

Questions Submitted By  
Participants

Gables US1 Workshop Kickoff  
Friday, July 17, 2015

- “How can we encourage more usage of the metro rail?”

- “The Underline is obvious win-win. How will Coral Gables (specifically south Coral Gables) safely access the park? Traditional crosswalks across US 1 wont cut it.”

- “All the parks and trams are in the north Gables. What is the city doing to bring high quality services to the south Gables including sidewalks from metro rail into the neighborhoods?”

- “What is the purpose, objective & authority of a charette approved by the City Commission?”

- “Why did this area of US 1 not develop into a mixed use area if Merrick envisioned it that way?”

- “Is there currently anywhere around here other than on the UM campus to park a bike?”

- “Will the Coral Gables trolley eventually connect to this area? “

- “Did Joanna Lombard’s studies also correlate walking to the amount of traffic on a street?”

- “What does mixed-use really mean? “

- “Are representatives from FDOT requested to participate in the re-imagining of the corridor?”

- “What is planned for safety?? Homeless and vagrants are always there!”

- “Unsafe walking on US1 is not only caused by heavy constant traffic, but also by extremely narrow sidewalks. This is a major issue to be reviewed and revised!”

- “Is the walking tour going to include any neighborhood streets, such as Manati Ave?”

- “Presentation on streets had buildings that didn't exceed 5 stories? What is behind the buildings shown?”

- “Downtown Kendall doesn't have single family homes “

- “What prevents Coral Gables from having the cityscape that Jason King was talking about?”

- “Please could all speakers disclose any relevant financial interests?”

- “What prospects for extending CG trolley to 1) UM campus and 2) this side of US 1?”

- “What is the average height of buildings along the Champs-Elysees?”

- “Will you show existing zoning maps so neighbors understand what can already be built today, without any change to current zoning?”

- “Any plan should include congregate living for aging residents. Any plans for that in the area? It could be a joint project with UM like those existing in Gainesville.”

- “With traffic currently at 15 mph on US 1 with traffic increasing with development, what is the solution for making this corridor attractive and safe for crossing? Isn't that traffic going to intrude on residential streets to move? The development will force those cars into neighborhoods. Right? So how are you protecting the neighborhoods with AL this development coming?”

- “How is the third arm of public art to be taken care of? Only graffiti on columns?”

- “How can feeder streets wrk well get more eyes on str moqe traffic calming so more people walk bike 2 transit”

- “How can we bring new frontage closer to the street. Does planning allow for no setbacks yet?”

- “What would be the process to change setback regulation?”

- “What are disadvantages of current setback rules?”

- “Question - What does the city of coral gable's comprehensive plan envision for this study area? “

- “Has this corridor been studied in the past 10 years”
- “If so what were the results re height and density along the corridor”

- “What would be the process to plant street trees along us1?”

- “Meg spoke earlier that there are two areas that will begin construction in 2016. Will this area we are speaking of today and tomorrow going to be the first phase of this project? Do you plan on doing a similar workshop for the other phases?”

- “A traffic question - I lived in West Hartford, CT - a town very similar to Coral Gables in both population and size and almost every intersection had a left hand turn signal - it made a huge difference in driving and drivers' temperaments - it took us years to get a left turn at Granada and US1 - how about trying to increase left turn signals?”

- “Has there been a study on the use of pedestrian overpasses on the US1 corridor? In my experience sitting in traffic no one uses the Grove and Vizcaya overpasses.”

- “Most of the audience is here to discuss the building that we are sitting in - will it be the topic tonight or tomorrow???”

- “Doesn't a dialog imply that our voices are heard ?”

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- Will any development be approved here before this charrette and public approval process is over?”

- “How many residents attended the north Ponce meetings? Residents - not staff and paid consultants”

- “How can we get developers to prioritize and make pedestrian come first and require the to develop human scale buildings that contribute to meaningful public space, beautifully articulated and executed. Do we have policy in place for mixed use? We need it !”

- “As the underline is a desirable amenity, how will US 1 become more accessible for pedestrians to cross US 1 for access to transit and the park?”

- “Is there any restriction on underground parking in the city?”