

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS



SUMMARY:

Approximately 40 community members, several Council and Commission members, and City staff from multiple departments attended the first workshop for the Beverly Hills Complete Streets Plan on Monday, March 12, 2018.

BEVERLY HILLS PRESENT/FUTURE: Meeting facilitators asked participants to select a word to describe Beverly Hills streets in the present and in the future. The most common words selected by participants to describe the present suggest an emphasis on cars, such as “congested,” “speeding,” and “traffic.” The most common word selected by participants to describe the future was, “safe.”

VALUES AND GOALS:

Values—Safety (25%), Quality of Life (22%), and Traffic (18%) rose to the top as most important for event participants.

Goals—Several common themes emerged when participants were asked to prioritize Plan goals:

- Expand bicycle infrastructure
- Reduce collisions and employ traffic calming measures
- Improve wayfinding / signage
- Improve and prioritize pedestrian spaces
- Expand transit routes, increase frequency / speed, connect to active transportation
- Increase street trees and plantings
- Educate all roadway users

Additionally, participants expressed a desire for design recommendations that will promote/maintain the City’s “village” atmosphere; to consider diverse users groups including tourists, visitors, and businesses; and to facilitate the need for coordination with adjacent cities during Plan implementation.

NEXT STEPS: The values and goals for the Plan will reflect feedback received from this event, as well as feedback received from the online survey currently being conducted (www.beverlyhills.org/completestreetsSURVEY). Additional events are planned to gather further public input throughout the development of the Plan, including a walk audit, pop up event at the City’s Earth Day Celebration, and two additional workshops. Visit the project website (www.beverlyhills.org/completestreets) to stay up to date on event dates and details. Updates on this project will also be shared in monthly Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) meetings. For the latest TPC meeting schedule, please visit: <http://www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/commissions/trafficandparkingcommission/>

