



UVA Student Information Meeting – Summary

The Emmet Streetscape project team held an open house for the UVA community on September 17, 2018 at the Lambeth Commons. A total of 17 people signed into the meeting.

The purpose of this project is to redesign Emmet Street between Ivy Road/University Avenue and Arlington Boulevard, transforming it into a “complete street” that safely accommodates all people, regardless of their abilities or means of travel. The Lambeth Field Apartments are in the heart of the study area, and Lambeth Commons is a central gathering place for the 174 UVA apartment complex. The students that live in the apartments frequently use Emmet Street, and are a key stakeholder representing the UVA community and future generations of students.



The purpose of the meeting was to gather input from residents, other students, staff, and faculty at UVA who depend on Emmet Street for access to Central Grounds, North Grounds, and shopping and entertainment destinations in the city. The meeting yielded information on common routes people use in this area, issues related to walking and bicycling, needs that the design could address, and preferences for various improvements under consideration in the concept development phase of the project. The ideas and opinions shared by meeting attendees is summarized in the following sections.

Activity 1 – How is Emmet Street Working for You?

Meeting attendees used a base map of the study area to identify issues and opportunities on Emmet Street. The green dots represent things people like or want. The red dots represent things people dislike or want to see change. Attendees used post-it notes to elaborate on their dots. The map and a table listing the ideas that attendees shared are provided below.



#	Category	Description
1	Red	This intersection (Emmet @ Ivy/University) gets very backed up.
2	Red	Flooding at southbound lanes in big storms (Emmet just south of RR bridge).
3	Green	Pedestrian and bike access from Lambeth to Emmet Street away from parking lot.
4	Green	Massie should have a protected bicycle lane. There is plenty of room.
5	Green	New U-Bike docks at Lambeth.
6	Red	This intersection (Arlington/Emmet) has 3 lights for a road that only has the option of going left or straight. I often fail to see the left turn lane, assuming there are only 2 lights. Please get rid of the redundant 2 nd light for the lane that goes straight.
8	Green	I really enjoy a bike/pedestrian only lane. They're safe and effective. (Goodwin Br.)
9	Green	Love this potential connection (Goodwin Bridge to Massie)
10	Red	Culbreth/University seems dangerous to pedestrians. Can it be marked more clearly?

Activity 2 – Where Do You Go and How Do You Get There?

Attendees also shared their frequent destinations and travel paths using a map handout of the study area. This activity showed some patterns for travel in the area, which reinforced patterns highlighted by the same activity conducted during the May 12, 2018 public meeting.

- Central Grounds, Barracks Road Shopping Center, and North Grounds are all important destinations for people using Emmet Street, regardless of travel mode.
- People living and working in the area often use bus service on Emmet Street and Rugby Road to access Central Grounds, and bus service on Emmet to access Barracks Road Shopping Center.
- The Emmet/Ivy/University intersection is frequently used by pedestrians and bicyclists travel to Central Grounds from points north. Safety at this intersection has come up as a key concern.
- Emmet Street is a key north-south connection in the area for bicyclists, but some people do not feel safe riding in the street and often ride on the sidewalk.

Activity 3 – How Do You Cross Emmet?

Meeting attendees were asked how they most often cross Emmet Street to access the bus stops near Goodwin Bridge. The purpose of asking this question is to better understand the potential need for an at-grade marked cross walk.

On Goodwin Bridge	At a Crosswalk	Other
4	2 (1 indicated using Massie)	3 (all indicated crossing near the bridge)

Activity 4 - Draft Concept Comments

Meeting attendees also shared the following general comments on the draft concepts that were on display at the open house.

- Prefers the west side for the shared-use path because Barracks Road, JPJ, athletic complex, and the Emmet/Ivy corridor project are larger than anything on the east side.
- Prefers the raised 6.5' bicycle lanes as shown in section 2-2.
- Prefers the east side for the shared-use path because it's easier for Lambeth residents to go southbound.
- The limited sightline for the proposed east side shared use path tunnel makes it a no-go zone for many users.