

Dale City Small Area Plan

Internal Stakeholder Meeting Notes

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Transportation:

Strengths:

- Arterial network is strong.
- Roundabouts function well in existing neighborhoods as a calming device—it helps to avoid the problem of people running stop signs.
- Area has three fire stations.
- Numerous PRTC bus stops and Omni Link routes.
- Waterpark is a destination node.

Weaknesses:

- Should look at pedestrian crash numbers when discussing weaknesses of specific intersections.
- Significant accidents at Dale /Minnieville and Dale and Pkwy. Dale Blvd. has serious cut through issues.
- Discussions regarding safety and security of trails—perception they are not safe and not desired “in my back yard”.
- Need more local services to result in an overall decrease in trips—buses/transit/shuttles.
- Congestion exists at turn signals.
- Problems with cueing.
- Not enough parking on streets—so much so that it impacts parking in single family neighborhoods, # of cars per house.
- Parking lot is under-utilized and then Horner road is over utilized due to traffic patterns and timing.
- Parking issue for their busses, current facilities are out of space for the number of buses, currently looking at new facility, may work out an agreement to share with schools.
- Flooding issue at Dale and Minnieville, impacts traffic.
- Need more sidewalks.
- Need to fix I95 traffic congestion.
- The commuter lot is under-utilized.

Opportunities:

- Focus of commuter lots as transportation hubs.
- Consider traffic calming measures in residential neighborhoods.
- Look inside neighborhoods
 - Need more bike lanes—narrow lanes
- Services needed for the aging population for this area.
- Teleworking and reverse commutes would aid in reducing traffic issues.
- How can we make Dale Blvd. a destination instead of a cut through?
- Aging in place in the neighborhoods-multigenerational neighborhoods.
- Desire to attract young professionals—capitalize on the housing stock and affordability.
- There are a lot of trails in this area, but need to enhance and identify the nodes.
- Parks need to be upgraded and enhanced with better trails and amenities, need to be modernized.
- Birchdale Pool is an example of an underutilized amenity, what can be done to enhance this park to make it a destination point, a node? May need a trail.
- Slow the speed on Minnieville/Dale. Timed signalization for a preferred speed along this route.
- Consider “pocket” parking lots in communities (especially for larger vehicles).
- Consider signal optimization for slow intersections.
- Revitalization of neighborhoods needed.
- Brownfields exist.
- Need to increase the tax base to get to 35% goal.
- Consider elevating through traffic:
 - Dale city needs a flyover campaign
 - Flyovers impact fire and police
 - They are also impacted by traffic calming measures
 - Speed bumps
 - Clover leafs
 - Jug handles
- New option is the design for new fire trucks that can turn on a dime. New trucks could help the road design options.
- Many bikes in the area but need more trails.
- Consider designing for safety.
- Plan for electric cars.
- Drones—used in traffic models.
- Sidewalks along Dale east of Cloverdale.
- Bus routes down Dale to I-95 then to mall from the parking lot.

Threats:

- Conflict exists between trying to get traffic to move through and encouraging people to stop and stay awhile.
- Minnieville and Dale are the biggest problem:
 - Turn lanes
 - No merge areas
 - E. bound lane at Dale
 - S. bound lane onto Minnieville
 - (Storage and entrance conflicts)
- Can move around Dale City, but I-95 affects the system—must be fixed.