

***The following are informal meeting notes from the 3-day series of workshops and meeting June 10-12, 2019. They are intended to capture some of the public comments but are not all inclusive.***

***Telluride SW Area Plan – Site Walk – 6/10/2019***

The planning team, Town staff, and the Committee walked the site with interested public. The following are some of the issues and ideas that were informally noted on the walk.

- Approximately 37 people were on the walk.
- Looked at Town-owned ROW's, Shandoka and Carhenge lots within the study area.
- Intersection at Tomboy and Carhenge is confusing
- Pacific circulation is a concern of residents. Most who spoke did not want to change to two-way. Adjacent property owners like the narrow street and slow traffic.
- Many people on bikes use Pacific to head west against one way traffic
- A lot of people do not stop at Mahoney and Pacific stop sign
- People get on busy at pedestrian bridge at Cimarron and at Davis/Pacific even though it is not an official bus stop. People still use old bus stop at NE corner of Shandoka.
- People use Pacific at night because it is lit and feels safer than River Trail.
- Is a roundabout a possibility?
- Need to clarify who is responsible for snow removal on sidewalks. Town said it is adjacent property owners responsibility.
- River trail has heavy use and many dogs. More of a walking trail, not a commuter bike trail.
- Some residents said Pacific was two-way 40 years ago and was changed to one-way.
- School traffic has a big impact on traffic turning left at Davis and Colorado. It is already tough to turn left there most times and winter is really bad because of grades.
- People on Davis park head in on their property but overhang onto the sidewalk.
- Traffic calming/organization is needed on Pacific. It is a well-used multi-modal corridor.
- More cars squeeze into Tomboy area than spots.
- Tomboy access to Colorado might be even more difficult than Davis.
- Trucks park on concrete area by Cimarron pedestrian bridge. People stop to drop of skiers in the middle of Pacific.
- People think transit system is underutilized, needs to be education because it is a good system.
- Need wayfinding from Society Turn into Town to help people get to public lots.
- Could Pacific be bus and pedestrians only?
- Garbage truck slows down traffic. Slowing down traffic is ok with a lot of people.
- Moving river trail south of River by Cimarron was looked at in the past but there is an issue with snow shedding off roof.
- Old bus stop at Shandoka could be converted to more parking.
- Sidewalk will be added to west side of bridge at Pacific and Mahoney, drawings are already done. Potential for a bridge here and realignment in future.
- Potential for boardwalk on west side of Mahoney. Town only has about 18" past curb, but could be cantilevered.
- Mahoney has festival parking on both sides.

- East sidewalk gets icy and treacherous for kids in winter.
- Could you change traffic patterns in the winter?
- Regionally there is a shortage of about 400 units for people who work in Telluride.
- A lot of people on walk had lived in Shandoka at some point and had positive things to say. No light in the winter on the back side. Easy walking distance to downtown.
- Creekside is privately owned, deed restricted and is a good model used for affordable housing mitigation.
- Virginia Placer area – people liked the mix of new units, architectural character and how they fit into the landscape. There are a lot of constraints in terms of wetlands and avalanche zone.
- Continue the pattern of Virginia Placer in this area
- Need service industry housing
- Is there a public easement connection south of Cimarron to the base and to Carhenge? Want to keep that connection open.
- Viking has 62 units and 46 parking spaces. It is an area that is underparked.
- Area in front of Viking parking lot, between Pacific and parking is in public ROW. Should be treated as a park space and preserved.
- Pacific is 16' curb to curb.

### ***Telluride SW Area Plan – Workshop #1 (8 am-3 pm) – 6/11/2019***

The following are notes from general discussions throughout the day with the Town staff, Committee, Public and planning team.

- May need speed limits for bikes on the River Trail
  - Conflicts between users – management needed
- Buffer needed between road and greenspace plowing affects greenspace
- Better wayfinding needed
  - Circulation for residents and visitors
- With influx during festivals the circulation doesn't work
- Barricades during Blue Grass festival works well – parking available, people in lodging have off street parking intercept + transit
- The festival without barricades is a problem, parking and circulation
- Children going up Mahoney
  - 100 kids to school
  - Hangout at ski club at Cimarron – more kid traffic
- Access strip by Telluride Lodge/pedestrian connection – work with HOA on wayfinding
- Pedestrians on Tomboy “lost” wayfinding
- Street lighting on Pacific
  - look at density of lighting and replacement policy
- Skier parking – use Shandoka lot for visitors
  - Wayfinding?
  - Also have day parking for skiers on streets East of area
- Drop off area at Cimarron for skiers

- Drainage
- Blocking traffic
- Shading of Walkways
  - Drainage issues
  - Freezing
- Transit circulation
  - Old turnaround at NE corner of Shandoka – still used by skiers, but not on route, if it was on the route it would not work with the schedule, but is still used informally
  - Could use old turnaround – reconfigure to gain parking
  - Every 10 minutes in winter, every 15 minutes in summer
- Rec Center on Shandoka lot over parking?
- Phasing of users, parking, housing with future uses/construction
  - Shandoka apartments and parking, will need wider Mahoney Bridge
- Provision of info to diverse groups
  - Engagement
  - Avoid divisiveness
- Dog park south of river could be a use
- Infrastructure limits – sewer
- Ski Area Growth? How does this integrate?
- Coffee Shop / Gathering Space
- Rec Center
- Consider Impacts on people living there – construction parking
- Lots zoned for considerable density – will be growth – town has ability to control

**+ = What is Working** \_\_\_\_\_ **- = Not Working**

+ One way on Pacific, works to keep things calmer, exc. For “wedge” by Tomboy, 2-Way may lose neighborhood feel.

+ Non vehicle circulation works well

- Lack of sidewalks and pathways

+ Patterns work

- Need Sidewalks, etc.

+ River trail is Amazing

- User conflicts on trails, walkways (rivertrail)

#### Key right of way issues

1. Tomboy ROW undefined, nebulous
2. Entry to carhenge island etc
3. Traffic congestion re pacific
4. Pacific Mahony intersection bridge, trail, etc.

## 5. Parking lots

### Priorities

- Should there be Subcommittee to give more flexibility to the process instead of having the Committee be the whole Town Council?
- Improve safety of pedestrians and bicycle flow
- Needs for affordable housing – have added parking and bicycle parking to projects
- Parking Implication
- Safety for bicycles and pedestrian
- Neighborhood resident’s involvement, individual time with HOA’s? Surveys?
- Large and small components
- Housing – may need to prioritize
- Parking – inadequate now
- Make area more vibrant
  - access to ski area
  - more commercial – restaurants
  - standalone area – mix of uses
- Keep green space
  - Enhancing what exists – ie Viking area
- Improvements to wayfinding – ped. and vehicle within vibe of Telluride
- Better connectivity to rest of town.

### Discussion

1. Transit key to parking areas
2. New units at Virginia Placer noted
3. Comment Shandoka: could be 20 % of Town’s population
4. Potential 900 residents
5. Put parking unit and res counts on mapping- Geneva
6. Add information and seasonal counts to map- Tom
7. Put estimate of residence in area for impacts
8. 6000 per day cars in out of town in busy season? Over 4,000 avg on Colorado in April/May of 2019.

### Issues and Constraints

#### Circulation

1. Pacific
  - a. One way pacific keeps quiet, less traffic. Residents don’t want two-way, neighbors say works well as is.
  - b. Non vehicular circulation works well
  - c. Pacific is lit

- d. River trail
  - i. Community and visitors benefit
  - ii. Biggest issues: multimode transit
  - iii. Walk thru trail
  - iv. Stephanie- alternate route elsewhere, river trail generally green scape plowing would be issue. Buffer between roads trails etc. snow storage
  - v. Look longer term Shandoka Carhenge maybe ½ of permanent population
  - vi. Telluride lodge, Viking, during peak parking, can get in can't get out.
  - vii. Regional parking Lawson day use 127 cars
  - viii. Wayfinding, safety, graphics, signage safety, etc..
  - ix. Parking festivals - goal to leave town for locals and business
  - x. Its not festival that has barricade pass, currently 9000 is threshold for barricade, and is large operation.
- 2. Skier circulation
  - a. Wherever they find a place.
  - b. Shandoka first.
  - c. Beyond study area west Pacific area around gondola
  - d. Possibly formalize pullout for ski drop off on Pacific between Carhenge and Mahoney
- 3. Transit
  - a. Bus stop old turn around used by skiers etc
  - b. Bus circulation added for every 10 min.
  - c. Intersection of Pacific/Mahoney needs attention
- 4. Concentration of people shandoka lot and carhenge impacts of future rehabilitations as phasing and displacing parking
- 5. Trigger Mahoney bridge improvements

## Summary

- 1. Circulation Connectivity
  - a. Safety school access
- 2. Parking - increase
- 3. Housing – create more housing for workforce
- 4. Neighborhood character
  - a. Vibrant well severed integrated
- 5. Open Space
- 6. Celebrate river trail
- 7. Neighborhood amenities
  - a. Context and compatibility
- 8. Traffic calming - flashing lights etc. may not fit telluride
- 9. West side boardwalk Mahoney cross prior to round about
- 10. ROW
  - a. Pacific issues- 2 way, river trail, lulu issue

- i. Row east of carhenge. Narrows
  - b. Tomboy snow
    - i. issues east roof overhangs etc.
  - c. Davis
    - i. Issues at Colorado slope winter drainage etc.
  - d. Davis
    - i. Parking nebulous, lots of cuts loading areas
- 11. Transit
  - a. Transit stops each end north and south
- 12. Ped traffic to from Clark's considering planning and circulation, not in study area but is adjacent and is a well-used pedestrian corridor
- 13. There are some pedestrian easements that the Town will try to get more info on to the planning team.
  - a. Owl meadows
  - b. Bridge at Entrada for Valley Floor access
- 14. Kids meander through parking lot at Shandoka to get to and from school. Not a safe route.
- 15. Question was asked about having open space surrounding town, do we maximize site for parking and housing and consider new open space a lower priority.

***Telluride SW Area Plan – Open House (6 pm-8 pm) – 6/11/2019***

Approximately 32 people attended the open house in the evening. There were many comments and discussions, some common themes are listed below.

- Circulation/Connectivity
  - Improving Mahoney and potentially shifting the sidewalk and parking to west was well received
  - Connection from Pacific up to Clark's is heavily used by pedestrians (not in study area). People wanted to see that preserved as a pedestrian corridor. Confirm if there are any easements in place now.
  - Bike lane on Pacific was supported
  - Property owners on Pacific are heavily in favor of keeping it one way
  - Some members of public still wanted to consider two way
- Parking
  - There was support for a parking structure at Shandoka. People would like to see it pushed into the hillside away from housing.

- Some trepidation about moving all Carhenge parking to Shandoka because of ease of skier access.
- Housing
  - Look at potential for lodging at Carhenge, mixed with housing and some commercial
  - Expanding housing in Virginia Placer had strong support
  - Housing density on Carhenge and Shandoka was supported, although some neighbors did want to keep it as-is
  - Value of housing for workforce vs. value of land
  - Neighborhood Character
  - Liked moving the Shandoka housing away from hillside for sun, livability and connectivity (when building lifespans are reached)
  - Neighborhood commercial at the corner of Mahoney and Pacific (SW)
- Open Space
  - Green space is important, even small areas south of Pacific.

***Telluride SW Area Plan – Follow-up with Committee (9 am-10:30 am) – 6/12/2019***

The planning team presented the summary of priorities and input from the workshop and open house and asked for direction on moving forward in creating a conceptual plan.

- The Committee would like to see a website to advertise future meetings. The Committee also wanted to survey to be created by the Town for community members that can't make it to the meetings.
- Amy is working with Somos Unos to set up a meeting for Spanish speaking residents.
- With the input about reorganizing the Shandoka site in the future, it is very important to communicate how that could be phased so residents and parking is not displaced. List out the phasing, how does the sequencing work?
- At next meeting it would be good to provide some education on planning process vs. detailed site design.
- Pedestrian enhancements from Shandoka to Lift 7 should be considered if major intercept parking is moved to Shandoka area.
- There needs to be an increase in parking, this was emphasized by residents.
- School and Ski Area should be engaged by Town.

- There was support in the public for maintaining a pedestrian connection at the Telluride Lodge walkway area. What is the legal use in this area, is there an easement? This might be a better place for school kids to walk than Mahoney.
- What would be the approximate SF of a recreation center – if that was an option in this area?
- A component of the plan should be revenue neutral housing for community groups and youth sports teams. Short term housing. Can't have tournaments in Telluride because lodging is so expensive, local sports teams always have to travel.
- Wayfinding is an important recommendation. There is good pedestrian wayfinding but need some for visitors first getting to Town and even further out.
- The Committee expressed their desire for housing in this area. There were comments at the open house from the public about the Town selling the land. The Committee said there is a greater value to the workforce being able to live in Town.
- Next check in meeting will be a goto video call on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.