic it has. All the in/out traffic is shunted to Chestnut or Centennial. Bad news.
- 1. Very angry to learn the medians from Chesham Circle to just south of Windmill Lane are to be removed. This is insane. They are a necessary buffer between the north and south lanes, especially in winter. Why remove trees – residential area just not important? Commercial area to retain theirs (money talks). 3. It's difficult enough now to make a left-hand turn from the west side to go north with the medians we have. Please re-think this.
- Biggest concern is it's already a drag race road but at least median slows some a bit. There's no more a way for people to walk "safely" on median, kids to walk to Coronado. Even Garden of the Gods [Road] has median, yet in a neighborhood you're removing them. But keep by businesses (Albertsons, etc.)
- Because of the controlled access from Fillmore going north, I think the medians could stay in and would help with the natural acceleration when going down the hill going north. Thanks.
- The medians need to stay or during the winter people will slide into other people because the City no longer puts sand on this hill. They don't clear any of the snow and ice off streets in the Holland Park community and they speed all the time. We don't need more traffic, but less. With the new Fillmore bridge I've watched three accidents because of poor engineering – see example (to right). The cement median stops accidents. Every time there is an accident, I'm going to the radio stations and say Kathleen Krager wanted this OKed.



- Major concerns not addressed on the map: “Super Centennial Major Highway.” Road not wide enough to accommodate a vehicles crossing into opposite lanes going north or south. Cars crossing in median stick out in the front and rear into oncoming traffic lanes. DUH! What did you all do to omit this fatal crash? BOOM! What a wreck waiting to happen. Way too many side streets having access to Centennial. Don’t change it; if not broken, don’t fix it! To eliminate medians, then you need to add a center crash guard or it will become a suicidal road! Card #2:
- There is no way all these thoroughfares can accommodate cars in the middle median on this road – try it for yourself! Guard rails/medians are needed. OUR LIVES MATTER!

#### Project design (11 mentions = 14%)

- Your proposal is a safety hazard for neighbors on both sides of Centennial. You should be ashamed!
- It appears like the median near Star View extends too far north. If it is as far as the current location, I believe it doesn’t flow well for traffic turning left from Star View to Centennial.
- Median north of Chesham should be pulled further north or flared. Gets hit a lot by vehicles turning out of Chesham to go north.
- Would love to see sidewalks on west side upgraded for handicap access.
- I am very new to neighborhood, but heard concerns about the school buses stopping on Centennial to pick up kids, which could be a hazard. Would like to suggest a bus stop be made at corner of parking lot (by Ace Hardware) where kids are away from heavy traffic and possible sliding issues during winter weather.
- I like the buffered bikes lanes you plan to Crosswalks, lights at Vondelpark or other.put in.
- Really need a crosswalk put at Chesham Circle and Centennial Blvd. Currently, you’d have to walk two blocks over to legally cross.
- I live on the west side of Centennial on Amstel. Thanks for the turn lanes.
- Did you consider cut-outs for buses?
- No positive improvements to protect our safety mentioned.
- I want to see a different plan! This is a residential neighborhood, not a raceway. Where are safety concerns? Icy road? [Need] Guard rails or speedbumps on side streets to prevent head-on collisions. Centennial [will be] “Crashing fatal accidents boulevard.” I don’t have an engineering degree but I can figure out that this configuration does not fix the pre-existing problems; it will only make them worse. You are constructing a highway in the middle of a small Holland Park West subdivision with speeding cars and causing more accidents by opening up more road access to Centennial Blvd. What are you thinking?

#### Limit speeds (10 mentions = 13%)

- I would very much like to see a lower speed limit.
- Concerned about existing speeding and it staying the same or worse with an improved road condition. Currently it is unsafe to leave my neighborhood as cards drive past 40+ mph.
- I am concerned about speed of traffic and would like a traffic light to slow traffic.
- Would like to see the speed limit at 35.
- Cars tend to speed coming down (south) Centennial and also speed on flat section before climbing hill.
- Lower the speed limit to 35 mph!

- Hate to even think what that new racetrack coming down from King Soopers will do to the speed of traffic.
- My wife and I live on Amstel Drive (on the west side of Centennial) and would appreciate a lower speed limit. We are constantly concerned about drivers speeding around that corner and fear an accident.
- Re-design must also include traffic-calming features. Typical speed on Centennial is above 50 mph. Reduce speed limit to 35 mph (as it was originally).
- Would you please consider lowering the speed limit on Centennial? It's a race track right now and will only get worse in years to come.

#### Traffic signals (9 mentions = 12%)

- Add traffic light at Chesham Circle and pedestrian crosswalks. More than 100 homes must use Chesham Circle. Make traffic light triggered by cars waiting and pedestrian push button on Chesham Circle so as not to impact Centennial traffic when no cars leaving Chesham Circle (not dumb-timed light).
- Please add yield to pedestrians [sign] or traffic light or stop sign of intersection of Chesham Circle and Centennial. Very unsafe to turn left out of Chesham or cross road on foot. Don't wait for a death count!
- I live on Shane Circle. I am concerned about traffic turning south on Centennial from Vondelpark. Is it possible to consider a light at that intersection?
- Crosswalks, lights at Vondelpark or other.
- Request: traffic light at Vondelpark and Centennial. Now, with medians, it is a difficult and dangerous intersection.
- A light is desperately needed at Vondelpark and Centennial!
- Some are discussing a stop light. I do not think a light is needed at this point.
- The blvd. needs to have cars enter and exit through a traffic light.
- Blind, elderly, and children in need of crossing road will need a traffic light, not a scary underground tunnel. Don't forget they and the handicapped have rights too.

#### Support project (8 mentions = 10%)

- Construction can't happen soon enough on this broken-down, long neglected arterial in Colorado Springs. How about filling the potholes occasionally?
- We will be very happy when the quality of the street surface is improved.
- It's about time ☺. We've lived in Holland Park since 1971. Only (1) Holland Park at the time. Just like people age, so do infrastructures. I'm glad that you are taking the old concrete out to the roadbed instead of just patching it some more.
- Looking forward to quieter and safer road!
- The road will work with people get used to the lane striping and virtual barriers.
- Good luck! Hope the project goes well.
- Overall, project looks promising!
- Great plan, overall. I'm excited about the sidewalks on the west side of Centennial.

#### Remove medians (6 mentions = 8%)

- Really excited about the medians being removed from the center of the road and being replaced by a turning lane.
- Glad the medians are being removed near Amstel; will be much safer turning onto my street.
- Thank you for removing the medians!
- I like the removal of the medians.
- Need to eliminate rock median, or at least create access to each side street (no more u-turns!)
- Thank you so much for removing the median on the south end of Centennial!! This will be much safe and more efficient design.

#### Public input/awareness (4 mentions = 5%)

- I was surprised to hear that it was about the stretch between Garden of the Gods and Fillmore. So 1) Really?! 2) Is there any reason they don't let residents in the affected neighborhoods know about these meetings? 3) I don't think it matters what we say anyway. Did anyone listen our input on the Chestnut project, which is now months overdue? I don't think so.
- Thank you for having this meeting and being receptive to our suggestions.
- Thank you for taking the time to inform us. The displays are excellent and clear.
- I live in Chelsea Glen, and heard NOTHING about any prior meetings on this, so if there were, and nobody attended, it was not because people didn't care, it's because it was not advertised well.

#### Other area projects (3 mentions = 4%)

- Re. the Centennial project from Fillmore south, when will meetings be held on that? I completely oppose the proposal. We will lose more green space. Enough already!
- Glad there is some coordination planned with the Chestnut sinkhole repair – the latter has been and continues to be a big obstacle to work around to access Holland Park and drive out of.
- Will the Chestnut bridge project continue to delay the progress of the Centennial paving project?

#### Construction impacts (2 mentions = 3%)

- Very happy about the one lane open both ways at all times – for ease of using the road.
- What is the new completion date?

#### Sinton Trail (2 mentions = 3%)

- I hoped the Sinton Trail pedestrian/bike tunnel would be replaced so it is rectangular with more lights and headroom. The surface will be torn up for the road changes and there will never be a better time to do this. Good to see a sidewalk on the west side of road going down to the trail (to complement the one on the east side). A future painted crosswalk across Centennial will be functional on paper but not practical in use.
- I think you should re-engineer the bike path (Sinton Trail) that goes under Centennial while you are doing the road. It's dangerous to go through and dangerous trying to cross Centennial on your bike to avoid the tunnel. Having a crosswalk on Centennial won't slow drivers coming down Centennial at all.

Other (3 mentions = 4%)

- Windmill Ave. needs paving (potholes).
- Can a deer warning sign be erected after Windmill or just before the open space on Centennial?  
Deer cross from the open space to the apartment complex often. They also get hit. Signs warning folks that they are there may help them be more aware and slow down.
- Are you going to tear up road again when hospital is built or 9 million dollars is wasted?