

St. Paul St. and Calvert St. Two-Way Conversion Study



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2015 CALENDAR

JANUARY

Steering Committee Meeting

FEBRUARY

Community Meetings

2/17: Rescheduled because of snow.

2/19: 6:00-8:00 PM, 1600 Guilford Ave.

2/26: Rescheduled because of snow

March- May

Two Way Operations Assessment

Steering Committee Meeting

Community Meetings:

5/12: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, 417 E. Fayette

Street 3rd Floor

5/14: 5:30 -7:30 PM, 2801 N. Charles

Street

5/19: 6:00-8:00 PM, 1600 Guilford Ave.

June- September

Existing Conditions Analysis & Two

Way Operations Assessment

Continued

Steering Committee Meeting

October- December

Develop Presentation of Findings &

Technical Report

Department of Transportation

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link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DOTComments>

To help grow Baltimore by 10,000 families in 10 years, we provide a safe and sustainable multi-modal transportation system.

Study Overview

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT) is continuing the study of the St. Paul Street and Calvert Street Corridor from University Parkway to Fayette Street. The study is currently investigating the impact of converting both streets from one-way traffic flow to two-way traffic flow.

Specific impacts to all modes of travel as well as livability within the corridors are being investigated.

This newsletter has been created to better inform you (citizens; stakeholders; business owners; residents; commuters) about the study progress, study area, project team, project schedule and opportunities for public input.

Creating a more balanced north-south transportation network between downtown and Johns Hopkins includes:

- 1) Defining a vision for the public right-of-way
- 2) Developing optimal street cross-sections
- 3) Implementing context-sensitive physical and operational strategies

Your continued input and support is greatly appreciated to help develop recommendations that support mobility, livability and safety throughout the corridor.

Project Team

Baltimore City Department of Transportation (DOT)

- Frank Murphy – Senior Advisor
- Valorie LaCour – Chief, Transportation Planning
- Gladys Hurwitz – Transportation Planning, City Planner II, Project Manager
- Serena Liu – Traffic Division, Engineer II
- Robert Ferguson – Traffic Division, Superintendent
- Manmohan Singh – TEC, Supervisor

Baltimore City Department of Planning (DOP)

- Alex Hoffman – DOP Area Planner
- Heather Martin – DOP Area Planner

Community Liaisons

- Jeffrey Fleming
- Grishae Blackette
- Nikia Mack

Baltimore City Health Department

- Katey Mote, Health Impact Assessment Coordinator
- Anna Perry
- Krycia Cowling

Consultants

- Sabra, Wang & Associates
- Vision Engineering
- Williams Associates
- PELA Design



The City asked

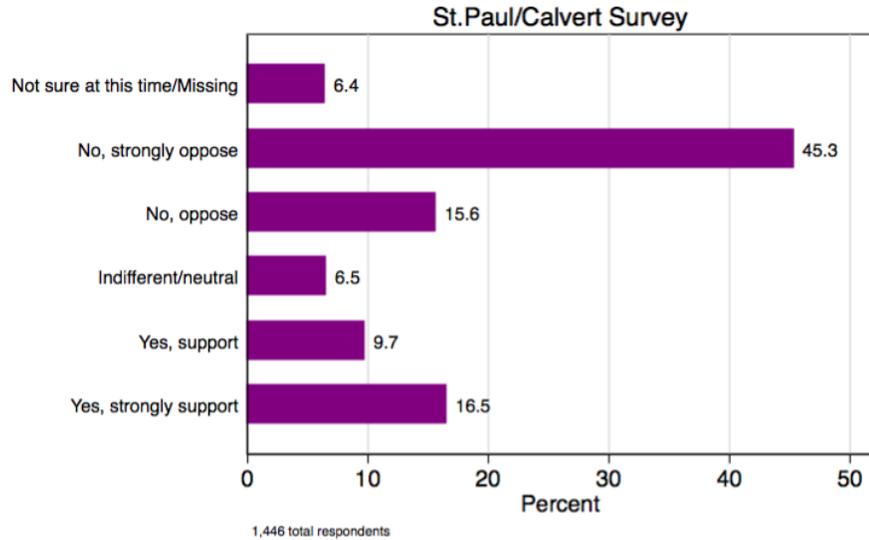
RESIDENTS,
BUSINESS OWNERS,
&
PROPERTY OWNERS

to complete a public opinion survey. The City wanted to understand your opinions about driving, walking, biking, and using public transportation along St. Paul Street and Calvert Street, as well as your thoughts about safety, crime, noise, and other related issues.

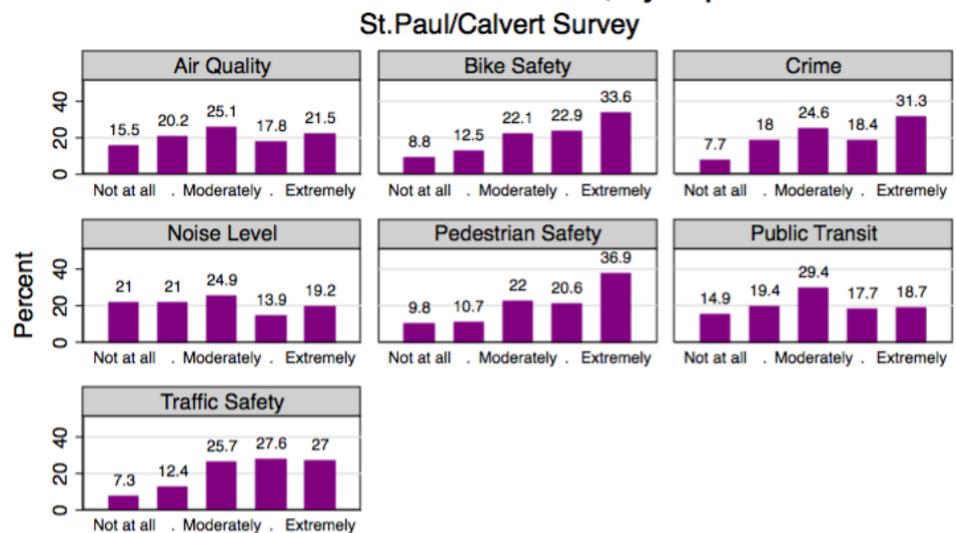
Approximately 5,895 survey postcards were mailed and we received 1,446 responses. We will be sharing survey results during the community meetings that will be held in May.

Survey Results

Q9. Do you support the conversion of St. Paul and Calvert Streets to two-way traffic?



Q4. Level of Concern about Current Conditions on St. Paul and Calvert, by Topic



1,446 total respondents
Missing responses by topic: Air Quality (21), Bike Safety (19), Crime (26), Noise Level (26), Pedestrian Safety (13), Public Transit (26), Traffic Safety (23)

Case Studies



As part of the study scope we have reviewed previous transportation studies to help us become familiar with recommendations for circulation, parking, and bicycle improvements. The case studies include various cities throughout the United States that have undergone a two way conversion.

Preliminary analyses of findings show that the primary argument for one-way streets is the ability to synchronize signals along a corridor allowing for an efficient through for vehicles and to allow for minimal stopping from the outskirts of a city to the core downtown. Other advocates of two-way streets cite that higher vehicle speeds do not promote a pedestrian friendly environment and do not breed a community-oriented neighborhood. These case studies are still undergoing further evaluation. Stay tuned for further analysis of our findings in the final report.

Taking a Closer Look: Reconsidering the Public Space by Developing Alternative Roadway Sections

The Community Meeting in May will include a session that will take a closer look at roadway sections along the study corridor. A typical roadway section includes the following elements:

Typical Elements Legend:



 <p>5' Bike lane</p>	 <p>7' Buffered Bike Lane</p>	 <p>10' Sharrow Bike Lane</p>	 <p>2' Pedestrian Lighting</p>
 <p>2' Street Lighting</p>	 <p>4-6' Planting Median</p>	 <p>(2-12') Striped Median</p>	 <p>5' Raised Median Pedestrian Refuge</p>

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St. Paul and Calvert Street Two– Way Conversion Study Community Meeting

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation will hold three community meetings to discuss the St. Paul Streets and Calvert Streets Two-Way Conversion Study.

Please share this postcard with your neighbors and constituencies.

Please select the most convenient date that fits your schedule.

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015 At Benton Building 417 E. Fayette Street 3rd Floor
6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015– At St. Philip and James Church 2801 N. Charles Street
5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015– At Baltimore Montessori School 1600 Guilford Avenue
6:00p.m - 8:00p.m.**

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Ms. Nikia Mack, Liaison Office Coordinator at nikia.mack@baltimorecity.gov or 443-984-4094/4095 if you have special needs. Should Baltimore City Schools have a delay or are closed due to weather, the meeting will be re-scheduled. If the meeting is postponed, a revised invitation will be shared with your community association and leaders.