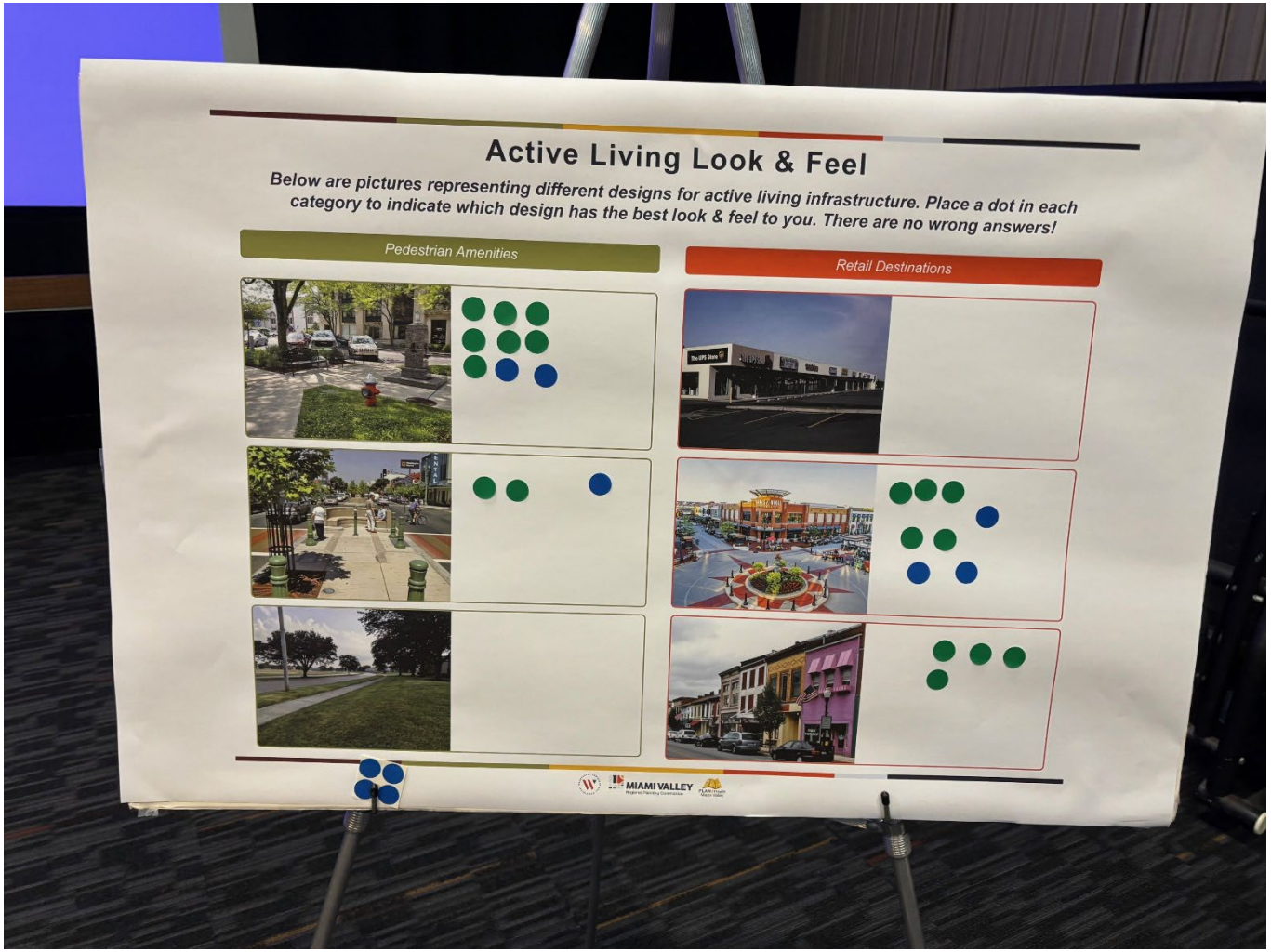
Washington Township Active Living Workshop Summary

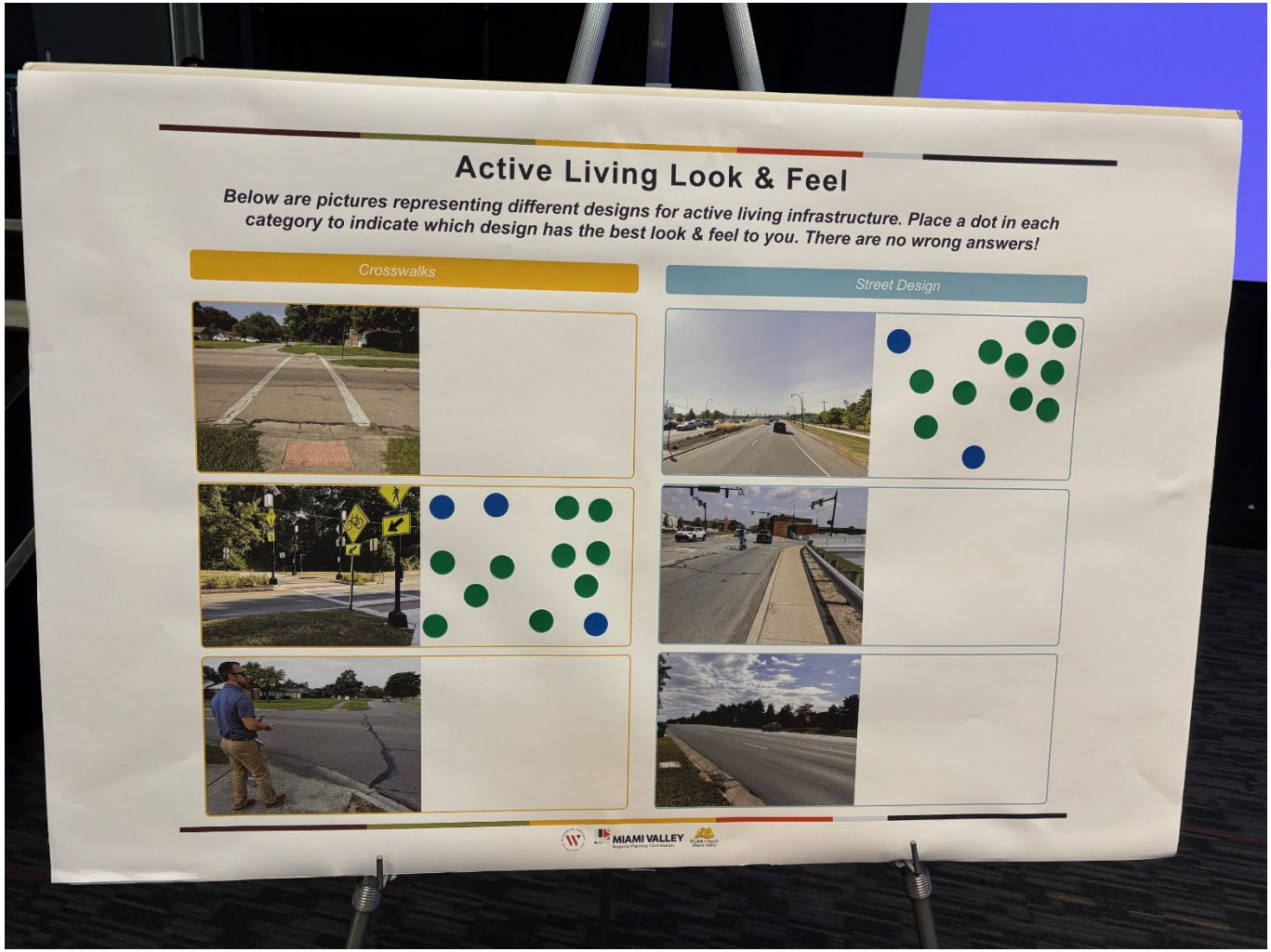
The Washington Township Active Living Workshop was held on October 2, 2025 at the Washington Township RecPlex West (965 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd, Dayton, OH 45459). The event was a joint effort between Washington Township and The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC). The workshop was attended by residents and other interested parties and the purpose was to discuss the active living conditions within a focus area of the township. Washington Township staff shared on their motivation and interest in the topic of active living and MVRPC staff presented findings from the PLAN4Health – Miami Valley Built Environment Assessment and discussed the topic of active living. Workshop participants engaged with multiple activities throughout event, including a walk along SR 725, an amenity preference survey, an active living evaluation and exploration mapping activity, and a barrier to active living exercise. The following pages show the outcomes of the workshop activities.

Click here to see a copy of the workshop agenda | Click here to see a copy of the workshop presentation

Active Living Look and Feel

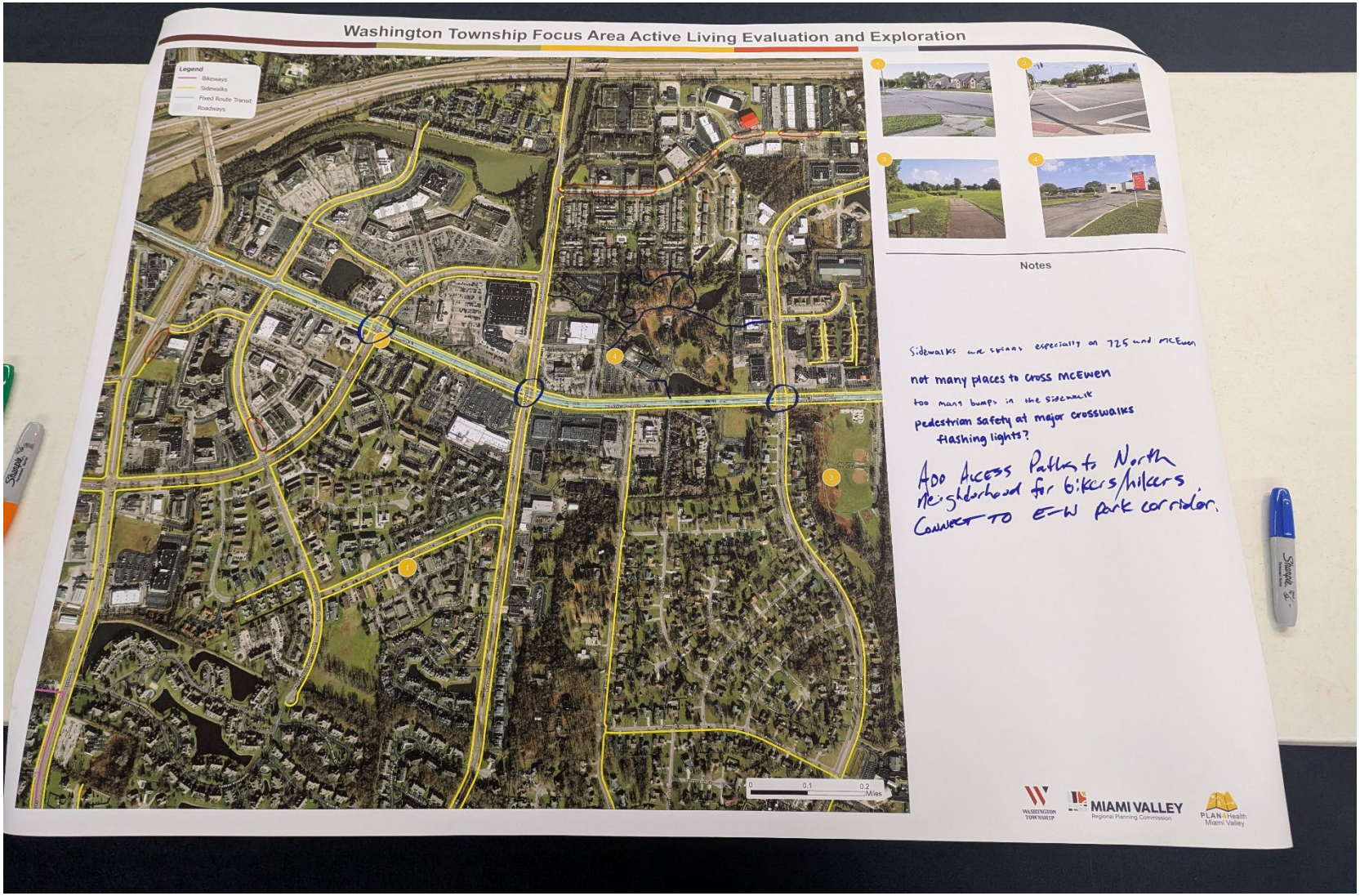
Participants were asked to indicate their preference for a range of amenities to support active living. The following pictures show the outcomes of this dotting exercise.

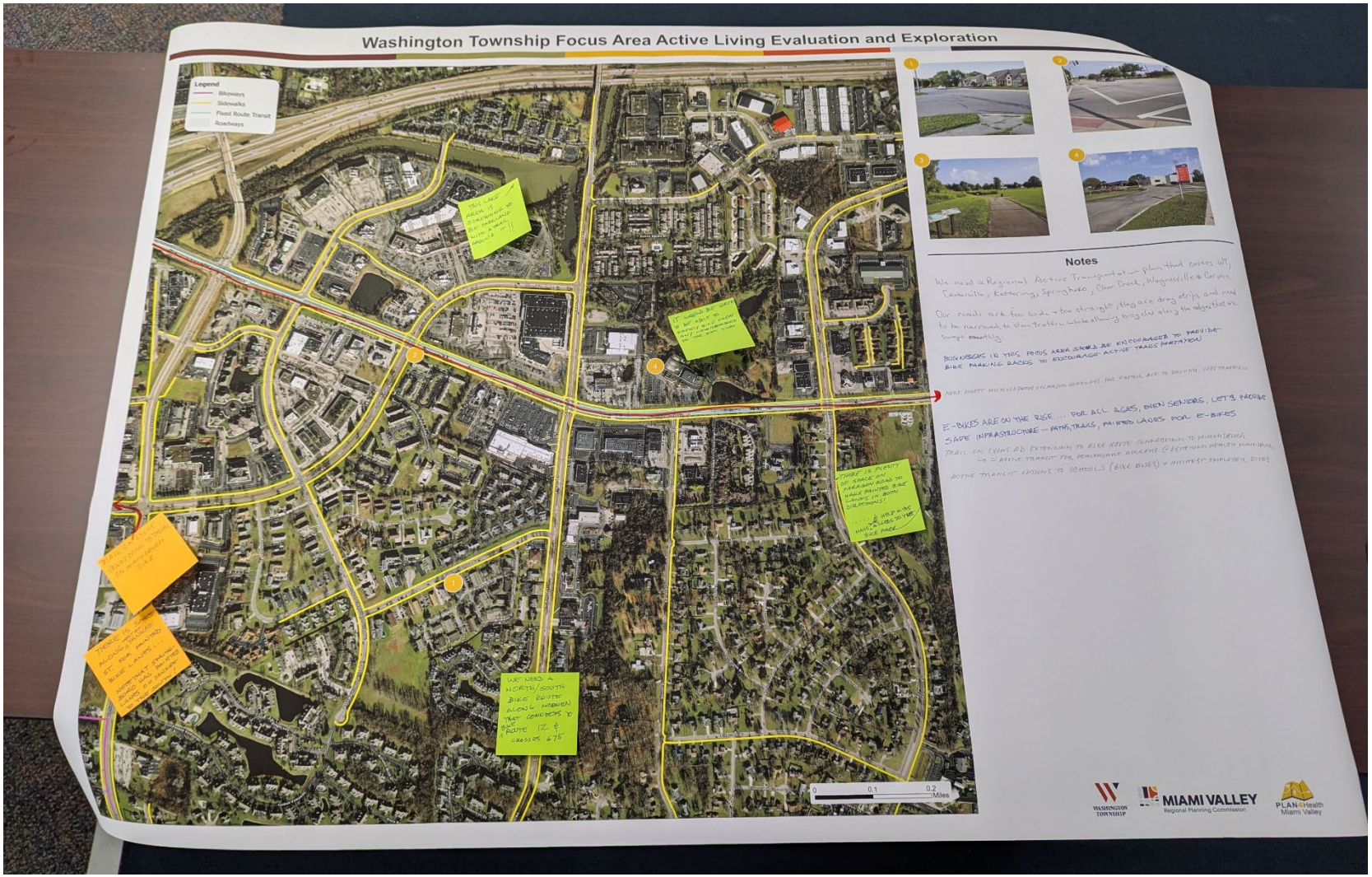



Active Living Look & Feel
Below are pictures representing different designs for active living infrastructure. Place a dot in each category to indicate which design has the best look & feel to you. There are no wrong answers!
Crosswalks
Street Design

Active Living Evaluation and Exploration Mapping Activity

Participants were asked to evaluate active living conditions and recommend interventions within a focus area of Washington Township. The following images reflect their comments.

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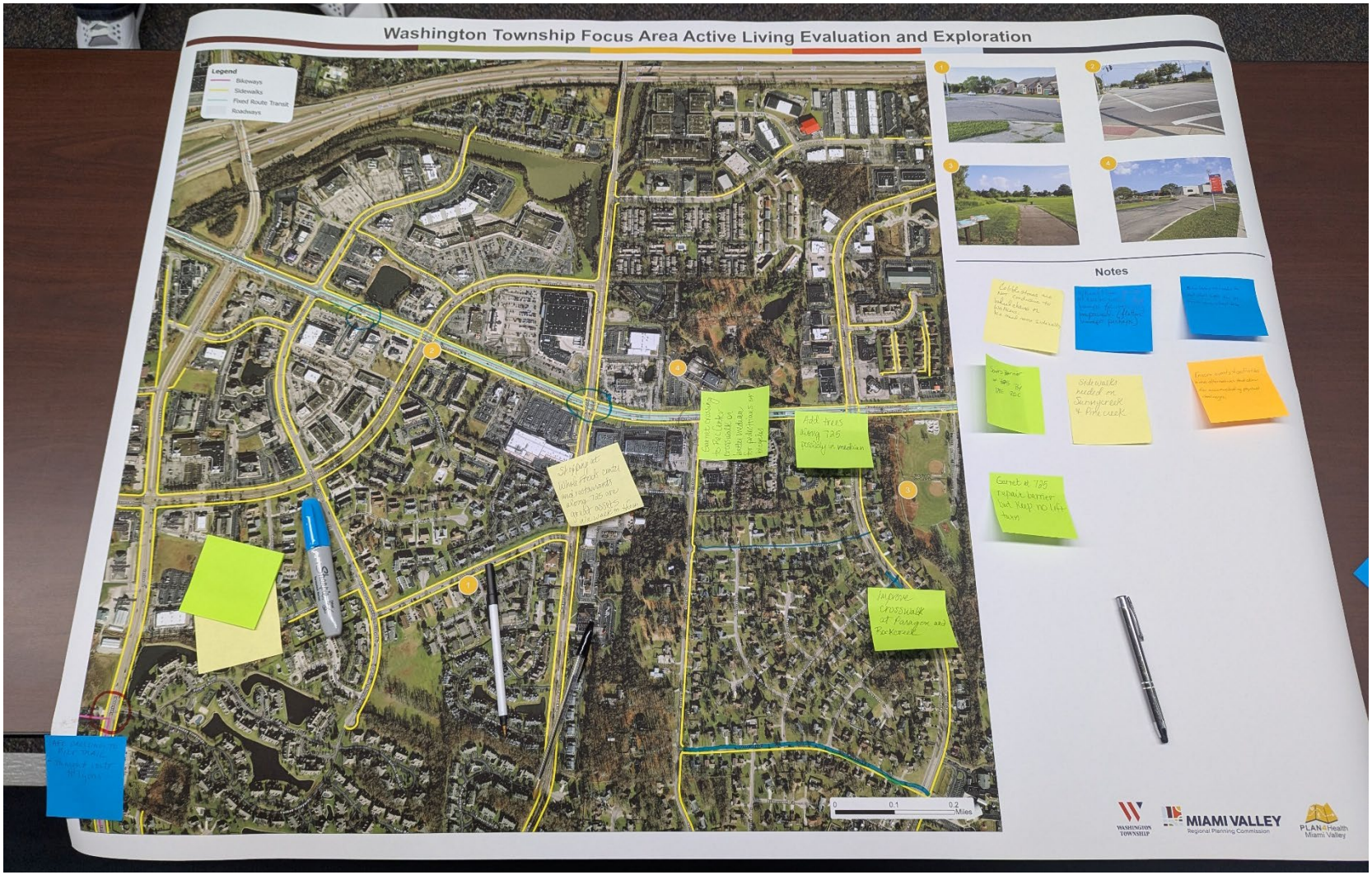
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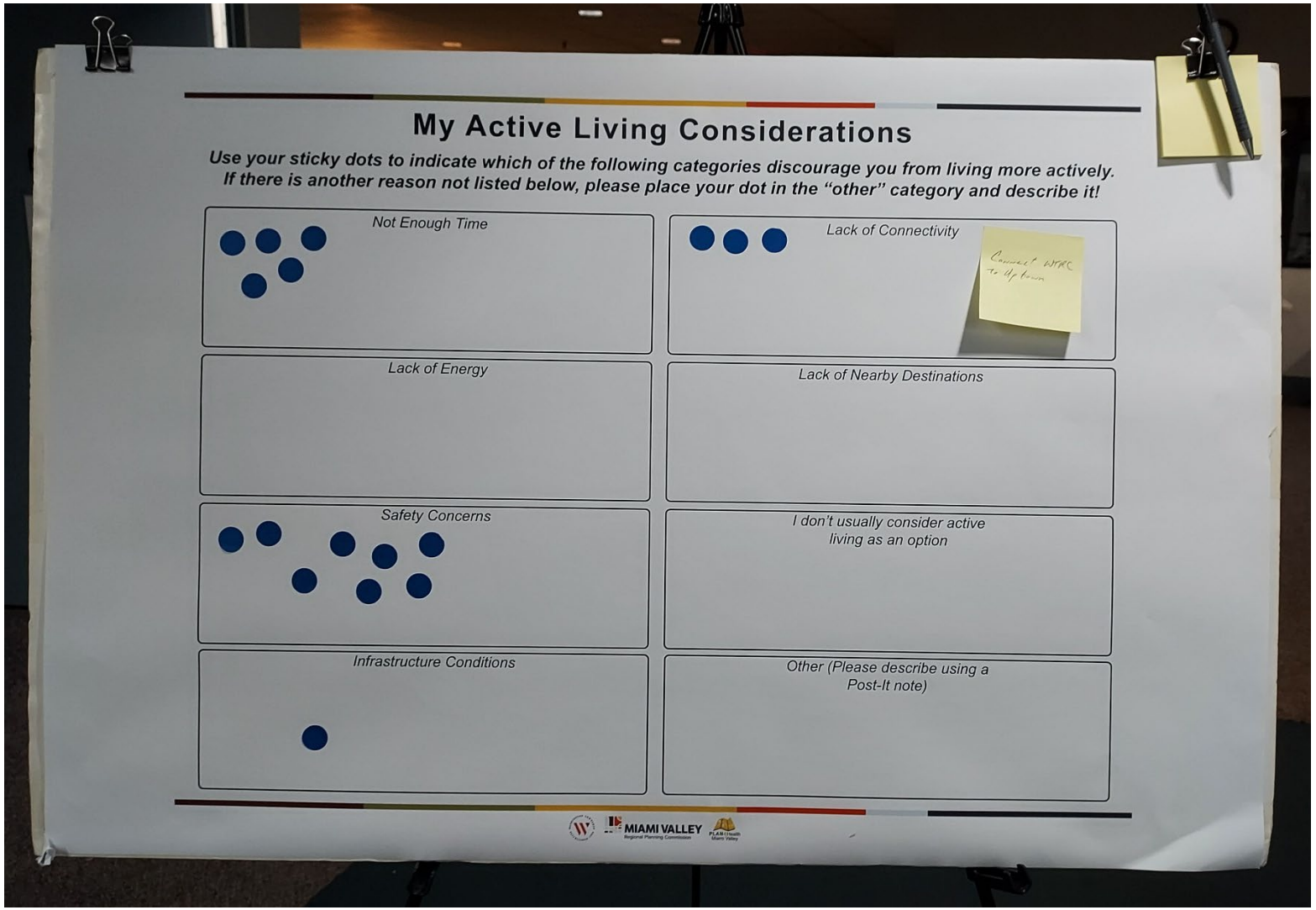
My Active Living Considerations

Participants were asked to indicate what barriers prevent them from living more actively. The following picture shows the results.



Activities and Discussion Summary:

Analyzing the content of the activities and discussion revealed some insights.

- For the Look and Feel Activity participants showed strong preferences for higher levels of amenity within the built environment. They preferred the facilities that provided a higher degree of visibility and protection for non-motorized users. They selected denser, mixed-use retail development patterns and favored places with pedestrian amenities like benches.
- Many comments revolved around the need for more bike connections, facilities, and amenities within the focus area. Suggested amenities included more bike racks, bike repair stations, signage, human-scale lighting, or shade structures.
- Participants wanted to see additional bike lanes, multi-use paths, sidewalks, and traffic calming measures deployed throughout the focus area.
- It was noted that there are many instances where people have to travel out of the way due to a lack of accessibility or connectivity for non-motorized users.
- Several comments identified things like uneven pavements, cobblestones, etc. as barriers for people with ambulatory challenges.
- SR 725 was identified as a significant barrier which makes the area less conducive for active living opportunities. Participants noted the need for better cycling options along this corridor as well as the need for additional safe crossing.
- Participants identified the need for addition safe crossings on McEwen and Paragon Road, as well as the need for sidewalks in portions of the focus area.
- Participants observed that the focus area has a good mix of land use diversity and destinations, however the area is very auto oriented and can be unwelcoming to bikes and pedestrians.
- With regard to barriers to living more actively, participants largely sighted safety concerns and not having enough time. Some also indicated that there are connectivity issues in the area.