

Parkside Avenue Intersections Improvement Project

Summary of Public Open House #4: August 20, 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 were held to inform and gather input from the community. **This document summarizes Public Open House #4 held on August 20, 2025.** The goals of this meeting were to:

1. Provide an overview of the project
2. Review the proposed design for each intersection
3. Explain how issues are addressed at each intersection
4. Answer questions from the open house held on May 15, 2025
5. Respond to any additional questions from the public

This is the fourth Public Open House held as part of the Parkside Avenue Intersections Improvement Project. This public open house was not originally planned; however, during the open house in May, the project team agreed to return and address remaining concerns from the community members. A full list of outreach meetings held to date, along with their respective purposes, is included in the Appendix.

The City of Philadelphia Streets Department and the consultant team reviewed the project process, presented the planned improvements for the study intersections (Parkside Avenue intersections with Bryn Mawr Avenue and with 53rd Street), and answered questions from the previous public Open House. Approximately 12 persons, comprised of residents, business owners, local neighborhood representatives, and others interested in the study intersections, attended, listened to the presentation, and asked questions. High-level staff from the City of Philadelphia Department of Streets attended the open house, made a presentation, answered questions, and listened to comments.



How the Public was Notified of Public Open House #4

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 Philly Bike Action
- Paper flyers distributed by the Stakeholder Group members, including the Parkside Association of Philadelphia, Philly Pump Track, and mailed to adjacent property owners (the consultant project team provided more than 270 flyers)
- Electronic flyers distributed by the Stakeholder Group members and members of the public

A copy of the meeting notice/flyer 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: • Parkside Neighbors Association - 200 • Philly Pump Track - 50	August 7, 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.	August 4, 2025 August 14, 2025 August 19, 2025
Invitation - 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.	August 5, 2025 August 14, 2025 August 19, 2025
Media/Social Media Outreach		Timing & Links to Notices
Instagram	Wynnefield Community Neighborhood Association posted meeting info on Instagram.	August 10, 2025
Websites	• Wynnefield Community Neighborhood Association • Philly Bike Action Calendar	August 2025

Date, Time, and Location of Public Open House #4

The fourth Public Open House was held in person at the Centennial Village Community Room (1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131) on August 20, 2025, beginning at 5:30pm, with a presentation at 5:45pm. Approximately twelve (12) people interested in this project attended the open house.

This meeting was conducted in a presentation format, followed by a Q&A session.

Public Open House Presentation and Exhibits

Welcome Station

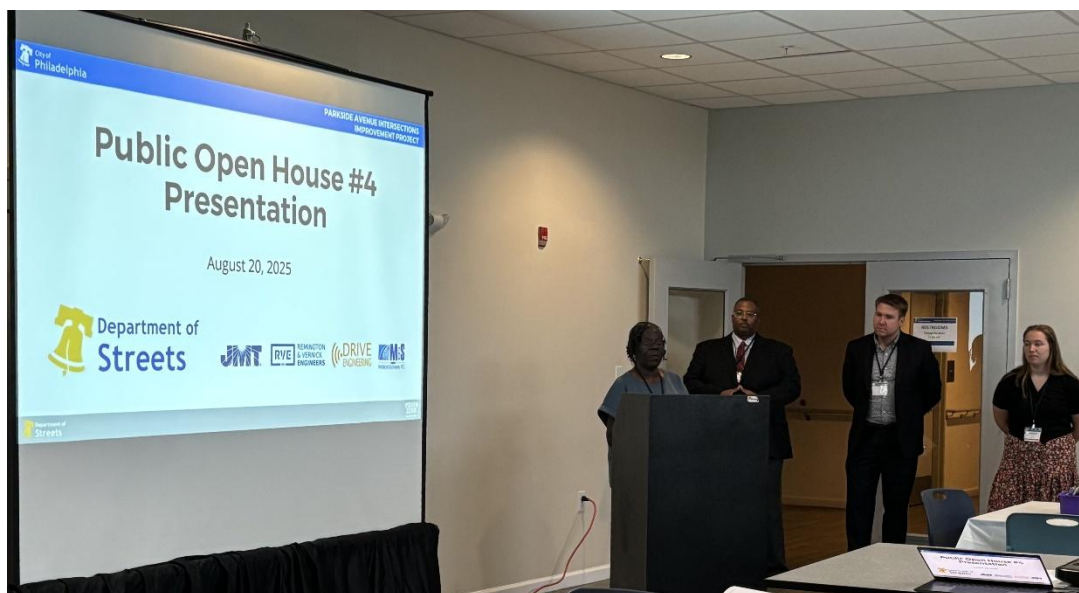
Guests were greeted at the sign-in table, where they were asked to provide their name and email address to receive updates on the project and construction. A "Project Fast Facts" board was located directly across from the sign-in sheet. It provided the project description, objectives, and timeline, along with listing the project sponsors. After signing in, guests were guided towards the presentation area.

Presentation and Q&A Session

A presentation was made by the City of Philadelphia Streets Department staff and JMT staff. Immediately following the presentation, a Q&A session was conducted. As part of the presentation, project team members presented on the following topics, including:

- Project purpose, process, and limits
- Traffic and crash data collection and study
- Design considerations, including layout changes, signal operations, pedestrian accommodations, and ADA ramps
- Traffic Calming
- Proposed Design & How Issues are Addressed
- Community involvement

In addition, attendees had questions regarding other intersections and roadways that are within the community, but not part of this project. City of Philadelphia staff members answered these questions, and a member of Councilperson Jones's staff recommended that community members reach out to their Councilpersons and Representatives with their concerns.



Appendix

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

1. List of Outreach Meetings Held (February 2023 – August 2025)

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, 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*
August 20, 2025 5:30pm – 7:00pm	Centennial Village Community Room 1702 N. 52nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131	- Review the proposed design and how issues are addressed. - Address questions from the May 15, 2025, open house.	Members of the public*
* Stakeholder Group Members were also invited, and some attended.			

2. Distributed Public Open House Flyer



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

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #4 – In-Person
Final Improvement Plans

53rd Street & Parkside Avenue



Bryn Mawr Avenue & Parkside Avenue



Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Arrive at 5:30pm, Presentation to begin promptly at 5:45pm

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

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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