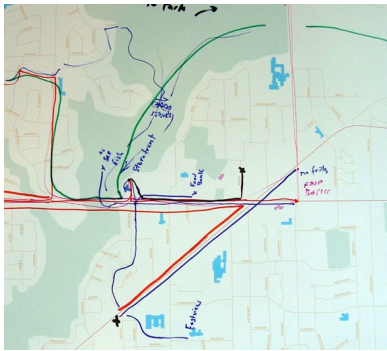


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Summary
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**Community Speak
"Improving The
Lawrence Bridge"
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We held our 3rd "Community Speak" of 2010 at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. More than 60 community members attended a night of exciting discussion on Improving the Lawrence Bridge.

After a stretch break, nice dinner and presentation from the Bridge Committee this is what you shared with us at the group discussions.

How do you feel about bridge?

- Happier about it than its predecessor
- Boring and functional
- Nice view
- **Not safe enough**
- **No shade in summer, too cold in winter**
- More buses should go across
- Ability issues are hard given narrow sidewalks
- **No snow removal**

- Suicide in fall makes people rush across
- Fear of area under the bridge because it is isolated and possibly dangerous at night
- **Long, difficult walk**
- Communication between the two sides is difficult
- People on the Galloway side are not interested in going to the Orton park side
- **Feel unsafe because of speed of traffic**
- **Not attractive to pedestrians**
- Path to under the bridge is too steep
- Convenient for driving - bad for walking

What would you like to see change on the bridge?

- **Safety – traffic barrier to separate** pedestrians from road
- Beauty
- Visuals
- **Murals**
- **Festival**
- Walking groups
- **Security camera**
- **Signage**

- **Weather guard**
- **Better lighting**
- **Flower boxes on sidewalk**
- Planters to help slow traffic and make area more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists
- **Street festival with lots of colour**
- **Information about the path, park and activities under the bridge**
- Stairs to park below
- **Pay phone in middle of bridge**
- **Put benches and garbage bins under bridge**
- **Park/playground**
- **More community activities under bridge**

*** Bolded points brought forward by multiple groups**