At the second workshop we explored different ways space can be allocated within the roadway. The feedback received will help the City to better understand values and priorities and is one of the inputs that will guide the future design of Ocean Avenue.

Participants were asked to place a dot along the scale to indicate where their individual priorities fall along the spectrum. The materials below summarize the feedback received at the workshop and from the online survey.

MORE SPACE FOR CARS OR MORE SPACE FOR BIKES

Adding a continuous bike facility along Ocean Avenue could make the corridor a much safer and more pleasant route for people riding bikes. It could also encourage people to bike rather than drive their car for shorter trips. Adding bike lanes could slow down the speed of vehicular traffic and reduce the capacity of the roadway.

WORKSHOP: Participants had mixed opinions about this tradeoff. Some participants were neutral, some favored more space for cars and some favored more space for bikes.

ONLINE SURVEY: Respondents prioritized more space for bikes.

MORE SPACE FOR TRANSIT OR MORE SPACE FOR CARS

Prioritizing space on the roadway for transit could mean more efficient and reliable transit service. These improvements could also slow down the speed of vehicular traffic and reduce the capacity of the roadway.

WORKSHOP: Participants prioritized more space for transit over those that favor private vehicles.

ONLINE SURVEY: Respondents prioritized more space for transit over those that favor private vehicles.

MORE SPACE FOR CROSSINGS THAT FAVOR CARS OR CROSSINGS THAT FAVOR PEOPLE

Pedestrians could be made much more visible to drivers by improving how the intersection is designed and marked. These improvements could shorten the crossing distance for pedestrians and help to minimize conflicts between cars and people. Improvements aimed at favoring the needs of pedestrians could slow down cars.

WORKSHOP: Participants prioritized crossings that favor people over those that favor private vehicles.

ONLINE SURVEY: Respondents prioritized crossings that favor people over those that favor private vehicles.

MORE SPACE FOR PARKING OR MORE SIDEWALK SPACE

By removing a few parking spaces at the corners, sidewalks can be widened creating areas to gather and an opportunity to add greening or other sidewalk amenities. Widening the sidewalk at the corner also shortens crossing distances for pedestrians and makes pedestrians more visible to oncoming traffic.

WORKSHOP: Participants prioritized more sidewalk space over more space for parking.

ONLINE SURVEY: Respondents prioritized more sidewalk space over more space for parking.

MORE SPACE FOR SIDEWALK AMENITIES OR MORE SPACE FOR WALKING

Wider sidewalks provide more space to walk, increase the buffer between cars and people, allow for more generous landscaping and tree planting, and shorten the distance a pedestrian must cross. Wider sidewalks can be programmed with sidewalk amenities such as greening and seating. The space can also be left open and provide more space for people to walk.

WORKSHOP: Participants prioritized more space for sidewalk amenities over more space for walking.

ONLINE SURVEY: Respondents prioritized more space for sidewalk amenities over more space for walking.