

Comment Summary

The comments below are a high-level summary of what the public shared with study staff during the open house and on the comment forms that were submitted.

Comments on bridge alternatives

- Overall, open house attendees agreed that the bridge needs to be replaced.
- Open house participants were glad to see that the road approach and the new bridge will both be wider than the existing conditions. Some people suggested that this will help keep traffic moving in two directions even during a snow event.
- A few open house participants mentioned that during high water events, the river overtops the road approach on the west side of the existing bridge. They said the creek needs to be fixed and/or a higher bridge should be put in.

Comments on bridge construction

- Open house participants agreed that the one-lane temporary bridge width is enough for the volume of traffic that uses this route.
- They were also glad to hear that the temporary bridge will be signalized.

Other comments

- Most people at the open house mentioned that the road leading to and from the bridge is in terrible condition and needs to be replaced/repaved.
 - Road has been bad for at least 2 years.
 - The condition of the road is dangerous to all modes, particularly motorcycles and school busses.
- Some people requested that additional traffic control features be added on the road. Some examples mentioned included:
 - Widen the road at the top of the hill
 - Add a speed limit sign (25 mph) at the top of hill
 - Add a stop sign at West Lake Walker Drive SE
 - Stripe the centerline along SE Lake Walker Road
 - Examine the height of the guardrail just before the downhill hairpin turn.
 - Add a stop sign for traffic leaving Lake Walker boat launch area