Appendix C:
Public Participation Results

Cross Street Neighborhood Improvement Plan

Walking Tour Route Worksheet
(June 20, 2001)

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Walking Tour Route - June 20, 2001
CROSS STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN
OPEN HOUSE AGENDA

INTRODUCTION
Earlier today members of the consultant team met with City administrators and department, neighborhood business owners, residents and other community stakeholders. The purpose of these meetings was to collect information related to the current conditions in the Cross Street neighborhood, issues and opportunities such as resident and commercial parking, noise maintenance, neighborhood image and traffic were discussed. The results of the discussion are displayed throughout the room.

We invite you to provide additional comments and to indicate those issues which are most important to you.

Post-it notes:
Please write down your opinions and comments and paste the note on appropriate board. There is no limit to the number of comments you can make. If you need more post-it notes, please see one of the facilitators.

Stickers (3 different colors, 3 stickers each):
Please paste stickers on issues and opportunities you feel are most important and should be explored further. You can paste up to three stickers on the two boards for each topic. For example, you can put up to three stickers on the issues board and opportunities board for neighborhood. You can also put up to three stickers (of a different color) on the issues and opportunities board for Cross Street Montage.

Survey:
Please fill out the survey form and return it to the sign in desk or mail it to the address listed.

The results of this session will be used to develop an improvement plan and will be presented in September.

We thank you again for attending the Cross Street Neighborhood Improvement Plan Open House and hope to see you in September.

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CROSS STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN
NEIGHBORHOOD QUESTIONNAIRE

INTRODUCTION
The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information related to issues as part of the improvement plan process. This information will be used to help identify key issues and help determine community priorities.

We would appreciate your candid response to all of the questions. The survey should take approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

1. What is your general opinion of the Cross Street neighborhood? Excellent Neighborhood Poor Neighborhood
   1 Good Neighborhood 3 Poor Neighborhood

2. In your opinion, what are the three biggest opportunities and threats to the improvement of the Cross Street neighborhood?
   Opportunities
   Increase tax base
   Increase community involvement
   Growth of campus
   Revitalized businesses
   Less crime
   More walkable
   Make Cross Drive way with traffic
  leftrightarrow
   Find routes other than neighborhoods
   Heavy traffic
   Better traffic flow
   Less students
   Growth of campus
   Revitalized businesses
   Two way traffic
   Join to other walkways if downtown/Dupont Town/Cross Street
   Walkable green by making bike traffic friend
   Better safety
   More people will want to move here
   More people will want to live here

   Threats
   Single family
   Stalled traffic
   Student rentals
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1. How satisfied are you with the following neighborhood conditions or services?

- Condition of streets
- Condition of sidewalks
- Street lighting
- Building maintenance
- Fire protection
- Police protection
- Commercial businesses
- Trash and garbage collection
- Trash/food in neighborhood
- Overall neighborhood security
- Neighborhood recreation
- Traffic safety in neighborhood
- Bus service in neighborhood
- Home maintenance
- Business maintenance
- Pedestrian safety

2. Please indicate if any of the following issues impact your neighborhood:

- Trust traffic within neighborhood
- Street changes or changes
- Cut-through traffic
- High accident areas
- High speed traffic
- On-street parking
- Off-street parking
- Student housing, fraternities, sororities

3. Are you a 0 (please check all that apply)

- Student
- Business owner
- Institution representative

4. What are the major cross streets nearest to your home or business property?

5. Do you currently own?

- Yes
- No

6. In which type of home do you live?

- One-family house
- Townhouse
- Two-family house
- Three or more apartment
- House converted to apartments
- Four or more apartment
- Other (specify)

Please return completed questionnaires to the sign-in desk or by mail to:

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City of Ypsilanti

One South Huron Street

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Fax: 734-483-7299
### Traffic Circulation and Parking - Consolidated Results

**Opportunities**

- Implement Traffic Calming Measures (e.g., medians, bump outs, vertical obstacles)
- Convert Can St. to Two Way Traffic
- Pedestrian-friendly streetscape/roadway improvements
  - Develop safe, identified pedestrian crossings (signalized)
  - Make streets "self-enforcing" through design
  - Improve deicer/salting areas
  - Street lighting - snowplow
  - Improve streetscape (trees, lighting, façade improvements)
  - Develop an alternative route for EMU through traffic
  - Slow traffic down on Can St. & Whittier
  - Photo radar at signalized intersections
  - Michigan Avenue exit should be better signed - direct traffic to same destination as Can S and is connected to highway
  - Sticker parking at church

- Require some EMU traffic to Forest
  - Increase traffic volume
  - Increase speed limits
  - Increase traffic volume

- Improve transit: Better routes/frequencies
  - Enhance connections to Ann Arbor
  - EMU developing a new parking structure - parking study will help locate

- Better connection to east (Township, Superior, etc.) Better connection to Ann Arbor

### Cross Street Frontage - Consolidated Results

**Opportunities**

- Implement streetscape improvements with lighting, street trees, façade improvements, benches, trash receptacles
- Stiffer fines & penalties for noncompliance
- Work with EMU to study and market the commercial uses on Cross Street

- Pedestrian crosswalk - "Pedestrian" enforced signage and curb extensions
- Cross Can S to Two Way Traffic to increase visibility
- New crosswalks are needed
- Improve pedestrian access to EMU (e.g., from Forest, Whittier)
- Increase EMU presence on Can S

- Develop a parking garage
- Develop cross street into a destination

- Some businesses are well maintained
- Vacate buildings - new opportunities
- Create maintenance zones
- Increase density on development/mixed use
- Implement directional signage
- Great market for retail
- Delays/Frontage
- Establish tenant housing program with EMU
- Business sites - expand goods and services to the community
- Businesses need to be convenient
- 600 block of Can S - businesses need to provide parking for themselves

### Neighborhood - Consolidated Results

**Opportunities**

- Comprehensive strategy for code enforcement
- Cooperation between EMU, the City and business owners
- Crime prevention

- Improve tenant responsibility
- Historic neighborhood guidelines for design
- Increase police presence (signs)

- Encourage landlord responsibility
- Partnership between the city and EMU to buy property
- Implement homeowner associations

- Stronger penalties for absentee landlords
- Expand study area to improve other neighborhoods

- Reduce housing density (from MF to SF)
- Property owner/city/EMU task force formed
- Neighborhood newsletter issued by EMU and DDA to keep residents informed of their responsibilities - e.g., trash pick up days, landscape maintenance
- Increase home ownership

- Implement renter associations
- Educate homeowners/landlords about the history of their homes

- Enhance signage throughout neighborhood
- Well-maintained multi-unit and single-family homes

- Promote student leadership and encourage stewardship
- Programs to get landlords trained

- Physical walking police routes

- Ordinances to penalize landlords for code violations and tickets

- Need to review and guidelines

- Urban place for the university

- Legislation for rental to SF/other - tax incentive statement
- Increase safety perceptions
- Increase rental prices

- Implement Blanket Tenant Program in: student monitoring each others behavior

- Historic neighborhood guidelines for design

- Enforcement of SF/other monitoring

- EMU needs to be a catalyst - move McKenny Hall to Cross Street

- Enhance signage throughout neighborhood

- Cooperation between city building department and EMU - utility identification the important code educate students about their responsibilities as residents and the penalties that will be enforced

- Improve EMU's code enforcement of students' rights

- Active police response
### Cross Street Neighborhood Improvement Plan
#### Public Comment Form

**September 17, 2001**

We value your comments about the Cross Street Neighborhood Improvement Plan. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions.

Please choose one preferred one-way option and one preferred two-way option.

**One Way Options Choose one option**

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<td>Option B:</td>
<td>Two lanes one-way on Washburn and Cross with on-street parking and delivery pull out lanes along portions of Cross</td>
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<td>Option C:</td>
<td>Two lanes one-way on Washburn and Cross with increased landscaped and pedestrian space with no on-street parking</td>
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**Two Way Options Choose one option**

| Option D:                   | One lane of traffic eastbound and westbound with a center turn lane and no on-street parking | 1 |
| Option E:                   | One lane of traffic eastbound and westbound with a center turn lane and on-street parking and delivery pull out lanes along portions of Cross | 8 |
| Option F:                   | One lane east bound and one lane west bound. On-street parking and delivery pull out lanes along portions of Cross | 5 |
| Option G:                   | Two lanes east on Washburn. One lane west on Washburn. Two lanes west on Cross. One lane east on Cross. No center turn lane and no on-street parking or delivery pull out lane. | 1 |
| Option H:                   | Two lanes east on Washburn. One lane west on Washburn. Two lanes west on Cross. One lane east on Cross. No center turn lane. On-street parking and delivery pull out lanes on portions of Cross | 6 |

**Traffic Circulation Questionnaire**

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**Additional Comments:**

If necessary, you may attach additional sheets with comments or suggestions to this form.

- Would you like to be added to the Cross Street Neighborhood Improvement Study mailing list?
- Would you like to be notified when the final report is available for review?

**Name:**

**Address/E-mail (optional):**

Please return completed comment forms at the end of the session;
Or fax to 734-483-7260 attention Tawâkiyâh Jordan;
Or mail completed comment form to: Tawâkiyâh Jordan, Community and Economic Development Department, City of Ypsilanti, One South Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**Traffic Circulation Questionnaire with responses**

(September 19, 2001)