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## South Eads Street Complete Street Project (12<sup>th</sup> Street South to Army Navy Drive) – Concept Design Engagement Summary

### **Project Background**

#### What are the goals of this project?

The project fills a gap in the proposed multimodal network for new developments in the South Eads Street corridor of Crystal City. The changes will improve safety for all modes of transportation. The project is being designed in tandem with the adjacent new park project, with the goal of completing design and constructing both projects together to minimize impacts to the community.

#### What is the current status of the project?

DES staff and consultants are working on completing survey and incorporating public comments in the final concept design.

#### **Public Engagement:**

The project team kicked off an online engagement to solicit comments on the design concept on November 3, 2021. The engagement form asked participants to share how they travel around Arlington; how safe they feel while traveling by different modes of transportation; and if the project will make a positive impact on how they travel along South Eads Street.

On November 9, 2021, the project team also held a virtual community meeting. It featured a short presentation and a question-and-answer session and had 15 attendees. A copy of the meeting's presentation and a recording of the meeting can be found on the <u>project webpage</u>.

The online engagement opportunity closed on November 18, 2021. In total, staff received 67 responses to the online engagement form, and 99 comments on the interactive map.

#### What We Heard:

Overall, public feedback indicated support for the proposed improvements. Of the 49 participants who responded to the statement: "*To what extent do you agree or disagree the design concept will have a positive impact on how I travel along South Eads Street*", 57% of the participants said they either agree or strongly agree. Figure 1 is a chart of the responses received.



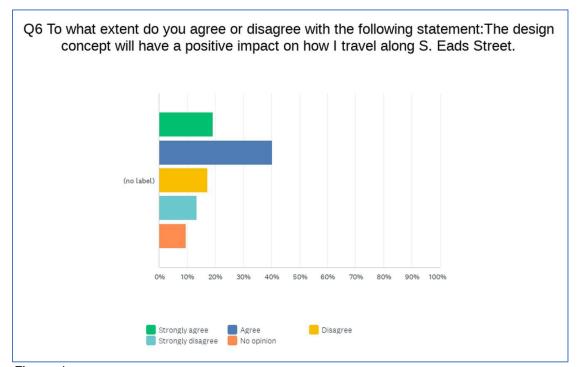


Figure 1

#### **Written Comments**

During the question-and-answer portion of the virtual public meeting, staff received comments that were similar to written comments received via the interactive map. Below are common themes associated with these comments:

- Better protection for the protected bike lane
- Changes to turning radius at 11<sup>th</sup> Street South and 12<sup>th</sup> Street South intersections
- Questions or clarification about Army Navy Drive Complete Street Project and PenPlace improvements
- Design coordination with the adjacent New Park at Eads project

### **Next Steps**

The project team is committed to reviewing the concept and updating the 30% design to address the feedback received.

We are investigating feasible options and anticipate changes to the following areas of the project:

- Providing additional detail on the vertical and horizontal elements separating the parking lane and the protected bike lane
- Analyzing turning movements and reassessing proposed curb radius design at 11<sup>th</sup> Street South and 12<sup>th</sup> Street South intersections



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- Coordinating with PenPlace and Army Navy Drive Complete Street Project on striping and signage and on the locations of the proposed crosswalks at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Street South and South Eads Street
- Working with the consultant on the street and park projects to have seamless transitions and with the goal of delivering both projects by Winter 2023

While this list is not exhaustive of all updates the project team may make, it addresses the most common elements of feedback received during the engagement period.

Once revisions are complete, updated plans for the project will be shared on the project webpage. This is anticipated to occur in Spring 2022.

Following this update, the project team will be working on the 90% design documents for this project, in line with the accelerated design and engineering timeline highlighted in the engagement window. This is to deliver construction-ready documents alongside those of the New Park at S. Eads Street and Army Navy Drive, so the two projects can move forward in tandem.

Please sign up for the Crystal City-Pentagon City Transportation Updates on the right side of the webpage to receive updates about this project.

#### **More Information**

- Review the project page
- See location-specific comments

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