

The Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP), in coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the City of Richmond, is undertaking a feasibility study to develop options to reconnect Jackson Ward, and surrounding neighborhoods, which were physically and economically separated by Interstates 95 and 64 since the 1950s.

The community-driven study process began in January 2022 and public meetings have been held since March 2022, with the most recent meeting conducted on June 29, 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Educate audiences about the Reconnect Jackson Ward Feasibility Study: its purpose, process, and desired outcomes.
- Share a recommended framework to reconnect the north and south portions of Jackson Ward and seek community input that will influence a recommended design as the project advances.
- Communicate next steps the Study Team will take to develop a final report that will include the recommended design framework for reconnecting Jackson Ward, which the City will use in applications for future funding opportunities to make this reconnection a reality.
- Review and discuss suggested policy and program recommendations for inclusion in the Jackson Ward Community Plan. These are related to preserving and elevating Jackson Ward's culture and history, expanding small businesses, and preserving affordable housing.

This community meeting included a presentation and question and answer session, followed by an open-house featuring interactive stations staffed by the study team's subject matter experts.

## What We Heard

As part of the Community Event, there was an opportunity for community members to ask questions and provide input to inform the feasibility study process. The following subjects received the greatest attention and will continue to be kept evaluated as the project develops:

- Concerns about potential gentrification, displacement, and reparations for past harms.
- The cost, construction, and completion schedule for the Reconnect Jackson Ward project.
- Opportunities for potential funding for the Reconnect Jackson Ward project.
- Support for mixed-use affordable housing opportunities and ongoing plans for redeveloping Gilpin Court.

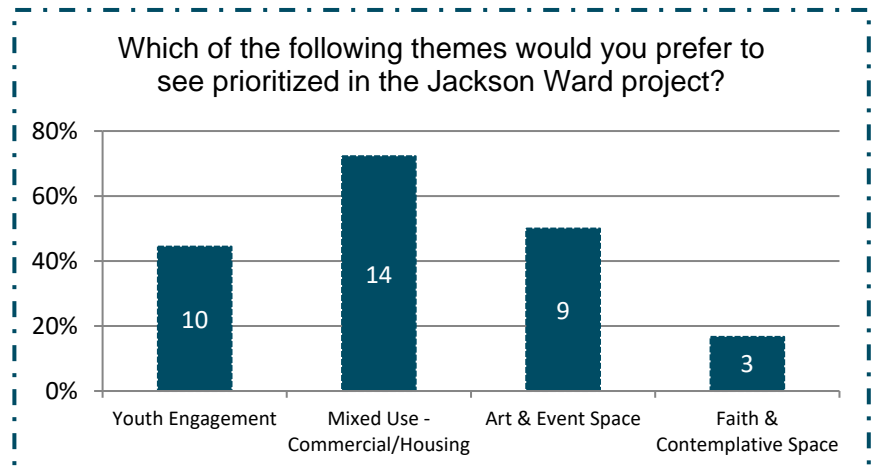


## TOTAL ATTENDEES

Attendees Signed In



A survey accompanied the Community Event and requested input from the public on the design framework as well as the recommended themes to be incorporated into the design.



Note: Survey results reflect 22 total respondents; multiple responses could be provided by a single respondent.