Project Summary: Comprehensive Curbside Management Plan for the Bridge Street District and Historic Dublin

Project Overview

The City of Dublin has made significant investments to expand mobility options for its constituents, responding to the need for multimodal options suitable to all ages and abilities in order to remain a highly desirable community to live, work, and play. The City has also engaged in extensive strategic parking planning in support of the vibrant, mixed-use neighborhoods on either side of the Scioto River. As has become clear through the analysis and implementation of these plans, much more happens at the curb than just vehicular parking.

The Curb Management Plan presents a vital opportunity to think differently about how curb space is utilized and how it reflects the City's growth aspirations and community goals. The plan aims to thoughtfully manage competing demands in ways that secure the growth vision, achieve the mobility and access priorities in these unique districts and align curb use with new definitions of curb performance and efficiency. Informed by key stakeholders and users of the curb, the plan will create an equitable decision-making framework for setting curb priorities around access and equity—a recalibration of curb side management policies to a "systems thinking" and values-centered perspective that advances broader mobility goals.



Current and Upcoming Plan Activities

The project team, led by the City's Division of Transportation & Mobility and Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, have begun their review of existing conditions. Stakeholder outreach will begin in April, including interviews with stakeholders in Historic Dublin and Bridge Park, focus group sessions, and a survey aimed at businesses, property owners, and residents in the two districts. At the same time, the consulting team, which also includes the Columbus Office of Toole Design Group and Ohio-based Bongorno Consulting, will conduct an inventory of existing resources (physical, technical, policy, etc.) and an assessment of curb functions, priorities, and objectives.

The team will produce a review of established and emerging best practices in curb management policies, practices, and technologies that will help to inform plan recommendations. These activities, along with the feedback from key City staff and community stakeholders, will lead to the development of a Curbside Management Toolbox, a Five-Year Action Plan, and Pilot Project recommendations. The proposed pilots – supported by consulting team member Cityfi – will be designed to test technologies that can collect data to better understand curbside activity and inform future innovation, policies and management practices. The pilots are expected to be conducted from summer 2022 – summer 2023 and will be followed by final project reports and presentations to City leadership and the broader community in fall 2023.

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