



Pop-Up Outreach Summary

Nyack Earth Day Event

April 21, 2018

On Saturday, April 21, 2018 the Nyack Bicycle and Pedestrian Project team held a pop-up event in collaboration with the Nyack Earth Day Festival from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. In an effort raise awareness about the Greater Nyack Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, the project team developed two demonstration projects to engage the community. The project team installed a temporary curb extension with tables and chairs on the corner of Burd Street and Cedar Street, showing community members the benefit of shorter crossing distances and the variety of street design alternatives available. For the second demonstration project, the project team installed a protected bike lane encompassing Burd Street, Cedar Street, Church Street, and South Broadway.

The project team members encouraged participants to visit the project booth at the Earth Day Festival where they could answer the question “What would make you walk or bike more in Nyack?” on a large banner. Additionally, participants were asked to share their opinions on how they felt about the demonstration projects and were encouraged to participate in the Greater Nyack Bike and Pedestrian Study online interactive survey.

Highlights

- Families/kids seemed particularly enthusiastic about the protected bike lanes.
- Participants appreciated the safety and beauty added by the bike lane.
- Several participants noted how dangerous potholes were for cyclist.
- Some participants expressed concern about a bike lane on Broadway and Main Street.



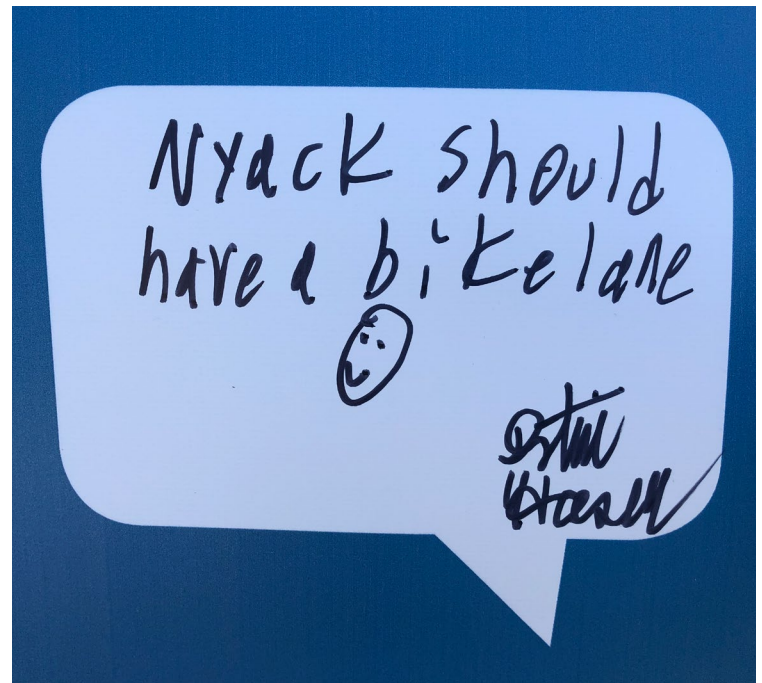
What We Heard

Walking:

- Participants said some street conditions need upgrading.
- Pedestrian crossing signals are hard to see at night.
- There needs to be design guidelines for putting colorful curb extensions in place to match with the community aesthetics.
- Walking to the nearest playground is scary and dangerous.

Biking:

- Some said bicycles are a “problem” on Main Street, yet others said a bike lane on Main Street is not a solution. Some also suggested similar thoughts on Franklin Street.
- Others supported bike lanes. Parents said they would like to see their kids bike to school, and bike lanes could make these trips safer.
- Shoulders need to be cleaned up.
- More bike parking is needed.
- Bicyclists are starting to take the rail trail to get to destinations.
- One participant refuses to bike on roads and instead bikes on lawns for safety.
- Several participants noted how dangerous potholes were for bicyclists.
 - Two participants told separate accounts of people biking into a pothole and being thrown off their bike.
- Bike lanes should be implemented on local streets.
- Drivers need to be made more aware of bicyclists.
- Bike paths should connect to overgrown trail (behind high school) to South Nyack and West Nyack.
- There is a clear need to move people east west and linking to Esposito Trail.



Driving, Sidewalk, & Intersection Concerns:

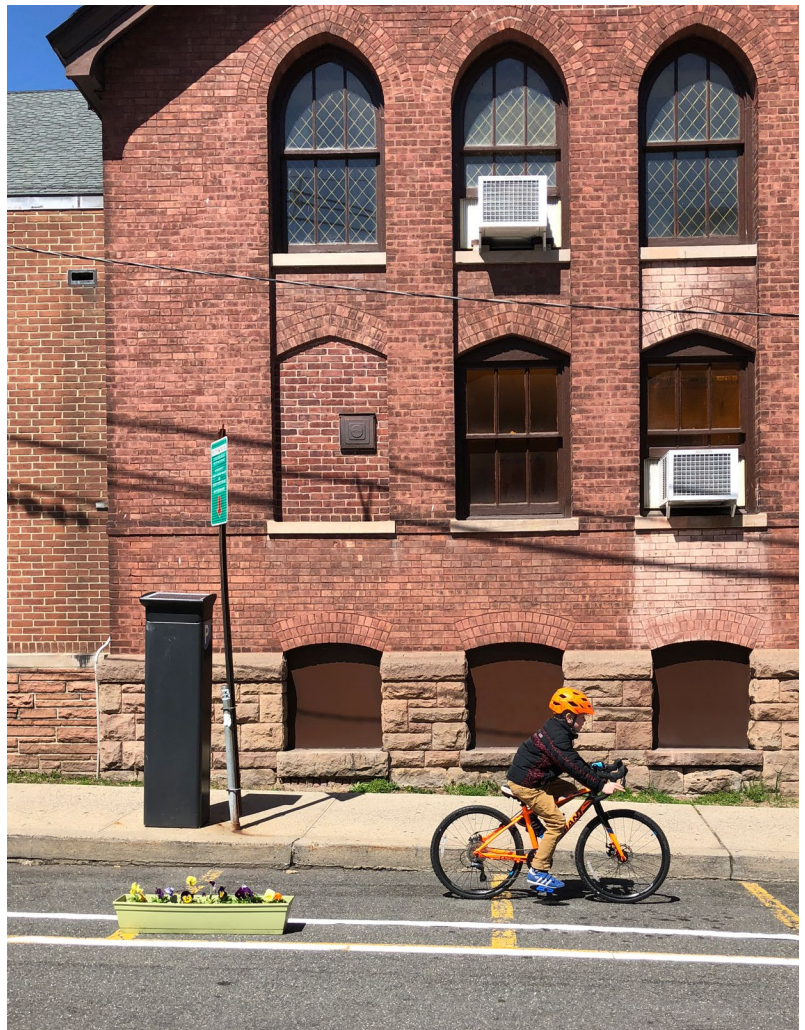
- Main Street and Broadway needs pedestrian improvements.
- 9W is a mess for both bicyclist and pedestrians.
- The road that goes under the Tappan Zee is now in terrible condition since

construction of the new bridge started.

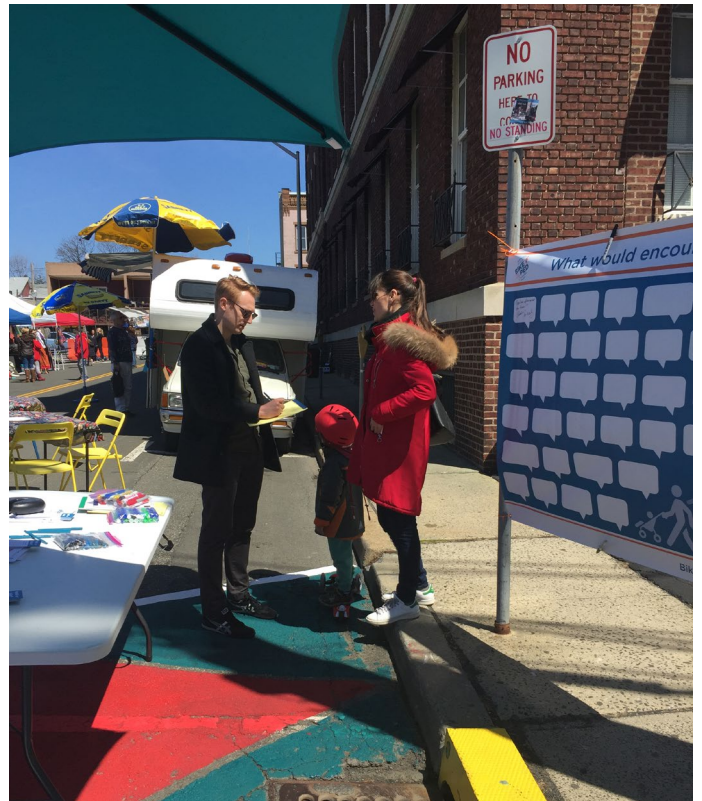
- Glenbrook Road to Washington has no sidewalks
- Valley Cottage is difficult to bike at night because there are no lights.
- Old Mill has no sidewalk.
- Cars don't stop for pedestrians on Broadway.
- Pedestrians are not visible by the intersection on Main Street (near Walgreens) because of raised hill. At times there is a crossing guard, but not always.
- One participant's children ride down Depew Avenue on their scooter, but at certain parts construction has made the sidewalk conditions terrible.
- 9W to Rockland Lake needs wider/safer shoulders for cycling and pothole repair.
- Depew Avenue and Hudson Avenue need sidewalks.
- Nyack trail behind high school (goes to Albany) would be good if connected to broader bike lane network.
- It's impossible to bike down Mountainview to Main Street.
- There is a need for more awareness of bike trails in the area.
- Franklin Street and Clinton Avenue is not safe for bicyclists or pedestrians.

General Comments:

- Whatever is done should serve members of the community.
- Someone suggested a Nyack Walk Challenge.
- Driver behavior needs to be improved.
- Many are happy to see bike lanes.
- Cars do not slow or stop - zero respect on Broadway and Main Street.
- Several participants appreciated the safety and beauty added by the bike lane.
- General excitement about shared use path on the bridge, but there is not a clear understanding of the impact this might have on the community in terms of enticing more people arriving on foot/ bike.



Earth Day Pop-up Photos



Demonstration Project Photos

