

Clean Commute Week 2011 • Multi Modal Master Plan Public Meeting • June 22

This was the 9th Public Meeting held as part of the public process for the Multi Modal Master Plan. The 42 attendees saw a presentation by the Multi Modal Coordinator which included an overview of the City's Multi Modal Division, the accomplishments and successes to date, current projects. The presentation concluded with an explanation of the purpose, elements, timeline, and public process for the Multi Modal Master Plan. After the presentation the participants broke out into 4 tables where they completed an exercise to identify; issues with the current multi-modal transportation network, safety concerns; and provide possible solutions. The meeting concluded with each table identifying the top three priorities, all four tables had similar priorities.

1. Lack of connectivity between the transportation networks
2. Lack of connectivity and safety concerns with the Animas River Trail and Downtown, crossing Camino del Rio (US 550)
3. Lack of safe pedestrian bicycle access on many roadways

Below are the issues by table.

TABLE 1

Issue: Lack of connectivity between river trail and down town

- **Location:** Rotary Park bridge to Santa Rita Park
- **Suggested Solution:**

Issue: Timing of Crestview route doesn't work

- **Location:** Crestview Route
- **Suggested Solution:** Have drivers call in to notify dispatch if route falls behind.

Issue: Mercy bus does not go to Mercy housing

- **Location:** Three Springs housing development
- **Suggested Solution:** Extend route to service housing development at Three Springs

Issue: Crossing buttons not accessible to bike riders

- **Location:** Intersections with pedestrian crossing buttons
- **Suggested Solution:** Make buttons more accessible to bike riders or install bike triggering devices to activate signals

Issue: Bike riders don't follow traffic laws

- **Location:** everywhere
 - **Suggested Solution:** Increase enforcement and education, track data on bike/pedestrian traffic violations
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TABLE 1 Continued...

Issue: Congestion and excessive speed on Main Ave

- **Location:** downtown Main Ave between 14th St and 5th St
- **Suggested Solution:** Put Main Ave on a road diet, which is a technique in transportation planning whereby a road is reduced in number of travel lanes and/or effective width in order to achieve systemic improvements such as improved safety or space for other users.

Issue: General lack of pedestrian safety

- **Location:** City wide specifically near schools or high pedestrian traffic areas
- **Suggested Solution:** Build bulb outs which are traffic calming measures, primarily used to extend the sidewalk, reducing the crossing distance and allowing pedestrians about to cross and approaching vehicle drivers to see each other when vehicles parked in a parking lane would otherwise block visibility.

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety crossing of Camino del Rio

- **Location:** Bodo Industrial Park area
- **Suggested Solution:** Build pedestrian refuge islands where pedestrians can stop before finishing crossing a road. These are typically used when a street is very wide, as the pedestrian crossing can be too long for some individuals to cross in one traffic light cycle.

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety crossing of Camino del Rio

- **Location:** 7th, 9th, 12th and 14th Streets
- **Suggested Solution:** Build a tunnel from west side of Camino del Rio to downtown, or install pedestrian refuge islands

Issue: Pedestrian crossing signal time is too short

- **Location:** Durango High School and Fairgrounds (25th and 26th Streets)
- **Suggested Solution:** Lengthen crossing signal times

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety

- **Location:** 32nd St
- **Suggested Solution:** none offered

Issue: Limited bicycle and pedestrian access to Horse Gulch

- **Location:** 8th Ave and E 3rd St
- **Suggested Solution:** Road diet for 8th Ave

Issue: Many sidewalks are in disrepair due to damage by tree roots

- **Location:** Throughout town
- **Suggested Solution:** Identify and Fix

TABLE 1 Continued...

Issue: Lack of pedestrian and bike safety on 160 West

- **Location:** 160 West from 550 to Wildcat Canyon
 - **Suggested Solution:** continuation of Smart 160, which is a grade separated bike/pedestrian path connecting Mercy Regional Medical Center and the Animas River Trail, west on 160 from 550 to Wildcat Canyon
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Issue: Lack of accessibility for tourists choosing to walk around town

- **Location:** throughout town
 - **Suggested Solution:** More maps to increase walkable exploration for tourists
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Issue: Lack of safety and accessibility

- **Location:** dog park to Lake Nighthorse via CR 211
 - **Suggested Solution:** bike path needed
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Issue: Bus stop is in an inconvenient and hard to see location

- **Location:** 1700 Eastlawn Ave
 - **Suggested Solution:** relocate bus stop sign at Eastlawn Ave speed bump to a more visible location
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Issue: Trolley drivers missing passengers that are waiting at stops

- **Location:** Trolley route
 - **Suggested Solution:** Be more vigilant to pick up all passengers, educate passengers about difference between Trolley and other transit vehicles that may be operating in similar area
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TABLE 2

Issue: There is a nasty bump at RR tracks

- **Location:** 15th St and RR tracks by Rotary Park
- **Suggested Solution:** Perform maintenance to smooth out crossing

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety

- **Location:** 32nd St and E 2nd Ave crossing
- **Suggested Solution:**

Issue: General lack of safety due to lack of shoulder, rough road, no striping, heavy traffic, and driveways

- **Location:** CR 250 between 32nd st and Florida RD
- **Suggested Solution:** bike lane, widen road, city/county cooperation

Issue: Lack of bike safety due to lack of shoulder, or bike lanes

- **Location:** CR 251 Holly to CR 250
- **Suggested Solution:** add bike lane, widen road, city/county cooperation

Issue: Lack of bike safety and connectivity

- **Location:** Grandview to town
- **Suggested Solution:** connection to complete bike path w/o getting on highway (Smart 160), education regarding the Mercy Route

Issue: Lack of bike safety and connectivity

- **Location:** Holly Ave
- **Suggested Solution:** complete bike amenities that end mid block

Issue: Lack of bike safety and connectivity

- **Location:** Bodo frontage road
- **Suggested Solution:** Incorporate signage, striping for bike lanes, and sidewalks

Issue: Lack of pedestrian and bicycle safety

- **Location:** Camino del Rio and 9th, 12th, 14th
- **Suggested Solution:** increase crossing safety and ease, add sidewalks to east side of Camino del Rio

TABLE 2 Continued...

Issue: Bicyclists using pedestrian crossings without dismounting

- **Location:** everywhere
- **Suggested Solution:** Perform public education on right of way and legality

Issue: Lack of pedestrian access due to poor sidewalk conditions

- **Location:** 24th bridge pedestrian
- **Suggested Solution:** Improve condition of sidewalks in this area

Issue: Lack of connectivity

- **Location:** ART at Rotary Park
- **Suggested Solution:** Balance bike/pedestrian connectivity to downtown and continued traffic flow on E 15th St/ CR 204

Issue: Lack of pedestrian and bicycle safety

- **Location:** College Mesa, Geoglein Gulch, roundabout, Rim Rd
 - **Suggested Solution:** Add shoulders, bike lanes, pedestrian amenities, and enforce speed limits
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TABLE 3

Issue: Poor road condition

- **Location:** W 9th St bridge
- **Suggested Solution:** Perform pavement resurfacing

Issue: Lack of bike safety

- **Location:** 9th St and Camino del Rio
- **Suggested Solution:** Add bike lanes, bike activated signal

Issue: Vegetation hiding signage

- **Location:** Colorado Ave, Riverview Elementary
- **Suggested Solution:** trim vegetation, enforce yield signs

Issue: Lack of lighting on Animas River Trail

- **Location:** 5th Ave + 1st to Santa Rita
- **Suggested Solution:** install lights

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety

- **Location:** 9th St bridge
- **Suggested Solution:** sidewalk on south side of 9th st bridge, complete street

Issue: Lack of pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity to FLC

- **Location:** front hill (E 8th Ave)
- **Suggested Solution:** Provide free trolley up and down, with room for bikes

Issue: Lack of transportation to DMR

- **Location:** town to DMR
- **Suggested Solution:** Collaborate with DMR to provide a bus to DMR

Issue: Lack of bike and pedestrian safety

- **Location:** Roosa Ave from 160W to Avenida del Sol
 - **Suggested Solution:** Install street lighting
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TABLE 3 Continued...

Issue: Lack of bike safety

- **Location:** Montview Parkway (W 22nd St)
- **Suggested Solution:** Strip in a bike lane for climbing

Issue: Lack of pedestrian and bicycle safety

- **Location:** Animas River Trail
- **Suggested Solution:** Add more lighting, perhaps low level solar lights

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety

- **Location:** Camino del Rio near W 12th St
- **Suggested Solution:** Install a rapid flashing beacon which is a pedestrian activated flashing lights that warns motorists that pedestrians are crossing the roadway

Issue: Lack of bike safety (square curbs are dangerous to bikes)

- **Location:** new roads
- **Suggested Solution:** Use hollywood curbs (sloped curb that allows bikes to ride up and down)

TABLE 4

Issue: Lack of pedestrian/bike safety on Camino del Rio

- **Location:** Camino del Rio (especially near W 12th St)
 - **Suggested Solution:** Install pedestrian triggered lights, continuous good sidewalks, pedestrian refuge islands
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Issue: Lack of pedestrian/bike safety on north Main Ave

- **Location:** N. Main Ave
 - **Suggested Solution:**
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Issue: Lack of space for bikes on transit (not enough spaces, and hard for kids to operate)

- **Location:** Transit vehicles
 - **Suggested Solution:** We need more racks on buses, find a way to help kids to operate
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Issue: There is wasted school bus space

- **Location:** local school buses
 - **Suggested Solution:** Perform background checks and provide id's for adults who want to ride school buses to facilitate commuting. Other countries have figured out how to do this.
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Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety and connectivity of pedestrian routes

- **Location:** 550/160W intersection
 - **Suggested Solution:** Install pedestrian refuge islands
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Issue: Lack of bike safety

- **Location:** everywhere
 - **Suggested Solution:** Incorporate bike triggered traffic signals
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Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety for kids

- **Location:** Camino del Rio from 9th St to 12th St
 - **Suggested Solution:** There needs to be a stop on the west side of Camino del Rio (Discovery Museum) so people can use transit to cross Camino del Rio without having to walk across.
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TABLE 4 Continued...

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety for kids

- **Location:** Durango Public Library to downtown
 - **Suggested Solution:** We need a more direct route that doesn't require going all the way north to the Ironhorse Inn to go south, or makes kids cross north Main Ave.
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Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety - cars not yielding to pedestrians

- **Location:** Florida Rd roundabout
 - **Suggested Solution:** Increase enforcement of pedestrian right of way, sharrows in circle, education of drivers and riders about how to use traffic circles
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Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety - Pedestrians can't get onto protected multiuse trail except from two ends of lower Florida Rd

- **Location:** Florida Rd
 - **Suggested Solution:** Install signage advising of safer route
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Issue: Lack of transit on Florida Rd

- **Location:** Riverview Dr and Florida Rd
 - **Suggested Solution:** Add a route
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Issue: Lack of pedestrian/bike safety

- **Location:** Animas View Dr
 - **Suggested Solution:** Complete street rebuild that includes and prioritizes pedestrians and bicyclists
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Issue: Need for more complete streets

- **Location:** every new road project
 - **Suggested Solution:** Adopt code that requires it. A complete street is a roadway designed and operated to enable safe, attractive, and comfortable access and travel for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transport users of all ages and abilities.
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Issue: Lack of education for drivers, bikers, pedestrians

- **Location:** throughout town
 - **Suggested Solution:** Create more educational materials as a part of a larger campaign.
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TABLE 4 Continued...

Issue: Lack of pedestrian safety

- **Location:** Riverview Elementary area, Mesa Ave and Ford Rd
- **Suggested Solution:** Repair sidewalks and curbs, redo Mesa Ave and Ford Dr intersection so it is not so big, add sharrows, and partially eliminate on-street parking

Issue: Poor air quality around elementary schools

- **Location:** All elementary schools
- **Suggested Solution:** Institute a no idling ordinance around elementary schools and enforce.

Issue: Snowy sidewalks near elementary schools

- **Location:** all schools
- **Suggested Solution:** Enforce sidewalk shoveling ordinances.

Issue: Lack of parking at Transit Center

- **Location:** Transit Center
- **Suggested Solution:** Build a parking garage

Issue: Lack of bicycle/pedestrian safety

- **Location:** CR 251 Holly to CR 250
- **Suggested Solution:** Add bike lanes, widen road, ensure city/county cooperation, incorporate complete street parameters

Issue: Inconvenient hours to purchase transit passes

- **Location:** Durango Transit Center
- **Suggested Solution:** sell passes at night via kiosks

Issue: Lack of connectivity and safety

- **Location:** top of Bodo Industrial Park to dog park
- **Suggested Solution:** Build a soft surface trail then pave

Issue: Lack of connectivity

- **Location:** 160W and 550 at Roosa Ave
- **Suggested Solution:** Build a connection so that bikes coming down 160W can get on Animas River Trail

TABLE 4 Continued...

Issue: Lack of bikes on transit vehicles

- **Location:** transit vehicles
 - **Suggested Solution:** Install more bike racks on transit vehicles
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Issue: Lack of transit access to airport

- **Location:** Durango to La Plata County Airport
 - **Suggested Solution:** Get a route to airport
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