Fifeville Public Meeting Summary

Topic: Transportation Improvements – Quick Build
Plan **Date:** Friday, November 14, 2025
Attendance: 42 stakeholders

Community Concerns

1. Traffic Speed & Safety

- Strong support for reducing speed limits to 15–20 mph on all streets.
- Concerns about reckless speeding, especially on 9th Street.
- Requests for speed monitoring, enforcement, and acceleration data.
- Questions about the effectiveness of speed tables (noted fire access limitations).
- A blind hill on King Street poses a safety risk.
- Cut-through traffic to the hospital is a major issue.

2. Parking & Accessibility

- Widespread concern about loss of parking, especially on Dice Street (4 spots lost).
- Parking is already limited; residents feel this change disregards their needs.
- Handicap/disability access and safety were emphasized.
- Short-term rentals (homestays) are contributing to parking strain.

3. Community Engagement & Transparency

- Residents feel uninformed and excluded from the planning process.
- Requests for:
    - Updated plans to be shared with the community.
    - Examples of similar projects in other neighborhoods.
    - All feedback to be made public (concerns about needing FOIA requests).
- Frustration expressed: “If you’re going to do this anyway, why are we having this meeting?”

4. Street Design & Direction Changes

- Concerns about changing one-way streets and street direction (e.x. Nalle).

- Suggestions for:
    - Three-way stops (e.x, at Dice Street).
    - Flashing lights, striping, mirrors, and signage for safety.
    - Two-way streets preferred in some areas.
- Residents want older populations and current demographics considered in planning.

5. Pedestrian Safety & Infrastructure

- Desire for pedestrian safety professionals to be involved.
- Requests for traffic calming on Cherry and Ridge.
- Questions about whether Charlottesville City Schools were consulted.
- Support for sidewalks and painted markings to improve safety.

6. Trust & Urgency

- Perception that the plan is being rushed or is a checkbox exercise.
- Concerns about gentrification and displacement.
- Residents feel targeted and not prioritized.
- Encouragement to attend City Council meetings and advocate collectively.

Suggested Next Steps

A. Communication & Transparency

- Share updated plans with the Fifeville Neighborhood Association and attendees.
- Provide a summary of all feedback received (no FOIA required).
- Clarify data sources (i.e. FHWA) and share links publicly.

B. Community Engagement

- Include pedestrian safety experts, school representatives, and older residents in planning.
- Create a feedback loop to show how community input is influencing decisions.
- Evaluate cut-through traffic patterns and propose mitigation strategies.
- Ensure planning reflects current neighborhood demographics.

- Address concerns about short-term rentals and their impact on parking and community character.