



METROHEALTH LINE BRT (#24009) OPEN HOUSE #2 MEETING SUMMARY

November 20, 2024

Location: St. Patrick Parish (3606 Bridge Avenue)

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Attendance

Over 100 people attended Open House #2.

Summary of Meeting

Update Community Open House - overview of corridor design, review of process/comments heard to-date, outline forthcoming process including updated timeline, project team and neighborhood introductions, and acknowledgement that this work is moving towards implementation/construction.

Topic / Station Details

An overview of each of the engagement stations, and a high-level summary of the feedback received at each.

1. Project Information & Engagement Center

- a. Provided an overview of the project schedule, description, contact information for engagement and project team, and QR code to project website
- b. Outlined the stations, answered general questions

2. Virtual Presentation

- a. A narrated presentation of the corridor design was played on a loop in English and Spanish. The presentation can be found here: <https://www.riderta.com/majorprojects/metrohealthbirt>

3. Mobility & Accessibility

- a. How can physical, visual access be improved to better serve riders?
 - i. Design for the most vulnerable benefits all.
- b. Shelters – input on design, amenities, transit waiting environments had the following suggestions:
 - i. Support for design direction.
 - ii. Request for more regular cleaning of shelters; may help increase ridership.
- c. Most of the ideas listed on the board were supported, primary focus was for the following categories:
 - i. Off-Board Fare payment options
 - ii. Real Time arrivals

4. NEPA & Section 106

- a. Provided an overview of the National Environmental Policy Act requirements for the project and why the improvements are needed.
- b. Provided general information about the Section 106 Historic Preservation guidelines, the area of potential effects (APE), and how it relates to this project.

5. Mapping Stations – Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton | Tremont, Ohio City

- a. Asked participants to weigh in on a series of questions about where they park, why and when do they take the bus, where there are opportunities for improvements, etc.
- b. Displayed a series of street sections at various points along the corridor to illustrate potential lane configurations.
- c. The corridor was separated into individual neighborhood segments to encourage focused discussion on the BRT proposal. Multiple scenarios were presented at the Ohio City Station to explore concepts for dedicated bus lanes and on-street parking. **Comments from the interactive station are captured on the table maps (see accompanying document).**

6. Young Designers

- a. Youth-focused activities & questions to allow parents and others to engage at the other stations.

7. General Comments

- a. General appreciation for holding the event, asking for input, and seeing the project move forward.
- b. Would appreciate free transit passes to attend future open house events.

Next Steps

1. Visit the project website for updates: <https://www.riderta.com/majorprojects/metrohealthbtr>
2. Next public Open House date TBD.





