















## Bridge Design

The community has said the bridge design should be integrated with surrounding neighborhoods rather than serving as an iconic landmark. However, this does not mean that the bridge cannot be creative and unique to this area of Charlottesville.

At the bridge design topic discussion and during the final pin-up, participants were presented with several design choices for feedback. The design elements were organized around four themes: vintage, traditional, modern and funky. Participants were asked to raise their hand and vote for which theme they would like to see used as the design inspiration for each element. Almost universally, modern and funky received the most votes. In the next few weeks, project architects will be moving forward under that direction to refine the design of the bridge with a “modern and funky” feel that still integrates with the surrounding historic neighborhoods.



*Four design themes were presented as possible inspirations for the overall design of the bridge elements. Community members present tended to prefer "modern" and "funky" designs, although the community has also said they prefer a bridge that integrates with its surroundings.*

Vertical access points were another major topic of concern for many participants. The stairways and ramps that currently connect pedestrians from the bridge deck to the street grid below will be redesigned during the process. However, these new elements must maintain American Disabilities Act-compliant access in addition to providing functional, attractive access for multiple modes of travel. Options include stairways, ramps, and elevators, or a combination of these options. The ultimate solution will likely depend largely on feasibility and cost.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS – Bridge Design

- Key objective: simplify access to the downtown mall when the Pavilion is closed for events
- The bridge doesn't need to be “iconic,” but should still be created and represent Charlottesville
- Design the bridge to celebrate and preserve views of the sunset and railroad tracks