NOACA TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI)

- TLCI Planning process
- Not a monetary award
- Led by NOACA staff
- Jurisdiction provides staff support
City of Cleveland Planning applied to NOACA for study of Franklin Blvd.

Through competitive process, NOACA awarded the city a TLCI planning study.

Study began in Fall 2017
WHO IS INVOLVED?

**Governmental:** NOACA, Councilmembers Matt Zone and Kerry McCormack, City Planning, City Traffic

**Orgs. and Groups:** Residents and stakeholders, Ohio City, Inc., Detroit-Shoreway Community Development Corporation, Safe Routes to School, Bike Cleveland
Identify ways to make Franklin Blvd.
safer, more desirable for all road users, particularly pedestrians and bicyclists.

Evaluate and prioritize potential traffic calming measures.
STUDY SCHEDULE

September 2017 – Stakeholder Committee
October 2017 – Public Meeting #1
January 2018 – Stakeholder Committee
March 2018 – Public Meeting #2
April 2018 – Stakeholder Committee
~June 2018 – Recommendations presented to public for comment
SURVEY RESULTS

Most important destinations?

- Gallagher School
- Rite Aid
- Lutheran Hospital
- W. 65th
- W. 45th
- Fairview Park
- Kentucky Gardens
- W. 25th
- Gordon Square Arts District
- Frank's Falafel
SURVEY RESULTS

Why do you travel along or across Franklin?

1. Recreation
2. Commute
3. Exercise
4. Live on Franklin

[Bar chart showing the following categories and corresponding percentages:
- School: 10%
- Commute: 60%
- Recreation: 70%
- Exercise: 50%
- Work-related: 5%
- Live on Franklin: 30%
- Other: 20%]
SURVEY RESULTS

How comfortable are you traveling Franklin Blvd?

- Biking
- Driving
- Walking along
- Walking across
SURVEY RESULTS

Biggest trouble spots along Franklin Blvd?

1. W. 54th to W. 65th
2. W. 65th to W. 74th
3. W. 38th to W. 48th
SURVEY RESULTS

Most important changes you’d like to see along Franklin?

1. Safer to bike on Franklin
2. Slow down traffic
3. Reduce number of crashes
4. Safer to walk across Franklin
EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY

- Cars drive fast
- Street parking under-utilized
- Higher crash rate
- Low visibility
- Crossing concerns
- Concerns about traffic

=S= School
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Curb Extensions

• Improve pedestrian and vehicle visibility
• Reduce crossing distance
• Encourage slower turning speeds
• Give drivers the sense they are entering a neighborhood area
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Typical Curb Extension
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Midblock Curb Extensions (”neckdown”)  

- **Reduce** vehicle speeds  
- Large vehicles may not be able to pass at same time

Avalon Rd., Shaker Heights
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Neighborhood Traffic Circles

• Discourage speeding
• Reduce crashes
• Reduce delay for all users
• Can replace unwarranted traffic signals with 4-way yield control
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Neighborhood Traffic Circle *(example: 54th St.)*
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Raised Crosswalks

- Discourage speeding
- Reduce crashes
- Improve pedestrian and vehicle visibility

J.C. University, University Heights
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Traffic Diverters

• Reduce thru-traffic volume
• Reduce crossing distance
• Discourage speeding
• Allow bicycles to pass, improve bicyclist comfort
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Typical Traffic Diverter
TRAFFIC CALMING OPTIONS

Traffic Diverters (58th and 54th St.)
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Traffic Diverters

Credit: NACTO
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

Alternative 1: Traffic Circles and Curb Extensions

- Green circle = Traffic circle
- Red triangle = Existing traffic signal remains
- Blue band = Curb extension
- Purple band = Midblock curb extension
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

Alternative 2: Traffic Diversion

= Traffic circle
= Curb extension
= Midblock curb extension
= Traffic Diverter

= Existing traffic signal remains
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

Other Enhancements & Proposed Improvements

= Enhanced Crossing

= Proposed Improvement
ACTIVITIES

1. Visit the posters:
   - **Green Dots** = place near things you like
   - **Yellow Dots** = place near locations you think need more consideration
   - Post-It Notes = specific comments

2. Talk to us, ask questions!
NEXT STEPS

View proposed changes and email/call with comments:
www.noaca.org/franklinboulevardstudy

Gather feedback and input, refine into priorities and recommendations

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