

Carson City Downtown Consortium  
“Getting Around the Downtown Promenade” Action Group

Here are some notes on what we talked about on April 21:

- Anne Macquarie was selected as the action group chair. Jean Bondiatt will attend the action group chair meeting next Monday though, since Anne will be out of town
- We decided that our “banner” should be expanded so we changed it to be “getting *to and* around the downtown promenade”
- We were unclear on exactly what the downtown promenade is, but Tammy filled us in a little, saying it’s basically Curry Street. The reason is that with all the traffic still on Carson St., Curry Street is at this point more pedestrian friendly, so a better place to start
- But we wanted to emphasize that getting to the downtown – by biking, walking, and public transportation especially – is as important as getting around in the downtown. There should be safe, convenient, and pleasant connections to surrounding neighborhoods, to the large hotels like Gold Dust West, and to the rest of the town in general.
- There was a suggestion that we get together to take a promenade along the promenade to get an idea of existing conditions
- There was a suggestion to find links to websites that depict good downtown pedestrian design
- There was also a suggestion that we try to find a glossary of transportation terms, especially if we begin talking to city staff about various transportation issues in the downtown.
- We noted that traffic congestion, difficulty of walking, lack of parking, and lack of public transportation were some of the issues regarding transportation that came up in the survey
- We discussed parking in the downtown and perceptions of it. We thought that while sufficient parking is important to a successful downtown, too much surface parking can cut up the streetscape and make it discontinuous and unattractive to pedestrians. Also we thought that the perception in Carson City that there might not be enough parking downtown was maybe more of a perception than a reality. Some group members compared Carson City’s current parking availability to parking in other cities. In comparison, Carson has plenty. But we recognized that more parking might be needed as more people began to come downtown.
- We also thought that *managing* parking – by signs showing people where to park, especially for events – might be more effective and make for a better downtown than simply providing more parking.
- We know that the City has already done parking and circulation studies for the downtown, and we think that we should review these studies (maybe City staff can also make a presentation to us?)
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