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**An Award-Winning Strategy** for Public Participation: How Pittsburgh Engaged 20,000!



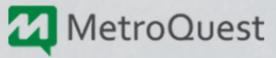












### **Meet Your Co-Costs**

Dave and Sophie



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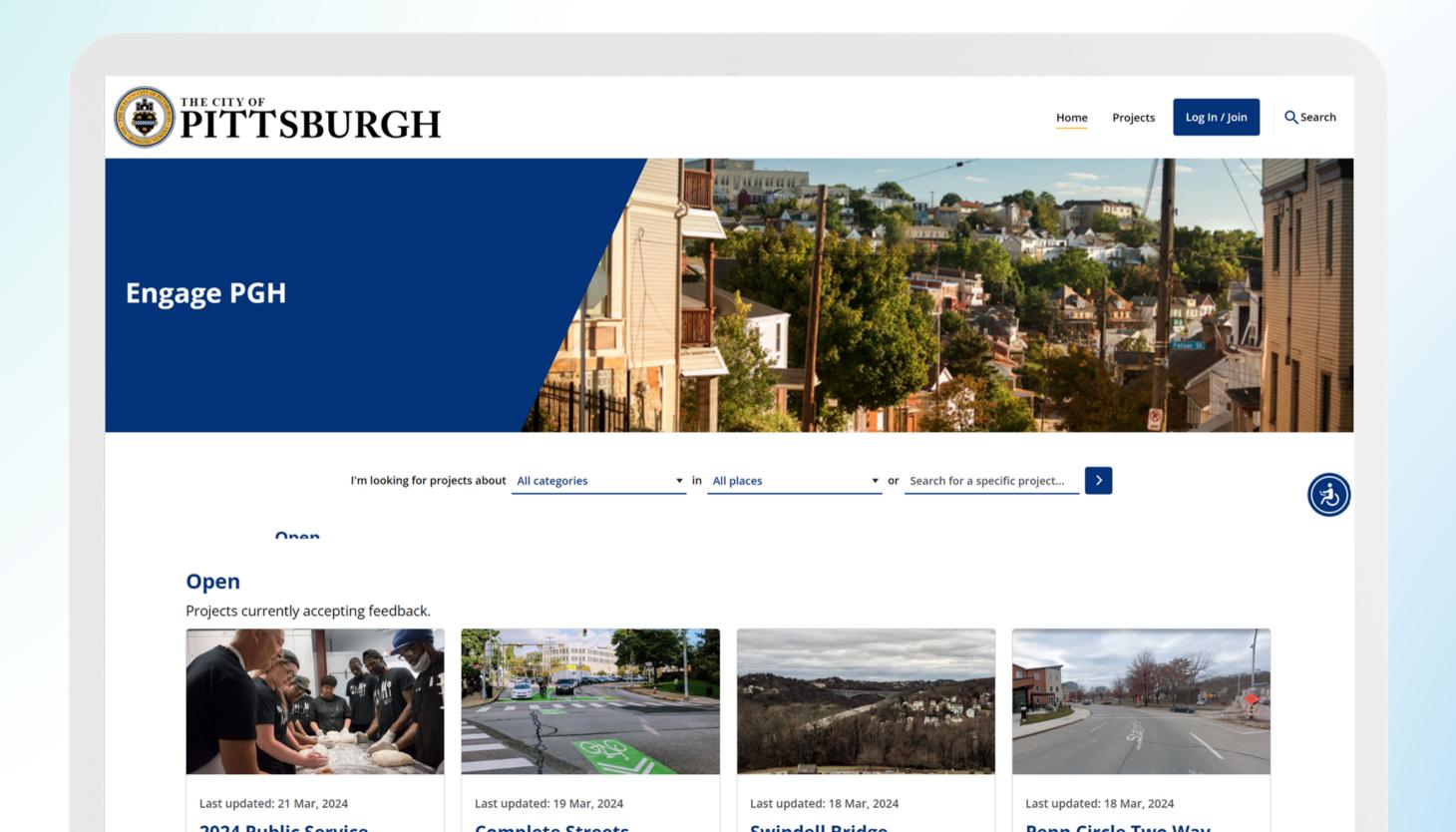






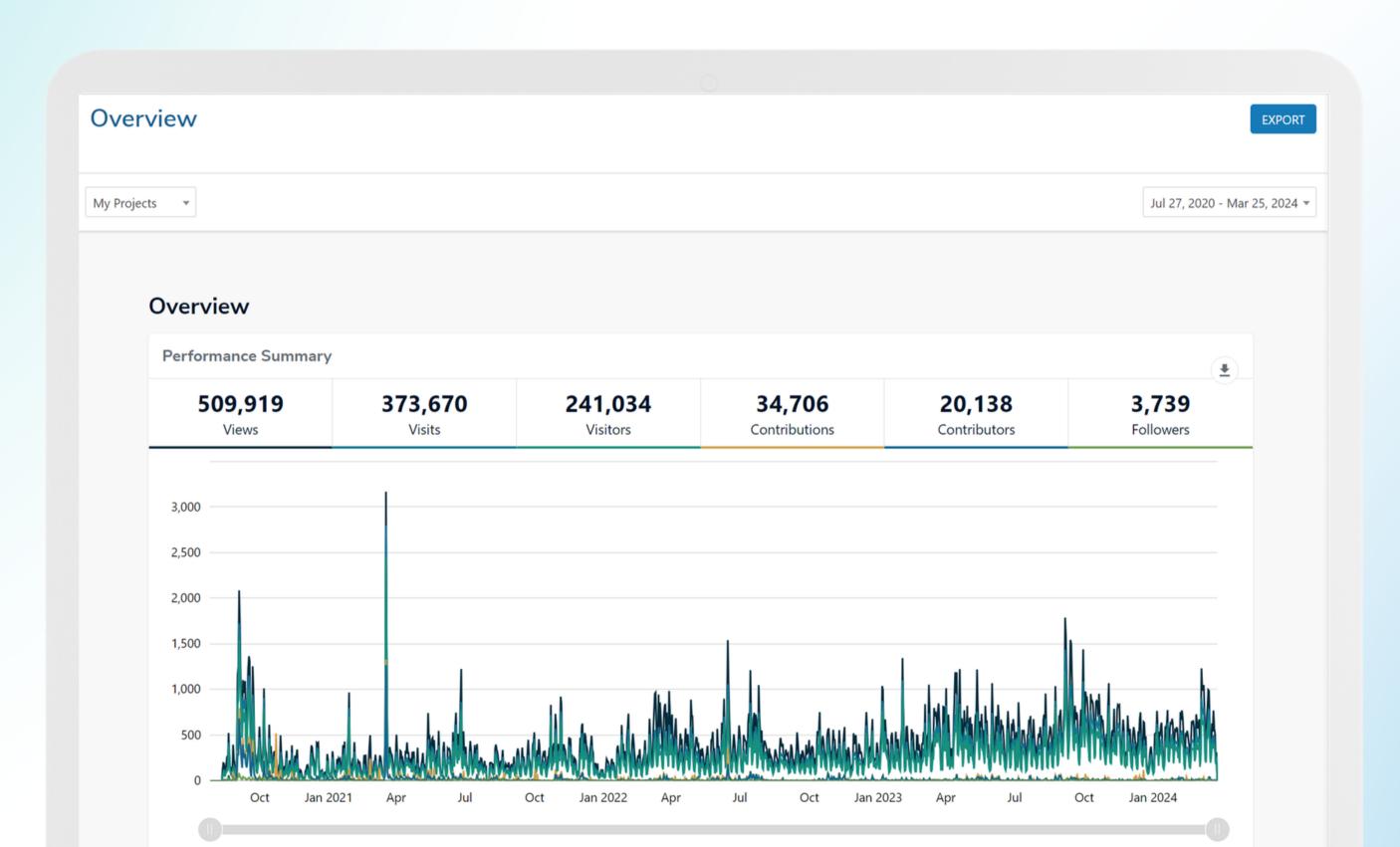
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Inside an Award-Winning Story



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Engage PGH By the Numbers



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Congratulations to the City of Pittsburgh Team!





## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN PITTSBURGH

Public Engagement Guide, EngagePGH, and Beyond

Presented on March 26, 2024 in collaboration with Social Pinpoint





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### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT GUIDE



Approved by the City of Pittsburgh's Planning Commission in 2019, the Public Engagement Guide outlines a framework for engagement that was developed in collaboration with residents, community organizations, and City Planning.



### BEFORE: IN-PERSON



WHAT: Oakland Plan





WHEN: Summer 2019 | 3 hours each (10 - 1 PM & 5 - 8 PM)

**HOW:** 2 in-person open houses

**PROMOTIONS:** Flyers distributed by staff

**EFFORT**: 104+ hours with 6-8 staff

**RESULTS**: ~100 people with 44 completed surveys

100 People44 Surveys



### ENGAGE PGH OVERVIEW





- Launched in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic using the Social Pinpoint platform
- Started as a City Planning initiative aimed at conducting digital engagement for the Oakland Neighborhood Plan
- Rapidly expanded into a citywide tool for initiatives, projects, and programs happening across almost ALL city departments
- Categorizes projects into three main groups: open, active, closed
- Growing in the use of "hubs" to cluster similar projects



### AFTER: OAKLAND ONLINE OPEN HOUSE

WHAT: Oakland Plan

#### What elements of urban sustainable design would you like to see more of in Oakland?

Incentives for new development can be combined with public and private investments to improve the neighborhood. Select up to three of the example projects below to tell us what kind of projects you would most like to see in Oakland.









Plazas that treat rainwater

Streets with shade trees

Buildings designed to make the most of sunlight

Buildings with solar panels and green walls

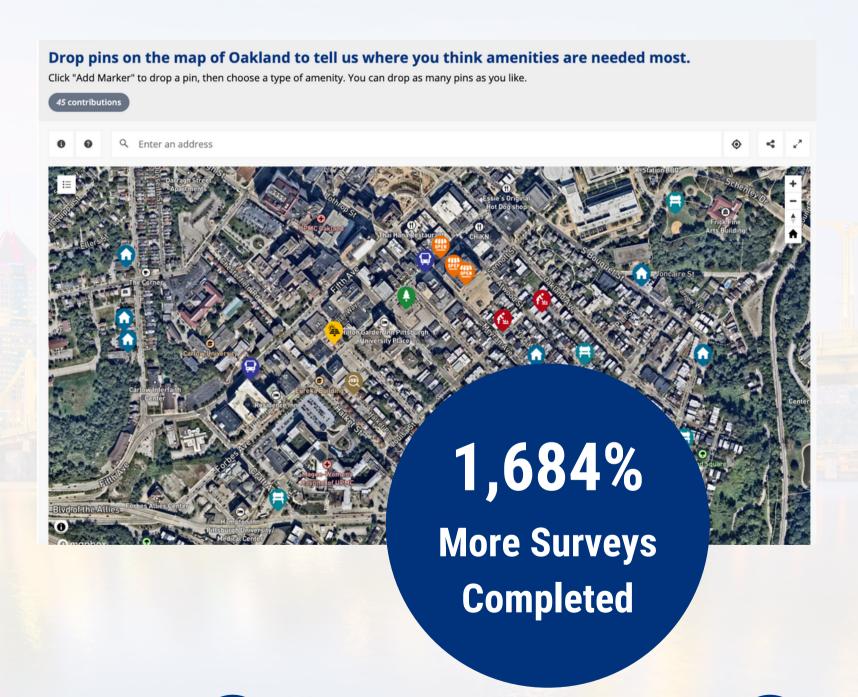
WHEN: Fall 2020 (During COVID), 2 Months

**HOW**: Online Open House

PROMOTIONS: Social media, community leaders

EFFORT: 20 hours over 8 weeks, 2 staff

RESULTS: 2,475 unique visitors, 785 completed surveys





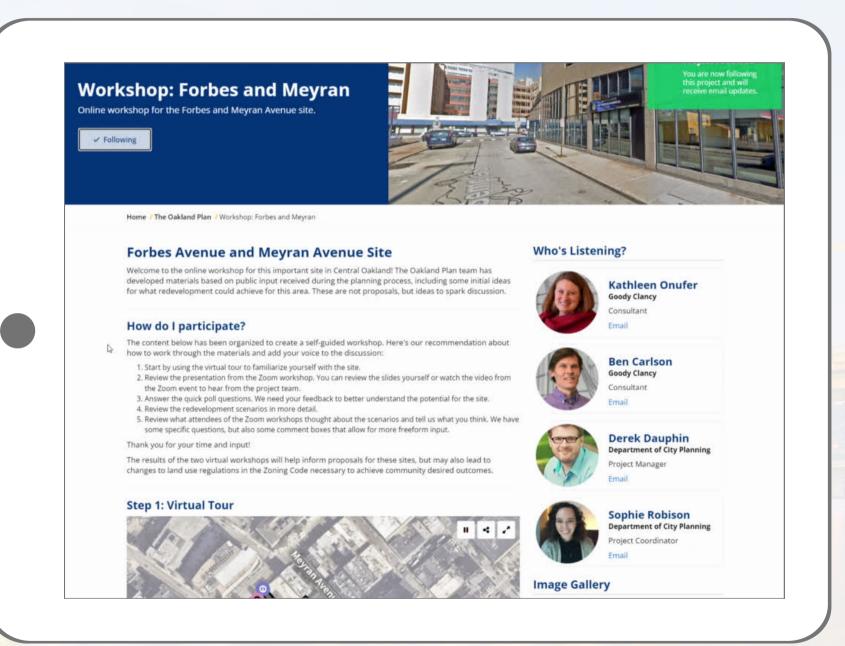
### OAKLAND PLAN



#### What contributed to the success of this engagement?

- Going online allowed people to conveniently participate where they are
- Using a variety of tools increased engagement across the project timeline
- Informed 18,539 visitors about the Oakland plan through various phases
- Secured over 3,890 contributions to build a better informed plan



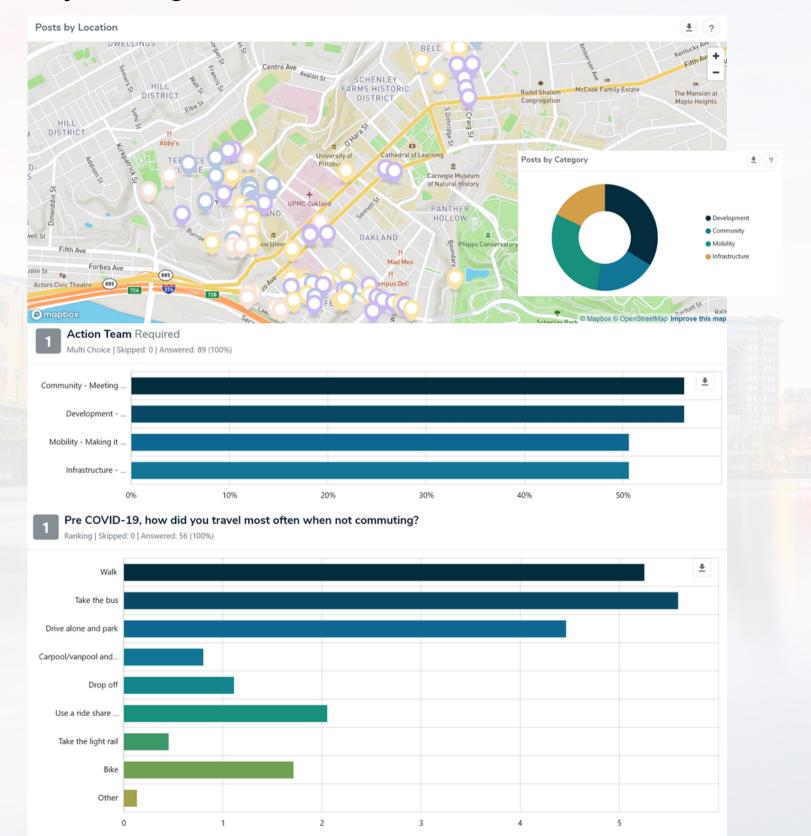




### OAKLAND PLAN



#### **Key Findings**





Home / The Oakland Plan

#### Welcome!

This is the EngagePGH site for the Oakland Plan. The Oakland Plan, adopted on June 14, 2022 by the Planning Commission, is presented on this website in an interactive format, with goals, policies and strategies organized by both chapter and topics. The intent of this format is to convey that the plan strategies are interconnected and that many of them are tied to multiple chapters.

There are three ways to find what you're looking for in the plan:

- 1. Browse the plan by chapter;
- 2. Browse the plan by topic; or
- 3. Review a map of the proposals for your part of Oakland.

#### Proposed change to Land Use Strategy

Proposed zone change from UC-E to R-MU at 234-262 McKee Pl would necessitate an addendum to Land Use Strategy (D-18)

Learn More

### Implementation is underway!



# Project Home Implementation Chapter: Community Chapter: Development Chapter: Mobility Chapter: Infrastructure Strategies by Topic Strategies by Neighborhood Zoning Amendments Approved Inclusionary Zoning Archives Appendix Acronyms

Frequently Asked Questions

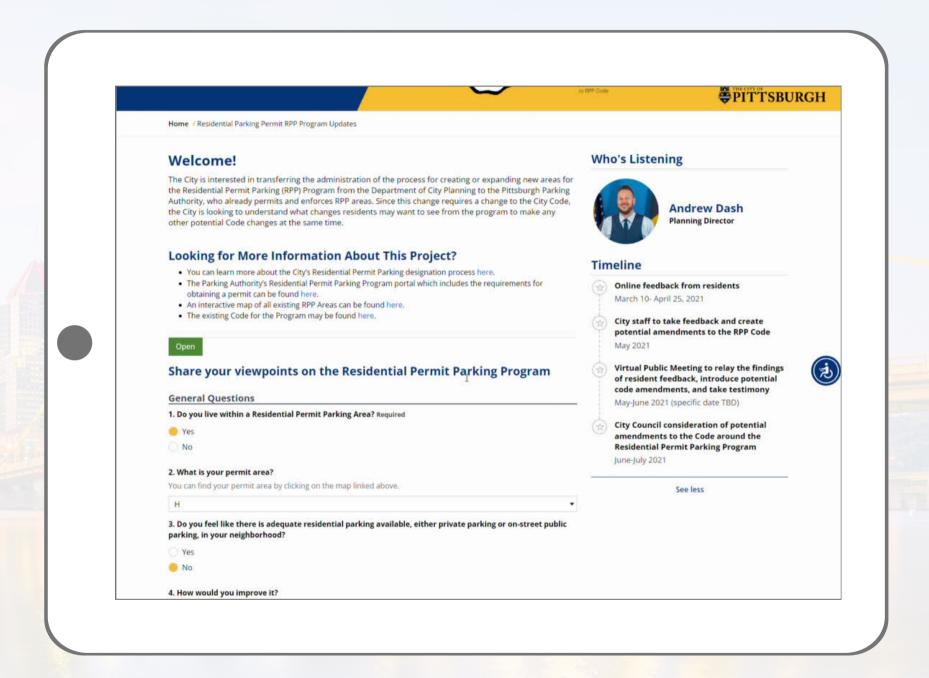
### RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING



#### What contributed to the success of this engagement?

- Gained input to make code amendments based on community sentiment
- Surveyed respondents included 85% of whom live in the RPP Area!!!
- Used a hybrid strategy (virtual + in-person public meeting) to relay findings
- Posting meetings recordings means the public can stay informed anytime







### RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING



#### **Key Findings**





**Residential Parking Permit RPP Program Updates** 

A community engagement process to hear from residents what changes they would like to see to the City's Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

**Residential Permit Parking Program Updates** 



#### Welcome!

The City is interested in transferring the administration of the process for creating or expanding new areas for the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program from the Department of City Planning to the Pittsburgh Parking Authority, who already permits and enforces RPP areas. Since this change requires a change to the City Code, the City is looking to understand what changes residents may want to see from the program to make any other potential Code changes at the same time.

#### **Looking for More Information About This Project?**

- You can learn more about the City's Residential Permit Parking designation process here.
- The Parking Authority's Residential Permit Parking Program portal which includes the requirements for obtaining a permit can be found here.
- An interactive map of all existing RPP Areas can be found here.
- The existing Code for the Program may be found here.
- · The submitted legislation can be found here.

#### **Survey Results at a Glance**

CREATING NEW RPP AREAS

**VISITOR & NON-RESIDENT PERMITS** 

**HYBRID PARKING** 

#### PITTSBURGH Non-Resident **Permits** Permitting for Visitors, Contractors, Landlords,

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title V: Traffic, Article VII: Parking, Chapter 549: Residential Parking Permit Program, so as to clarify the administrative regulations for the use of Visitor Permits and Non-Resident Permits; and create the hybrid RPP area program.

#### **Public Meetings**

Childcare & Medical needs

Thank you to everyone who attended our virtual or in-person public meetings October 5 and 6. The virtual

#### **Who's Listening**



#### **Timeline**

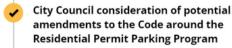
Online feedback from residents

March 10- April 25, 2021

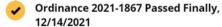
City staff to take feedback and create potential amendments to the RPP Code

Virtual and In-Person Public Meeting to relay the findings of resident feedback, introduce potential code amendments, and take testimony

October 2021



Public Hearing Scheduled 11/4.



process for the program; provide for virtual permitting; add the permit fees to the City's annual fee book; adopt

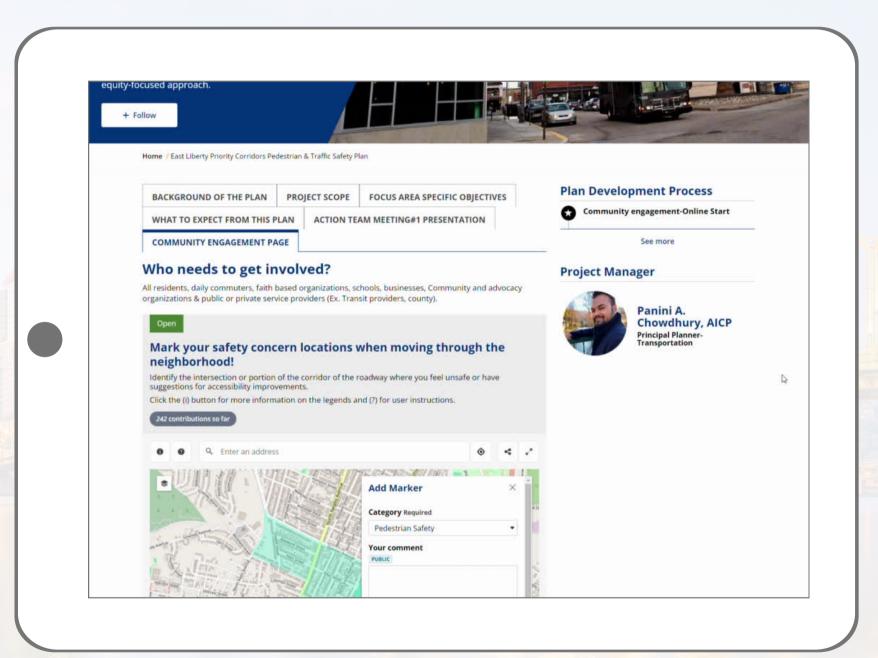
### CORRIDORS & SAFETY PLAN



#### What contributed to the success of this engagement?

- Great use of interactive social maps for geo data to inform the project
- Successfully identified the key priorities from the public
- Build positive support for the recommendations outlines in the plan
- Informed 3,132 visitors, over 62% of the neighborhood population of 5,000



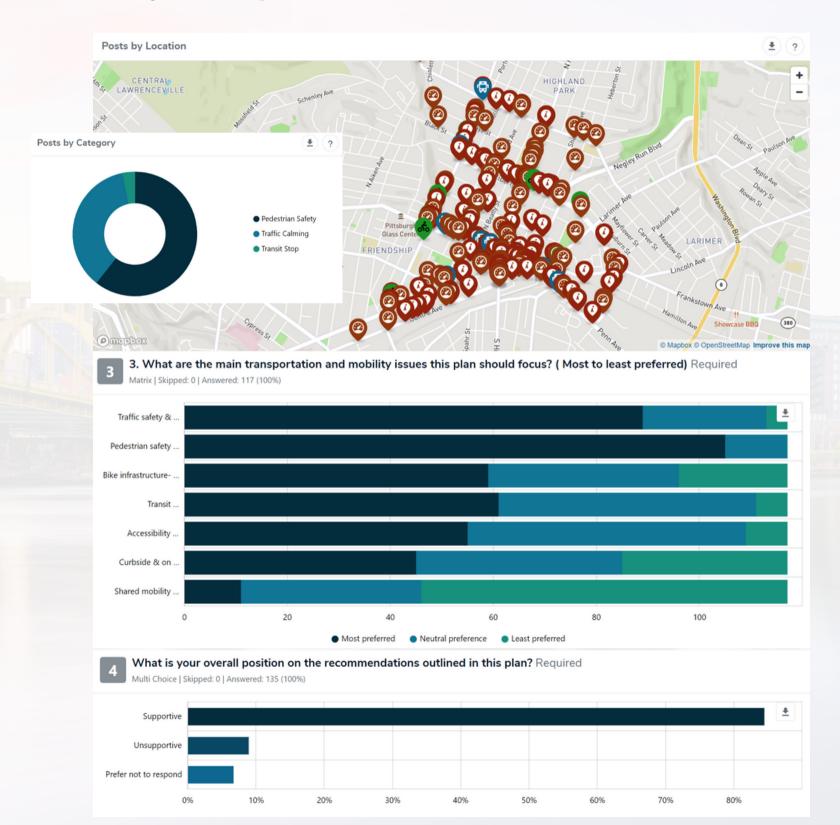




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#### **Key Findings**





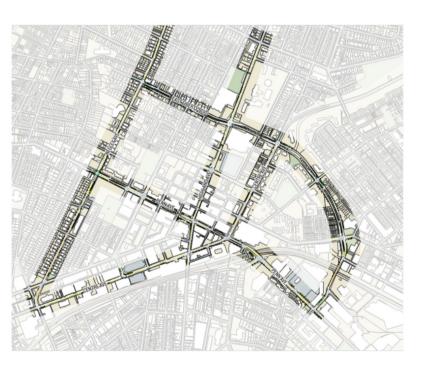
Home / East Liberty Priority Corridors Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Plan

#### Final Plan Documents are now available!

Final Plan Document

Appendix A-Community Engagement Comments

Appendix B-Traffic Study



East Liberty Priority Corridors Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Plan

#### **Individual Corridor Recommendations**



#### **Plan Development Process**



Final Plan Document Publish

See more

#### **BACKGROUND OF THE PLAN**

PROJECT SCOPE

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THIS PLAN

WHY WE ARE DOING THIS PLAN?

East Liberty, an east-end neighborhood with a population of over 5,000 is going through a lot of residential and commercial redevelopment. According to the pedestrian safety action plan developed by DOMI, East Liberty is identified as one of the top neighborhoods for Pedestrian and Bicycle activity which resulted in more pedestrian and bicycle crashes and future vulnerability. The East Liberty community plan, 2010 and East Liberty circulation and mobility vision, 2012 prioritized traffic safety, walkability, and green mobility (Walking-Biking) as their vision for the future of the East Liberty neighborhood. Considering the current usage and future demand, the city is taking a proactive approach and has started looking into traffic safety and mobility issues for all modes in this neighborhood. This plan will move forward in close collaboration with the community and through a data-driven equity-focused process. This implementation-focused plan will identify potential high-priority corridors for pedestrian & traffic safety, bike safety, bus stop accessibility

improvements, and will provide conceptual

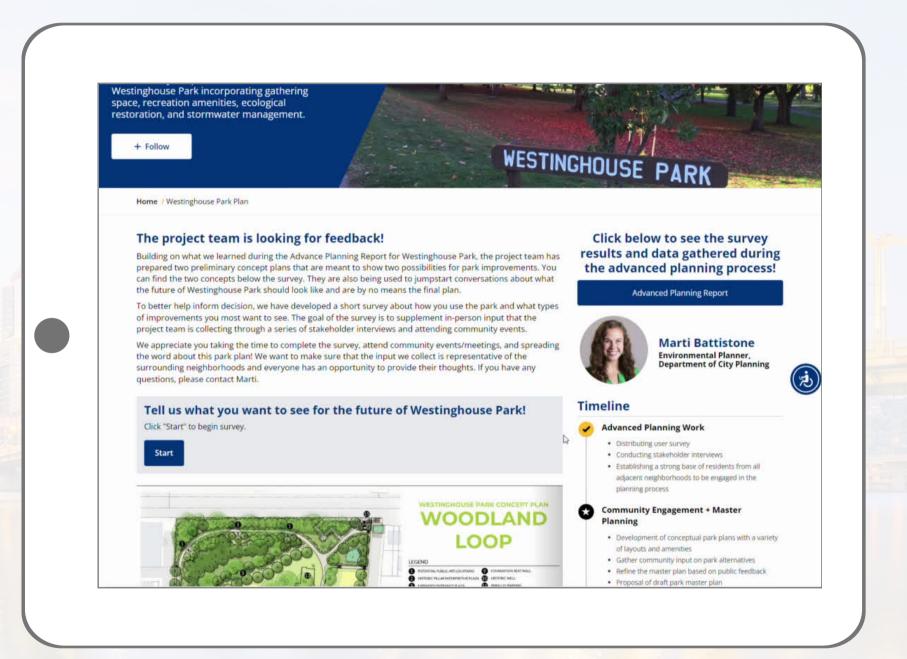
### PARKS & ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN



#### What contributed to the success of this engagement?

- Identified public priorities for park restoration, development, and activities
- Gained public support to create a unified vision for the plan
- Built positive support for the recommendations outlined in the plan
- Informed 4,116 project page visitors and gained 903 contributions!



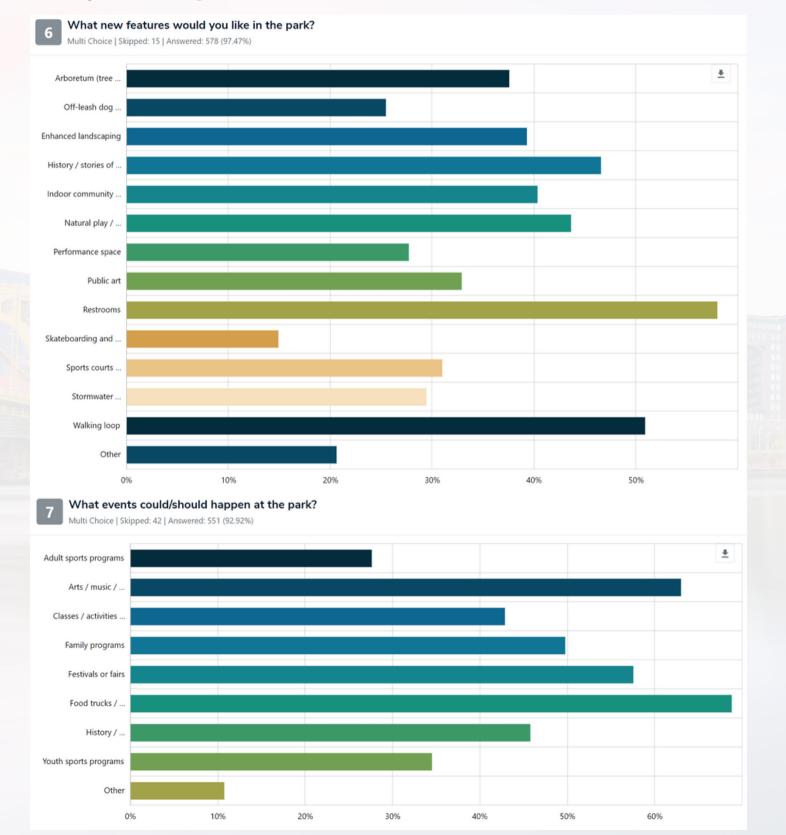




### PARKS & ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN



#### **Key Findings**





Q Search



Home / Westinghouse Park Plan

The project team has blended the feedback that's been gathered from residents, stakeholder interviews, and from the Advanced Planning Report work done previously. All of that, along with site assessment and analysis of the park, has combined to create this draft proposal for Westinghouse Park.

Please explore the plan below and complete the short survey. We want to know if you feel that your park needs and priorities are reflected in this space. We value your input greatly.

#### **Westinghouse Park Draft Plan**

Click the image below to zoom in/around the proposed plan.



Click below to see the survey results and data gathered during the advanced planning process!

**Advanced Planning Report** 



**Marti Battistone Environmental Planner**, Department of City Planning

#### **Timeline**



- · Distributing user survey
- · Conducting stakeholder interviews
- · Establishing a strong base of residents from all
- adjacent neighborhoods to be engaged in the planning process



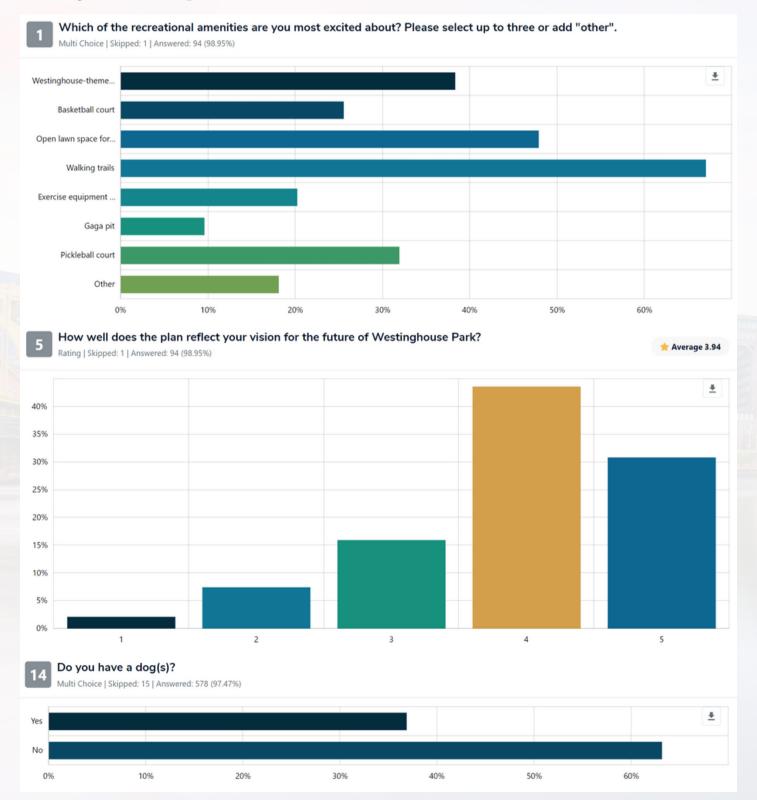
- Development of conceptual park plans with a variety of layouts and amenities
- · Gather community input on park alternatives
- · Refine the master plan based on public feedback
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Design

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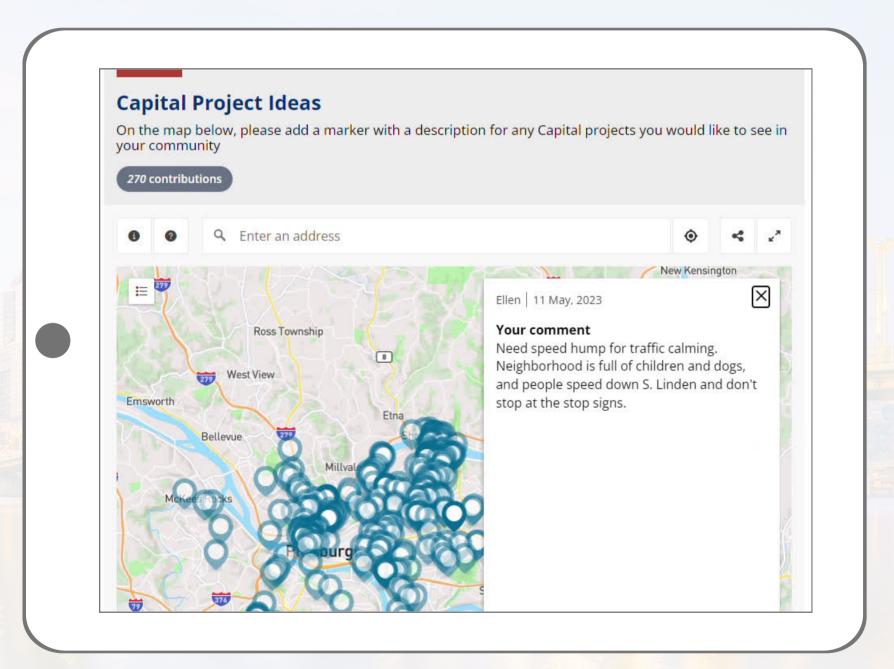
### BUDGETING



#### What contributed to the success of this engagement?

- Able to secure feedback across the city geographically
- Gathered feedback from low and high income residents
- Uncovered local priorities for using community development grants
- Gained public support for increasing funding for a balanced budget





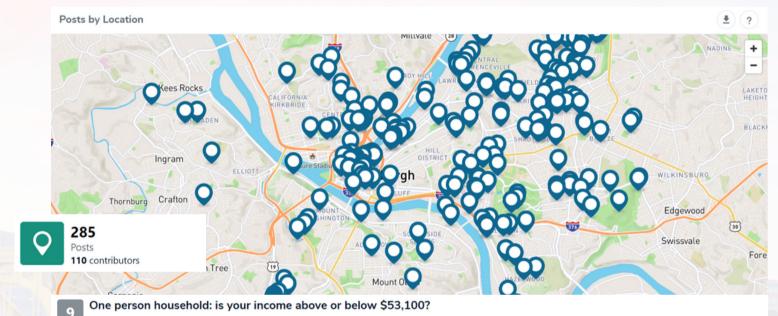


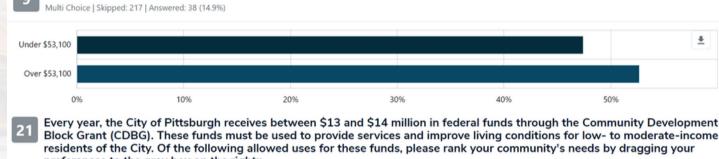
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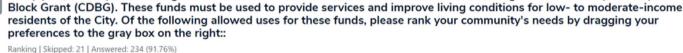
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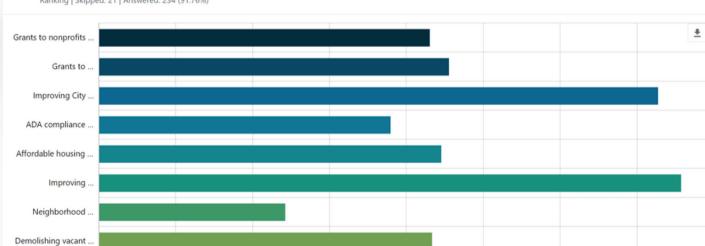
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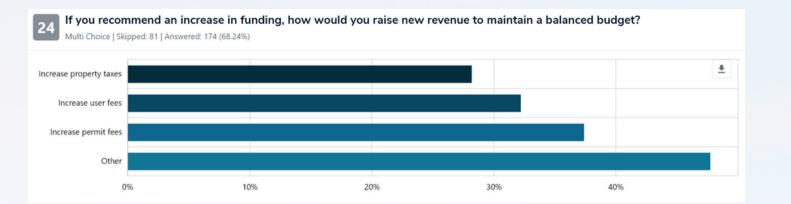
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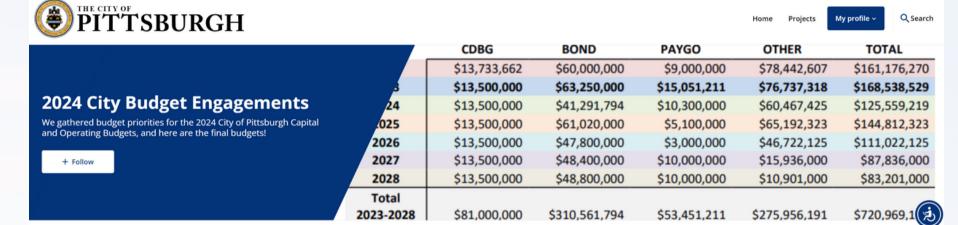












Home / 2024 City of Pittsburgh Budgets

#### Watch: Mayor Ed Gainey delivers his budget address on November 13, 2023



#### **COMPLETE: October 2023 meetings to preview the draft** budget

Our Budget, Our Values: Join us to preview the 2024 Budget!

In May, hundreds of neighbors from across our city came together to discuss neighborhood priorities and opportunities with City of Pittsburgh leaders. We listened, crunched the numbers, and are ready to share our

Join us for a summary of the 2024 draft budgets, and talk with city department leaders to learn how it will help us to succeed in our important endeavors. Dinner will be provided at all meetings.

RSVP by emailing neighbor@pittsburghpa.gov or by calling 311.

Click to see 2024 October Engagement Presentation

#### **October 2023 Meeting Dates and Locations**

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#### **Mayor Gainey's 2024 Budgets**

Below are Mayor Gainey's 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets.

2024 Mayor's Capital Budget

2024 Mayor's Operating Budget

#### **Budget Simulations**

How would you change the city's budget? The links below will take you to Balancing Act, where you can see your estimated tax receipt and use budget simulation tools to adjust the budget numbers.

View your estimated tax receipt

Submit your ideal Capital Budget through

Submit your ideal Operating Budget through Balancing Act

#### Who's Listening?

#### Jake Pawlak

Director, OMB and Deputy Mayor

#### **Patrick Cornell**

**Chief Financial Officer** 

#### **Dave Hutchinson**

**Assistant Director - Capital, OMB** 

#### Linnea Lincoln

### ENGAGE PGH BY THE NUMBERS





Top Visited Projects in 2023	Visits	Visitors
Pittsburgh Deer Management Pilot Program	9,036	7,036
Complete Streets	8,953	5,994
The Oakland Plan	8,003	4,921
Charles Anderson Bridge Rehabilitation Project	6,475	5,246
2024 City of Pittsburgh Budgets	6,446	3,830

MORE TOP PROJECTS AT THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH



### ENGAGE PGH REAL TALK





This platform grew much faster than we could keep up with it at first. We had one **Site Administrator** who created and approved projects ALL projects in the platform.



As we grew, we added **Team Leaders** who can create and approve projects for projects within their areas of expertise (planning, mobility, public works, etc).



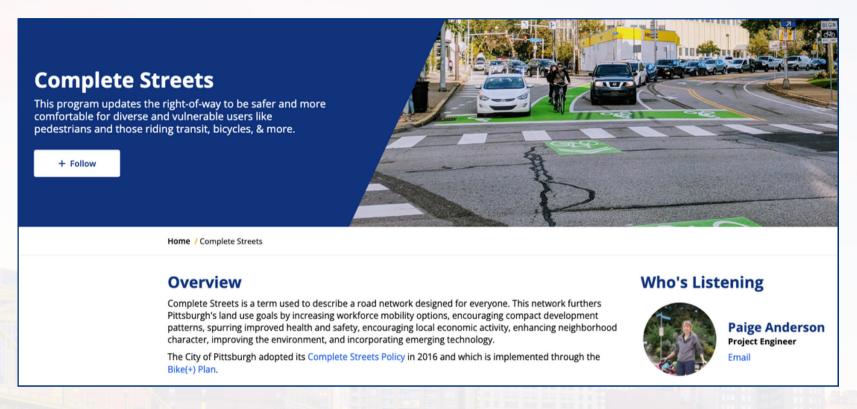
Now, the site is run by a **Site Administrator, Team Leads,** and **Specialists** with subject matter expertise and focus, and we're looking to standardize our processes.



### WHERE ARE WE NOW?



1. Innovative use of the platform: Hub Pages that house ALL projects on a certain topic.





- 2. Community Feedback: Surveying residents on how we can continue to improve the EngagePGH Platform.
- 3. Multi-Purpose: Many City Departments use this platform as a jumping-off point for information sharing.



### WHERE ARE WE GOING?





Expanding use of **Hub Pages** 



Establishing platform standards



Leveraging EngagePGH across other engagement tools



### MAKING ENGAGEMENT SUSTAINABLE





Establishing a consistent update schedule



Prioritizing accessibility in all engagement work

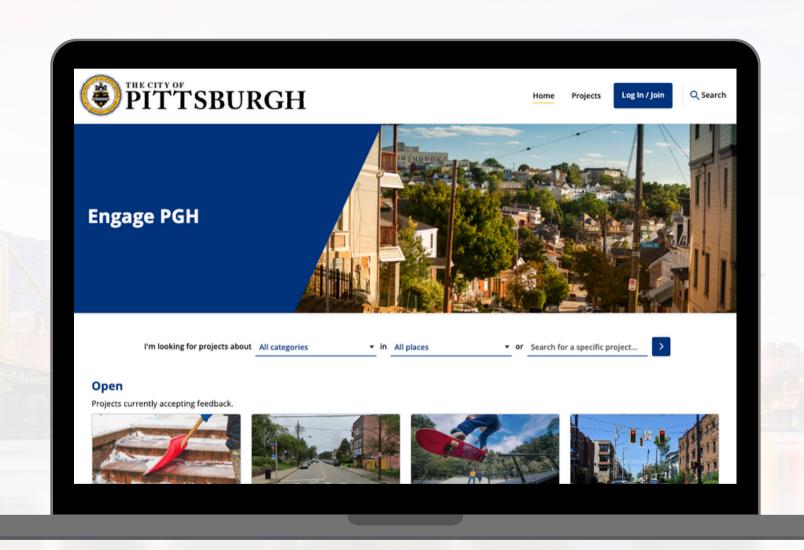


Build strategy for outreach and updates in High Needs neighborhoods



### LEARN MORE AND ENGAGE WITH US!







**ENGAGE.PITTSBURGHPA.GOV** 



### **Live Demo**



### Social Pinpoint

Engage Thousands Online!



### Increase Public Participation with Online Engagement

- ✓ Modern customized site
- √ 40+ innovative tools
- ✓ Fun, gamified engagement
- ✓ Multilingual / Fully Accessible
- ✓ Real-time data analytics



### **Consultation Manager**

Centralized Stakeholder Management



### Enhance Relationships and Build Trust with Your Stakeholders

- ✓ Single source of truth
- ✓ Interaction / event tracking
- ✓ Streamlined communication
- Sentiment analytics (AI)
- ✓ Automated reporting



### Serving Hundreds of Customers, Including:

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### **Panel Discussion**



### **Questions?**





### Survey

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Poor				Good			
2. Do you have any comments about today's webinar?							
3. Would you like any	additional information about online/	digital community engagement?					
4. What topic(s) would	d you like to us to cover in future we	binars?					









### **Thank You**

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