

SUMMARY OF CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP EAST SEVENTH STREET BREAKOUT EXERCISE

Meeting held December 2, 2009

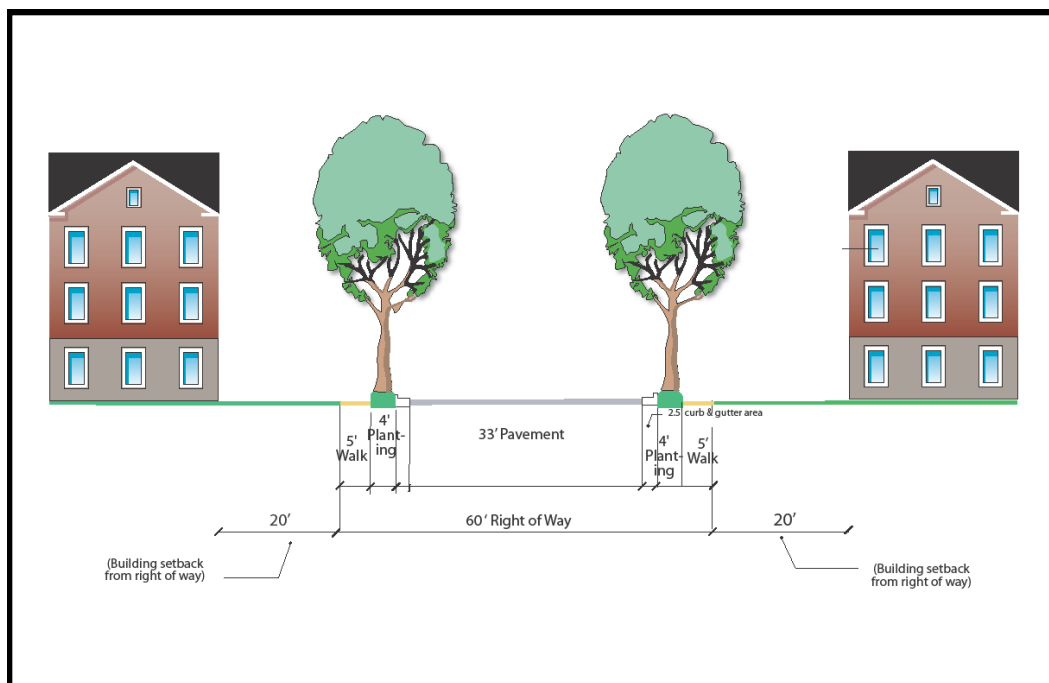
Breakout Exercise

At the conclusion of the Elizabeth Area Plan Citizen Advisory Group meeting held December 2, 2009, four breakout groups of roughly three to five people were formed to tackle an alternate future for East Seventh Street that is today three reversible lanes. Each group was given the below graphic on a 11-by-17-inch sheet of paper and cut-outs of new elements to slide around and paste down. The various cut-outs represented choices in travel lanes, turn lanes, intermittent medians, bicycle lanes, parking, planting strips, and sidewalk. It became quickly apparent to each group that not all elements could fit within the existing 38 feet of pavement or even 60 feet of right-of-way typically found today. Results from each group are on the next page.

In the end, all groups chose a conversion to just one travel lane in each direction with an intermittent median that could double as a pedestrian refuge island for crossing the street between two-way left-turn lanes. All but one group added parking, where possible between existing mature trees, or thereby alternating parking and planting strip. Only two groups added bicycle lanes, of which one group limited to residential sections, showing parking instead for commercial sections. Overall, it was a helpful exercise to visualize trade-offs, especially given physical constraints, and see common themes between results from this exercise and the previous survey completed by 365 respondents at the time of the Area Plan kick-off.

Answer Options	Percent
Street Trees	79%
Additional crosswalks	64%
Wider planting strips	55%
Wider sidewalks	55%
Bicycle lanes	50%
Left-turn lanes	32%
Reversible travel lanes	31%
On-street parking	18%
Fewer driveway entrances	13%
Additional travel lanes	5%

Above table summarizes survey responses to question, "What transportation and streetscape elements do you think should be incorporated on East Seventh Street?"



Above graphic represents existing typical section of East Seventh Street between Charlottetowne and Laurel Avenues.

East Seventh Street – Breakout Groups

