

Parkside Avenue Intersections Improvement Project

Summary of Public Open House #3: May 15, 2025

The City of Philadelphia Department of Streets (COP-DOS) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) are proposing improvements at two intersections along Parkside Avenue to promote safe and efficient use of the corridor intersections by all users. Both intersections of Parkside Avenue/Bryn Mawr Avenue and Parkside Avenue/53rd Street are located within the City's High Injury Network. This project aims to improve safety, reduce congestion, improve pedestrian accessibility, enhance connectivity to local recreational facilities, and provide other upgrades at these intersections. The improvements made will be consistent with the citywide Vision Zero Program.

As part of this project, meetings with the Stakeholder Group and open houses with the public are being held to inform and gather input from the community. **This document summarizes Public Open House #3 held on May 15, 2025.** The goals of this meeting were to:

1. Provide an overview of the project
2. Review the project plans for each intersection
3. Provide information on the construction process and schedule
4. Answer questions/gather input from the public

This is the third Public Open House held as part of the Parkside Avenue Intersections Improvement Project. A full list of outreach meetings held to date, along with their respective purpose, is included in the Appendix.

The City of Philadelphia Streets Department and the consultant team presented the planned improvements for both Parkside Avenue intersections with Bryn Mawr Avenue and with 53rd Street, along with information on the construction process and schedule. Approximately 20 persons, comprised of residents, business owners, local neighborhood representatives, and others interested in the study intersections, attended, provided input, and offered team members insights regarding the movement of pedestrians and vehicles in these two intersections. High-level staff from the City of Philadelphia Department of Streets attended the open house, made a short presentation, explained the information on the exhibits, answered questions, and listened to comments.



How the Public was Notified of Public Open House #3

Members of the public were notified of the Public Open House by the following means:

- Email invitations to Stakeholder Group members and members of the public that are on the project contact list (identified from previous project open houses, as well as other Parkside projects)
- Social media from the Wynnefield Community Neighborhood Association and Centennial Parkside CDC
- Ad on the Parkside Journal website, Facebook page, and Instagram page
- Paper flyers distributed by the Stakeholder Group members and adjacent property owners (the consultant project team provided more than 520 flyers)
- Electronic flyers distributed by the Stakeholder Group members and members of the public

A copy of the meeting notice/flyer and ad is included in the Appendix.

The methods and specific timelines are summarized below:

Outreach Method	Organizations Involved	Timing
Meeting Flyer		
Hard copy	Copies were provided to the following groups on May 1, 2025: • Parkside Neighbors Association - 300 • Philly Pump Track - 100 • Wynnefield Library (requested by the Wynnefield Residents Association) - 50 • Wynnefield Community Neighbors Association - 50 At the Stakeholder Group meeting (5/8/25), Stakeholder Group members were offered hard copies of meeting flyers to distribute.	May 1, 2025 Stakeholder Group meeting: May 8, 2025
Electronic Outreach/Flyer		
Email to Stakeholder Group with Meeting Flyer	Stakeholder Group members were sent an electronic copy of the flyer to share with their respective members and post around the neighborhood.	April 29, 2025 May 9, 2025 May 12, 2025 May 14, 2025
Invite - Public	Interested parties who participated in the previous public open house or other adjacent Parkside projects were sent an email invitation with an electronic copy of the flyer.	April 30, 2025 May 12, 2025 May 14, 2025
Media/Social Media Outreach		Timing & Links to Notices
Project Webpage	Streets Department webpage	
Media Outlet	Placed an advertisement in the Parkside Journal (website)	May 5, 2025
	Parkside Journal posted meeting info on their Facebook page	May 5, 2025 May 9, 2025 May 15, 2025

	Parkside Journal posted meeting info on their Instagram page	May 5, 2025 May 9, 2025 May 15, 2025
Facebook Post	Wynnefield Community Neighborhood Association posted meeting info on Facebook.	May 9, 2025
Instagram	Centennial Parkside CDC posted meeting info on Instagram	May 6, 2025

Date, Time, and Location of Public Open House #3

The third Public Open House was held in person at the Centennial Village Community Room (1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131) on May 15, 2025, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Approximately twenty (20) people interested in this project attended the open house.

This meeting was held in an open-house format with a brief presentation and Q&A session.

Public Open House Stations and Exhibits

Within the open house, guests were free to move about at their own pace. The stations are presented here.

Welcome Station

Guests were greeted at the sign-in table, where they were asked to provide their name and email address to receive updates on the project meeting schedule and progress. A "Project Fast Facts" board was located directly across from the sign-in sheet. It provided the project description, objectives, and timeline, along with listing the project sponsors. After signing in, guests were introduced to a member of the project team who guided them through the plans/information and encouraged them to ask questions and provide their input.



Proposed Improvement Plans: 53rd St/Parkside Ave Station & Bryn Mawr Ave/Parkside Ave Station

For each of the study intersections (53rd Street/Parkside Avenue and Bryn Mawr/Parkside Avenue), the following information was provided:

- **Plan:** Illustration of the proposed improvements in plan view.
- **Issues Previously Identified by the Public:** List of the issues heard from participants in previous stakeholder group meetings and the public open houses, and how they were addressed in the plans.
- **Cross Section:** View of an intersection approach and how the various users are accommodated.
- **Signal Phasing:** Diagram illustrating how the new signal phasing will work for vehicles and pedestrians.

These stations were adjacent to each other to facilitate discussion. At each station, a project team member explained each plan, how the intersection would function, and how the specific option addressed the community concerns. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and provide their input.

Construction Station

At this station, a project team member explained the construction schedule, possible lane closures, and how traffic would function during construction. Attendees were encouraged to ask questions and provide their input. The following boards and information regarding project construction were provided:

Construction Overview

- **General Construction Schedule (Anticipated):** A construction milestone timeline from when the project is advertised to when it will be completed.
- **Limits of Work:** Construction will be limited to the individual intersections of 53rd St/Parkside Ave Station and Bryn Mawr Ave/Parkside Ave.
- **Ways to Find Out About Construction Activities:** Provided a link to the Parkside Avenue Intersection Improvement project page.

What to Expect During Construction

- **Access/Impacts:** Explained how access will be maintained for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers traveling through the Parkside Avenue intersections of Bryn Mawr Avenue and 53rd Street throughout construction. Bryn Mawr Avenue and 53rd Street will have signed truck detour routes during construction.
- **Schedule/Work Times:** Time periods for construction, including when jackhammer work is expected to take place
- **What You May See:** List of potential temporary traffic barriers, fences, and signals

Parkside Area Traffic Safety Projects

Staff from the City's Office of Transportation and Infrastructure Systems (OTIS) were available to provide updates and answer questions about other transportation projects in the Parkside area.

Parkside Area Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Projects

Staff from the Philadelphia Water Department were available to provide updates and answer questions about Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) projects in the area and other questions related to the water department activities.

Presentation and Q&A Session

A brief presentation and Q&A session were also part of this. Attendees asked and project team members responded to questions on a variety of topics, including:

- Project purpose, process, and limits
- Community involvement
- Traffic and crash data
- Design considerations including layout changes, signal operations, pedestrian accommodations, and ADA ramps
- Traffic Calming
- Construction schedule and timing



Attendees also had questions regarding other intersections and roadways within the community, but not part of this project. City of Philadelphia staff members answered these questions, and a member of Representative Green's staff recommended that community members reach out to their Councilpersons and Representatives with their concerns.

Based on this Q&A session and participant feedback, a fourth public open house is being planned for the summer of 2025.

Media Outlet Attendance and Coverage

One local Philadelphia media outlet, the Parkside Journal, attended the event. The publisher of this paper is part of the stakeholder group for this project.

Appendix

1. List of Outreach Meetings Held (2023-2025)
2. Distributed Public Open House Flyer
3. Parkside Journal Ad

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Date/Time	Location	Purpose	Audience
February 8, 2023 5:00pm-6:30pm	Centennial Village Community Room 1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131	To elicit their input on the transportation issues at the study intersections and to identify the best methods to invite/inform the public about the project.	Stakeholder Group Members
April 25, 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm	Zoom Meeting	Review what we heard at the first meeting and provide a preview and solicit feedback on the presentation to the Public Open House #1, including potential treatments available for implementation at each intersection.	Stakeholder Group Members
May 3, 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm	Zoom Meeting	To review the issues identified by the Stakeholders, present potential intersection treatments, and answer questions/gather input	Members of the public*
September 19, 2023 5:30pm-7:00pm	Centennial Village Community Room 1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131	To explain the two options for each study intersection (improved intersections and roundabouts) and how they address the issues identified at previous meetings, and answer questions and gather feedback.	Stakeholder Group Members
October 3, 2023 5:00pm-8:00pm	Centennial Village Community Room 1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131	To review the issues identified at previous meetings for the project intersections, present potential intersection treatments (improved intersections and roundabouts), and answer questions/gather input.	Members of the public*
May 8, 2025 5:00pm-6:30pm	Centennial Village Community Room 1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131	To review the project plans for each intersection based on the input received and to provide information on construction.	Stakeholder Group Members
May 15, 2025 5:30pm-7:30pm	Centennial Village Community Room 1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131	To review the project plans for each intersection based on the input received and to provide information on construction.	Members of the public*
* Stakeholder Group Members were also invited, and some attended.			



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2. Distributed Public Open House Flyer



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53rd Street & Parkside Avenue
Bryn Mawr Avenue & Parkside Avenue

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #3 – In-Person

See the planned improvements and learn about the construction

53rd Street & Parkside Avenue



Bryn Mawr Avenue & Parkside Avenue



Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Centennial Village Community Room
1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131

A brief presentation will be given at 6:15pm & project plans/construction information will be available throughout the event.

Light refreshments will be provided.

The City of Philadelphia Department of Streets, in coordination with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, is proposing improvements at these two intersections to promote safe and efficient use by all users.

For More Info:

Check out the project information on the web:

<https://www.phila.gov/documents/parkside-avenue-intersections-improvement-project/>

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3. Parkside Journal Ad

UPCOMING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING– In Person

MAY 5, 2025 | PRENTICE34 | LEAVE A COMMENT
Thursday May 15, 2025 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm

City of Philadelphia

PARKSIDE AVENUE INTERSECTIONS
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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The City of Philadelphia Streets Department invites you to an in-person Public Open House on May 15, 2025, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm for the Parkside Ave/53rd St and Parkside Ave/Bryn Mawr Ave Intersections Improvement Project. Please come to this event to see the planned improvements and learn about the construction process.

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The improvements aim to promote safe and efficient use of the corridor intersections by all users and safer access to nearby parks.

You can find out more about the project here: <https://www.phila.gov/documents/parkside-avenue-intersections-improvement-project/> (<https://www.phila.gov/documents/parkside-avenue-intersections-improvement-project/>). You may email the project team at ParksideAveProject@phila.gov (<mailto:ParksideAveProject@phila.gov>).
