

**Oakland County – City of Pontiac Livability Assessment**

**Community Workshop March 17, 2012  
Questionnaire Results**

**April 19, 2012**

**Total Questionnaires Received = 91**

What is Important to you? (Average Response Rate 80%)	Very Important	Important	Neutral/ Not Sure	Not Very Important	Not Important at all	No Response*	Percent Total
Making it easier for pedestrians to cross the Woodward Loop	62%	16%	5%	0%	1%	15%	100%
Slowing down traffic speeds along the Woodward Loop	29%	24%	18%	3%	3%	23%	100%
Improving sidewalks and bike paths	52%	24%	5%	1%	0%	18%	100%
Improving safety for pedestrians	53%	20%	4%	2%	0%	21%	100%
Better connecting neighborhoods with downtown	56%	15%	5%	1%	0%	22%	100%
Improving transit along Woodward to connect Pontiac with Detroit and places in between	55%	20%	3%	1%	1%	20%	100%

What do you think of the ideas below? (Average Response Rate 76%)	Prefer it	Worth Considering	Neutral/ No opinion	I need convincing	Oppose the idea	No Response*	Percent Total
Keep the Woodward Loop as it is	4%	13%	7%	10%	41%	25%	100%
Convert the Woodward Loop to 2-way traffic	31%	21%	9%	9%	8%	23%	100%
Reduce the number of traffic lanes on the Woodward Loop	16%	22%	12%	8%	13%	29%	100%
Restore Saginaw as a through street by connecting it to the Woodward Loop	46%	14%	9%	1%	7%	23%	100%
Add bike lanes to certain streets	41%	23%	8%	3%	2%	23%	100%
Make all streets in downtown Pontiac for 2-way traffic	27%	20%	14%	8%	4%	26%	100%
Add more signalized pedestrian crossings along the Woodward Loop	44%	25%	4%	4%	0%	22%	100%
Add more on-street parking downtown	29%	34%	11%	1%	2%	23%	100%

Note: \*No response indicates the questionnaire was blank

## Public Suggestions for Alternatives from the Idea Map

Alternatives	Number of Respondents
Reconnect Saginaw to Woodward - Agree with Alternatives 3,4,5,6	11
Reconnect Saginaw to Woodward - Agree with Alternatives 3,4,5,6 (Reconnect Saginaw under Phoenix Center)	1
Reconnect Saginaw but keep loop one-way - Agree with Alternatives 2,3,4,5,6	1
Reconnect Saginaw (one-way) - Agree with Alternatives 3,4,5,6	1
Convert East and North Woodard Loop to two-way, with a median south of M-59	1
Convert West Woodward Loop to two lane one-way street	1
Connect WB and EB M-59	1
Make Pike Street two-way	1
Make M-59 two-way	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

## Workshop Feedback

How did you hear about today's workshop?

Project Meeting, Mail, Email, Internet, Flyer, TV and/or Friend	Count of Occurrences
Bowen Senior Center - Golden Opportunity Club	1
City Council Meeting	2
Email	26
Email from Crofoot and Chamber of Commerce	1
Flyer	12
Friend	22
Internet	9
Mail	1
Paper (not specified)	2
Paper - Detroit News	1
Paper - Oakland Press	2
Project Meeting	21
TV	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

Note: Respondents could select more than one choice.

Would you attend another workshop related to this project?

Yes, No or Maybe	Count of Occurrences
Yes	75
Maybe	7
No	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

Did the workshop improve your understanding of the project?

Yes, No or Somewhat	Count of Occurrences
Yes	65
Somewhat	15
No	2
Total	82

How did you arrive at today's workshop?

Bus, Car, Carpool, Walk and/or Bike	Count of Occurrences
Car	62
Walk	19
Bus	2
Carpool	1
Wheelchair	1
Total	85

## Written Responses

What other ideas should be studied? (68 Responses)

1. On restaurants in the downtown area
2. Light rail to transit center from Detroit. Eco options - gardening, bikes
3. Free parking is ruining the retail market. People just park and don't move.
4. Creating a bypass for M-59 to let thru traffic through more efficiently and create more pedestrian friendly atmosphere
5. Prefer Option #4!
6. Make downtown a tourist destination
7. Which surrounding neighbor/residents would have negative impact
8. Love the building art/color idea. Similar to projects in Brazil
9. Open the river. Farmers market on the river
10. How to open up the Phoenix Center for thru traffic for downtown movement
11. Including a roundabout at the north end of Saginaw. This will allow traffic to go north to Dixie, come into downtown and into neighborhoods. Or a roundabout at 59 (Huron) and Saginaw
12. Diverting traffic onto Saginaw through town
13. Tactical urbanism
14. Bridged access? Walkable downtown, bridgeable access outside downtown edge invites community into downtown (in the loop)
15. I'm a potential resident. I have an idea for murals in the city at specific sites that would honor Pontiac's past and hopes for its future
16. Creating signs for permanent Historic Downtown Pontiac business shopping district - similar to downtown Rochester Hills and Farmington Hills
17. Extending the Clinton River Trail through downtown. This would bring bike traffic in.
18. Open up Pike Street all the way through (2-way) including the short stretch by Perry and the Loop especially if the library goes through
19. Tearing down Phoenix Center. It is unattractive and imposing
20. Need to extend the SMART bus route #756 until 9pm, every day, and Saturdays. The route goes to major schools, Cooley Law, OCC, and Oakland University. The Phoenix Center bus stop should be moved to the transportation center on Woodward Avenue to avoid congestion and unnecessary loitering
21. Improve signage indicating how to get into the city "proper". Strand Theater as lynch-pin (why should people

22. Developing vacant land around the Loop in a way that increases pedestrian traffic. Create a kind of downtown atmosphere that extends to include the Loop.
23. Can't think of any at this time
24. Seem to have it covered
25. If Phoenix Center parking is eliminated, where would tenants in Ottawa Tower (2500 people, 375,000 sqft of bldg) park and 140 S. Saginaw park (150,000 sqft of bldg)
26. Franklin Blvd - should be considered, should not be ignored. Historic neighborhood
27. Bike path marking for Clinton River route. Bagley, South - sign at Updyke to use sidewalk east side
28. Responsibility of building owner to light building perimeter. Specific recommended standard for best efficiency
29. Grants, easy to get, anyone can get them, not just friends and family of the grant group
30. Person safety/crime, history
31. Pontiac houses some very strong health and human service agencies. Rather than FEARING the disability community and agencies serving these populations EMBRACE it - it could really boost the city's image. Bring them to the table (agency directors) and you increase resources and human resource
32. All ideas that facilitate more pedestrian traffic to downtown business. All ideas to promote free parking for shoppers in downtown business. Any ideas that provide designated parking for biz owners and residential owners in downtown Pontiac
33. Chain restaurants and docefryees downtown. Light rail from Detroit to Pontiac
34. Do away with the east or north side Loop. Make Woodward or Cass straight through as it used to be
35. Bring businesses to area in order to promote employment. Looks like a ghost town
36. Feasibility of converting traffic through Phoenix Center
37. Take out a section of the existing northbound wide track whose it veers off to the right at this time. This way it keeps your eye focused forward toward downtown
38. Remove parking lots to have dense built environment. Restore Saginaw as through street by connecting it to the Woodward Loop if the Phoenix Center parking garage is removed. I would like the concert structure to be relocated within the city. I miss hearing the music from my house. It was a huge draw downtown!
39. Routing Clinton River Trail through Pontiac via Pike Street
40. Keep wheelchair ramp opened during snow day instead of climbing over pile of snow
41. Demolish Phoenix Plaza (mutual to Saginaw reconnection?) 2-way Union Street by Central School
42. Be sure to consider student access to downtown and the library where its determines where the library will be located
43. Connecting Saginaw St is great, but don't let that dictate 2-way traffic decision (can be done regardless); gateways into downtown need to be major focus (M-59 and University Street into/out of Loop)
44. Make communities that are surrounding Pontiac more aware of the issues facing our community. When did homelessness become just a Pontiac problem
45. Phoenix Plaza. Senior citizen housing in downtown. Movie theaters downtown.
46. Parking for the district court and train station. Downtown retail parking is very limited. Rail type system from Royal Oak to Pontiac
47. Open the river with a park playground for children and open air concert space
48. Make Saginaw a one-way street northbound from Woodward. Make Woodward (now southbound loop along tracks) one-way southbound M-59/Huron east and west one-way streets
49. Let's not forget about the east/west traffic of Huron going through Pontiac. As both a resident and business owner I lose guests coming from the east of Pontiac on M-59/Huron
50. Tear down the blight around the Loop first, then build over, then major arteries! And all the rest. Make only Woodward Loop west from Orchard Lake a 2-way - help with mass transit. In the area where west and east share the median - make the median more attractive with plants and light to attract!
51. Connecting eastbound M-59 to westbound heading into downtown Pontiac. A small park
52. Using the Phoenix Center for extra parking only. Remove the amphitheater top from the Phoenix Center and grounding it for road level concerts. More parks and green areas
53. Space in front of City Hall should be converted to a public space with connection to downtown. City Hall should have a presence on Woodward instead of backing on Woodward
54. Exposing the Clinton River. Diverting more traffic to downtown for greater exposure

55. Turning the Loop into a hook (see plan) Placing train tracks underground
56. Knock down some buildings to create more parking
57. Totally eliminating the Loop and restoring the old streets that existed before the construction of the Loop; daylighting the Clinton River
58. How do we capture a portion of the through-traffic?! Market survey of adjacent neighborhoods
59. Tear down Pontiac and replace area, city from scratch. Redevelop the downtown
60. Jobs
61. Bus runs, bike path
62. Pot holes - road repair the streets in Pontiac are horrible
63. My last trip
64. Make walking easier
65. More parks
66. We should not wait in cold
67. Bus route not conducive to getting to destination, takes too long. Wintertime, no snow shoveled inhibits walking
68. Spruce up the main corridors coming into downtown Pontiac: Perry St., Cass Ave., Caesar Chavez, Huron St., N. Saginaw. Challenge the businesses on these corridors to help support, pay for improvements

### What is the first thing you would like to see changed? (69 Responses)

1. Another way of traffic through the city
2. Bike lanes, bike friendly. Volunteerism
3. Perhaps privatize parking and write tickets
4. Easier access to downtown from northbound Woodward
5. More events at Phoenix Center
6. Signage/bike path
7. Beautification
8. Convert loop to 2-way traffic
9. Tactical urbanism - first we must change the image of Pontiac. First thing. No one will care what happens to Woodward. We have to get the public to want to come downtown. Green spaces, gardens, more support of the art community
10. The Phoenix Plaza demolished
11. Sending traffic in town instead of around town
12. Edge possibilities (detail, food, store, etc). Broadband wireless coverage of entire downtown. Strategic engagement
13. Financial/cosmetic condition. Rescuing historical structures/architecture
14. Save and renovate all old/historic buildings - bring trade pharmacies grocery stores - create diagonal parking to accommodate more cars
15. Bike trails
16. I have a business on S. Saginaw so naturally I would love the re-connection
17. Open up all the major side streets through town to 2-way. I'm surprised there aren't more accidents
18. Signage changed to direct people to downtown Pontiac. Businesses and restaurants better supported and well-received
19. Need more business in Pontiac, a Dollar Tree, more boutiques, premier restaurant, etc to generate more traffic downtown and revenue. Another outdoor venue; utilize the Phoenix Center Amphitheatre in the spring - early fall months, have public restrooms port-a-johns and a public telephone area
20. 2 way traffic on Woodward and all side streets. Welcoming signs into downtown. Bike lanes from Orchard Lake Road - a must!
21. Clean up and put to use empty/abandoned lots around the Loop
22. I would like to see more interest given to greening the area under study. I would like to see continued community involvement throughout the entire project
23. Traffic pattern in the Loop. More indication that you are in downtown Pontiac and encouragement to access the middle of the Loop

24. Signage, inexpensive to do
25. Woodward - 2-way - softer image to our city
26. Safe biking for through traffic, easier to get to schools, bike signage
27. Light housing options make/model. Bulb options (wattage, color temp, current consumption, cost for KW/hour)
28. Advertising to come to Pontiac and open a business
29. Enforced speed limit, pedestrian crossing, historical markers
30. Rid us of Phoenix Center and daylight the river and connect Saginaw to its southern sister
31. Open streets to access the businesses get more walk in traffic. Free parking on street for customers only in downtown. All ideas that encourage foot traffic in downtown
32. Elimination of blight - your "tactical urbanism" ideas - removal of old chain link fences, repair of sidewalks, wayfinding signs, enforcement of weed control ordinances - especially on major routes into the city from Telegraph to Saginaw Street
33. Open up Saginaw Street. A brilliant engineer should be able to do it without destroying the Phoenix Center. I would like to get rid of one side of the Loop altogether
34. It would be nice to work around the city without feeling threatened
35. Divert traffic through the downtown business area especially Saginaw Street
36. Make Saginaw Street its main street (Woodward Loop the alternative - which would probably mean tearing down the parking structure
37. The above idea would be the least expensive and most impactful improvement
38. Woodward Loop converted to 2-way Woodward
39. 2-way traffic downtown, then the Loop
40. Mill St to be widened and two way from the hospital shuttle buses from the Silverdome for more parking. Remove the Phoenix plaza, open the area for seniors
41. I would like to see more trees and greenery lining the roads. Resurfacing/patching big potholes. Re-evaluate intersections, speed limits
42. Convert Woodward Loop to 2-way traffic
43. I strongly advocate for the existing Clinton River exposure along M-59 (between Woodward and Paddock) be converted into trailway/green space - while the window of opportunity still exists. Home just demolished at Union Street/M-59 at Rivers concrete "mouth"; plus, the volunteer mural action should begin ASAP
44. Pontiac needs a theme to connect our business district. Maybe "Urban Green". It would probably be best to put up more downtown signs and take care of blight
45. All downtown buildings restored and cleaned up so they are aesthetically pleasing
46. Loop - required it jump lanes often going and Oakland Avenue and turns right into Oakland for example
47. Open the river. Lafayette market/lefts to go through. More stores downtown like a drugstore, dollar store, book store
48. Bring the farmers market downtown
49. Safe foot traffic through and into downtown
50. Phoenix Center - drape a net of LED lights (rainbow changing lights) over parking structure to brighten the parking area. C Building - to brighten area and draw to downtown area. Also - make the top green area a type of urban garden - that way there could still be concerts until we decide to sell building. Make it more attractive!
51. Make the city more interesting to come to and shop, dine, and just visit the city
52. More foot traffic in the downtown. More signage protecting downtown
53. Wayfinding signage. This is low hanging fruit and can be done immediately
54. Diverting traffic from Woodward Loop to Saginaw Street
55. Saginaw extended under the Phoenix
56. More parking
57. Two-way tie: connecting southern downtown and northern downtown by opening Saginaw Street through Phoenix Center and dramatically reconfiguring the Loop to make it less of a barrier between downtown neighborhoods and to stop diverting traffic away from and around downtown
58. Visible upgrades of core perimeter (see reverse)

59. Rapid ride like New Mexico has, also El train going to Pontiac to Detroit and Pontiac to Grand River. A El train system like Denver Colorado has. Fast train system
60. Street fixed. Lights in neighborhood
61. More business
62. Not sure
63. Keep Pontiac up and running
64. Don't change anything
65. The buses should run every 15 minutes. The 450 bus should go to downtown Detroit all day every day
66. Walking across Woodward easier
67. More sidewalks
68. Is that we should be treated better
69. Change the perception among most Oakland County residents that Saginaw St./Downtown isn't safe. Work with Grace Centers of Hope to put in place a courtesy safety patrol/clean-up team to patrol, keep street clean, maintain flower beds, etc.

Please write additional comments below: (51 Responses)

1. Little in DT that low income neighborhoods need (in reference to "Making it easier for pedestrians to cross the Woodward Loop"
2. Regain use of the Clinton River
3. Connect as many downtown East/Westbound side streets to both sides of the Loop allowing access to and from downtown business/shopping district
4. I would consider putting Woodward Ave bike trails on the left to avoid injuries in the Woodward/M-59 area. I drive this everyday and don't think it would be a safe idea
5. I feel I lean to keeping the loop one way directional - keeping flow moving around ALL of the downtown
6. I'd like to hear more positive discussion RE: opening up the river. Get the strand and Phoenix roof up and running!
7. Thank you for doing this. My concern is that the long hours of planning and passion of great minds will go unheard and unfunded
8. Alternative #6 is an idea I would prefer; in the median just need nice lawnscape; no pots or flowers or trees; can obstruct view; median is nice for a pedestrian to stand in, also if by chance an accident occurred a car would damage landscape that would have to be replaced
9. I like the idea of a "protected walkable city" but parking and walkways into the city are a must. City needs a magnet for reason to come in
10. I would like to know how readapting the Loop physically will impact downtown/entire city both positively and negatively
11. Pontiac is a beautiful small city - nice stock of buildings
12. Idea - create a way to go through Phoenix Center via Saginaw St and keep parking. Create a way to go around Phoenix Center. Create Saginaw to Pike Street as main drag for retail (still can have "ring road" bike Birmingham)
13. #6 plan is very best design for our team
14. Could route bikers on Pike Street across town
15. Target specific buildings offer incentive (tax?) to owner to install pre-specified lighting package
16. Like alternative 3. Should have yield to pedestrian signs
17. This is exciting! I pray it doesn't lose steam when it's time to receive funding
18. Open transportation - bus/small van traffic to bring Pontiac it downtown we need low cost public transportation to bring residents of the city downtown to shop eat recreate and then take them home they may not have transportation
19. Coordinate wayfinding signage with Friends of the Clinton River Trail and Clinton River Trail Alliance (City Engineer has been Pontiac's representative on the CRT Alliance)
20. Follow-up after initial maintenance - TAD mentioned that this had NOT been explored. City maintenance essential - no consistency at this point. Love the Clinton Trail Project!

21. Open up the Clinton River over by the Mill Street Inn where it used to run. The map with 2 way traffic both ways and a median between would be a lot safer
22. Have a survey around the community and feel the needs of the population
23. OPEN THE RIVER!
24. We need more activities for families downtown. I would love for the Clinton River to be a focal point for the city
25. Ramp need to redone for some are over 2" deep and not level
26. Certain intersections still have traffic signals which have been flashing yellow for years, namely those by once-busy streets and closed schools. Signage would be more efficient, not to mention cheaper for the city to maintain. Also, I believe that Orchard Lake Road can handle faster traffic, par with West Bloomfield
27. The Phoenix Plaza needs to remain a part of downtown for unique events and other activities. We need parking. Is the study or the parking structure shows it sound or our need or numerous retirees. Let's keep it. Make money for the city. Don't take away the cities income
28. Ideas generated on map: murals on concrete retaining wall in front of the old Central School, murals and green space in the "missing" storefronts on vacant lots on Saginaw Street
29. Please don't put a roundabout downtown. How would this improve foot traffic? Bike paths would be great
30. Art fair, more parades, community bazaar
31. Coming off M-59 then and maneuver toward the right and turn right onto Loop and difficult at times. OR going straight - to go to Huron street is very awkward... must be very difficult for someone who doesn't know how to get around
32. We deserve to have Arts Beats East back, it is our festival
33. One way streets allow for on-street parking, bike, and pedestrian space. Reduce conflict for all users crossing oncoming traffic. Improve visibility for business both roads could develop more storefronts and mixed use housing
34. If Pontiac Central is not to be used, move library and bookstore there (with renovations rather than tearing it down)
35. Bring some alternative - solar, wind energy to Pontiac - incorporate into the bus and residential and urban. For example, Mariah Price (Windspire) has wonderful vertical wind energy that works great and has great tax rebates (1/3) return. Residential = tax credit, business cash back within 60 days of installation. Go! Mich business. Go! Pontiac! Pure Pontiac.
36. Add more police on foot and bikes. Open up the Clinton River with a walk and bike path
37. Allow development to occur facing Woodward Avenue instead of parking lots. This will bring activity into downtown. Transportation terminal and high speed rail/bus essential to downtown development
38. Tell Brooks Patterson to locate at least some county offices and county employees in downtown Pontiac
39. Essential to provide holistic plan, not just traffic flow adjustments
40. Bring ideas like Kalamazoo MI did to replace infrastructure, school, churches, jobs. Brink it down area. Tear down the old building, entire Pontiac area. Build new city with state of the art building and jobs
41. Keep running all day
42. Don't like walking
43. "Would recommend that Saginaw St. have courtesy/safety patrol (would love cell phones to keep in touch with sheriff dept.). Be called: Pontiac BOBs - in honor of man who used to keep Saginaw St. clean. He had a pushcart that Virginia Block had kept.
44. Dear Downtown Pontiac Transportation Assessment Team, if at all possible, can you produce now some kind of informational piece (and widely distribute it) that will clearly tell prospective visitors to downtown Pontiac WHERE THEY CAN PARK when all of the spaces right on Saginaw St. are filled up. Maybe post some signs showing where those additional spaces are.
45. RE - PONTIAC - POTENTIAL IDEAS - ""MOVING FORWARD""
46. Dear Pontiac Summit Chairperson, here are some concepts, what I believe are ""do-able"" things that might help add to the city's future, and I would be honored to discuss what could be in the works about the ideas:
47. Seniors in our schools - even to the point of getting a qualified, motivated senior in every classroom as a teacher's helper ""mentor""/learning ""coach."" Set up at least one new ""Positive Gang"" - eg invite a

Guardian Angels chapter from Toledo or Chicago to help set up one in Pontiac. I have the contacts with the Guardians and would be glad to help. The Saginaw Street "Gallery Walk" to make use of all of the vacant storefront windows on Saginaw St. to display some super pictures that are available from Pontiac's past and some other human interest photos of more recent happenings and people and invite Oakland County seniors to "come on down and take a look" Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society willing to help with this project. Pontiac Bobs (so that seniors will feel safe when they visit Saginaw). Vernor's "Coffee Talk on Main Street" - work with company that makes Vernors to try some kind of a coffee shop on Saginaw that would also serve vintage Vernors cream ales - just might be a start-in combination with the Gallery Walk idea to get more traffic downtown. New Welcome to Pontiac signage along the embankment along the railroad tracks on the west side of downtown - get garden groups, 4H and others to construct a sign (planted in flowers) that reads Welcome to Pontiac. Perry Street Re-Visited! As a cost-efficient way to pull it off, get building construction materials firms like Home Depot to actually "rent the facades" of the Classic and historic (modern housing) on that stretch of Perry that has basically one style of the masonry home on one side and another style on the other side. Perry St. could become a tourist attraction in itself and with landscaping/flower planting and all the homes looking great, something a version of "Frankenmuth South." Let's do something BOLD with that PINK ELEPHANT on Pontiac's skyline that everyone in Oakland County sees at least once a day as they go through Pontiac... and that's the old Central School across the street from Police headquarters. Work with Oakland University to transform it into what could be called Meadowbrook West - get funds from places like Kresge Foundation to restore it as a special Learning Center where all of the many services offered to the Pontiac community by Oakland University students in their internships, field placement assignments could be housed. And part of the building could be transformed into student housing. MUSIC SHARED! Bring youths and seniors together through dance/music.

48. Helped make events during the Historic Downtown Pontiac celebration July 2011 - Vernor's Store Resurrected, Saginaw Street Gallery Walk, Lafayette Grand Tour and Refreshments.
49. NOTE - as the 2012 \$300,000 sustainable communities challenge grant to Oakland County (and the county's \$104,000 community match) are utilized to study and map potential improvements, alterations to the Woodward Loop and other improvements to enhance customer/citizen access to downtown Pontiac, perhaps some of these funds could also be used to plan/help design the following strategies to help accomplish what are the real goals: to bring more consumers to the sidewalks and businesses in downtown Pontiac.
50. "Bug" banks/key businesses along these traffic corridors coming into Pontiac to each make a solid investment in improving/beautifying their business environment (Huron St. Fifth/Third Bank, Bank of America; Perry St. PNC Bank, Flagstar Bank; Caesar Chavez UPS, BP; Cass Ave. CN Rail; Woodward Chase Bank, National City Bank).
51. Turn the now mostly vacant 2nd floors of most commercial buildings on Saginaw St. into college student housing as a plus for Saginaw businesses, generate more businesses, and make an attractive, safe, and practical place for student housing."

Write additional comments about the "IDEA MAP" below: (31 Responses)

1. It was design to handle 100,000 cars. Use it and give the people a reason to come downtown
2. Fantastic idea to make large parking lot the nursery - fits well with Woodward 5 sustainability plan for urban reforestry. This nursery could serve that project
3. Giving downtown more "curb appeal"
4. Connect South Saginaw to south part of Woodward - creating a two-way Saginaw - north into downtown and south to SB Woodward
5. I would like to see a bike and walking trail that is tree-lined around the Woodward Loop. It could be similar to the Midtown Loop
6. I would like to see improved pedestrian crossways over the loop especially at the southern tip. As a community business the community without transportation (that we serve) are inhibited to get to us
7. Great map

8. This needs to be shown to Pontiac residents to be aware of. They are the residents who live and pay taxes here first and foremost it should benefit them; before it benefits outside residents whether by newspaper, public access stations, etc
9. It is not necessary to make Saginaw a "cut-thru" protect the downtown! Just get the access better (better signage and traffic flow)
10. Some marketing? I would love to put a Pontiac bumper sticker on my car. How are downtown bars, caterers, and boutiques being marketed to other county residents? I'd like county employees to use the city more, lunch time, and after work
11. In this way you can light the city efficiently and in a cost effective manner. Previously not possible. Raising perceived property value
12. Pedestrian crosswalks that are not automatic are not good - you shouldn't have to push a button to cross a street
13. Excellent format. Where do I get a copy for further study?
14. One feature that especially needs improvement is access to the Pontiac Library
15. 2 or 3 of those maps did nothing to get rid of the Loop
16. Uses the Silverdome for the Dream Cruise parking instead of use street such as Murray
17. An IDEA Map is a good tool for making visualizations of people's ideas. However, I wish there was more sketch space on the back
18. Bike racks should be placed strategically through downtown. Make a park area where Lot 9 is located. Bus stops need to be centered along all major roads so people can walk or get dropped off to catch transportation. They will need warming shelters.
19. Two-way traffic on the Loop has questionable merit, in my eyes. Can't it be partially boulevard without it? Either way, a boulevard would class it up. We live downtown and tried to walk a trail or walkspace to no avail - please connect us to Clinton River Trail!
20. More color coding
21. Dream Cruise event planning and parking needs improvement. Arts Beat and Eats - revitalized or something similar implemented. On a positive note, one of the best things that happened was when the RR track was raised on Huron
22. I would love to be able to go to a bakery, grocery store, drug store, dollar store, book store, restaurants, movie theater
23. Get back a normal downtown: restaurants, shops, galleries, the theater, etc. Gordon's is empty (Oakland County owned) lots and farmers markets and grocery store (local/organic)
24. Open Clinton River ASAP - also bike paths. Place to skateboard, etc. Either expand library and build at old Central School and police department. Make it HUGE w/common caterer. Do something with lot 9
25. Lot 9 should be brought to immediate active use as a transitional use. Convert to green space/public park/plaza with art work and ice skating. Bring farmers market there. Need to transform space immediately. MDOT should allow curb openings on Woodward
26. Change to entire city to build new job
27. Very important
28. My bus station
29. Don't show my neighborhood
30. I think it is good and should be given a change to word on it
31. Continued... Note on Woodward Ave Loop - this writer notes that the width of the Woodward Loop that Pontiac citizens have to cross to come into downtown Pontiac is approximately 45 ft - compared to crossing a typical downtown street in Ann Arbor averaging about 30 feet. Perhaps this 15 ft difference may not necessitate very expensive alterations to the Woodward Ave Loop. The more significant deterrent to downtown Pontiac foot traffic is perception that it isn't safe. Also, the traffic on the Woodward Ave Loop is only coming from one direction, which should make it a little bit safer to cross than a 2-way traffic street. For people driving a car to downtown Pontiac there does seem to be very ample/easy access to downtown Pontiac.

What did you like best about the workshop? (64 Responses)

1. All the info presented with very positive
2. All the maps and discussions - great way to gather other people's thoughts and ideas!
3. Allowed me to know what is happening in the city
4. Alternatives to Woodward Loop
5. Attendance/attitude
6. Availability of engineers/consultants
7. Be informed
8. Clarity in describing the project
9. Comprehensive
10. Concept of having planners explain their work one-on-one
11. Details presented in universally understandable format
12. Displays
13. Excellent turnout and participation
14. Explanation and slides
15. Good
16. Good layout - lots to learn
17. Grants
18. Great - love the posters, visuals, and food
19. Great information about the transportation study
20. Great mix of attendees from many backgrounds
21. Having a positive, constructive plan
22. If proper/proven pull together
23. Informal and overview
24. Information
25. Information shared
26. Information stations and informal format
27. Informative
28. Interaction with presenters
29. Interactivity/participating
30. Interesting presentation at each station
31. It provided a public forum for input
32. It shows that there is more engagement
33. Location - set up
34. Meeting people
35. Multiple ways to interact with info - multi-media and traditional
36. Networking
37. Nice presentation
38. Nothing
39. Open communication/free flow of ideas
40. Opportunity to add opinion
41. Organized and detailed
42. People having great ideals on improving the city
43. Presentation of ideas for change (improvements)
44. Presentation, people can talk , venue
45. Presenters listened!
46. Solicitation of input/feedback
47. Speaker's presentation, station set-up
48. The clarity provided by the information presented
49. The exhibits and the hands on with team members
50. The person who give this today and thank you very much
51. The possibilities

52. The six stations
53. The spread was fantastic
54. They are trying to get Pontiac back on the map
55. Thoroughness, history
56. Trying to make change
57. Turnout of interested citizens
58. Very informative
59. Very well organized
60. Visual and survey
61. Visuals
62. Visuals - maps, etc.
63. Woodward Loop alternative #5
64. Written feedback opportunity

How could the workshop be improved? (43 Responses)

1. Maybe the separate information stands could remember to talk to the "group" around them and not just one or two people. I'm sure it was tons of repeating and many times I felt I had to fight for attention. Thanks let's move forward!
2. Appears satisfactory as is
3. Better
4. Bigger, more neighborhood involvement
5. Blog site developed for continued?
6. Discuss potential funding sources and how to prepare/transition from plan to action
7. Email more about plans so that people would have more time to digest ideas
8. Fine as is
9. Get more neighborhood people involved!
10. Get young people involved and motivated to part of Pontiac
11. Good
12. Great job
13. Great the way it is - love the Crofoot
14. Have repeating slide show for each stat. Add handouts if possible
15. I have NO idea about this grant/project's time frame (target, deadlines, etc) or what is required to implement grant
16. I think it was great - succinct and informative
17. I would like to know the interest of those present
18. It needs to be longer
19. It was great!
20. Just by everybody comments
21. Looks great so far, now we need to put it into action! (Changes)
22. More advertisement to Pontiac residents
23. More interaction/debate about key issues/looking at all options
24. More lighting
25. More lights, too dark
26. More sitting space, if at all possible
27. More space
28. More writing surface - also easels/stations elsewhere to provide more room to move around
29. No
30. No comments
31. None
32. Not sure, it was fine
33. Nothing
34. Nothing to add

35. Omelet bar
36. Online survey for people who were unable to attend
37. Perhaps have one of the computers show similar urban areas and how they made different moves to be successful. For instance, there is another city that "draped" the parking center (like Phoenix) with LED changing rainbow lights to brighten the area - to attract to downtown, etc.
38. Pre-knowledge
39. Repetition, repetition, repetition
40. Speakers on various subjects
41. Stations needed a little better self operation with the presenters you had
42. They did a nice job on the workshop
43. Working sessions Q&A