Agenda

- Present scope and schedule
- Conduct “listening tour”
- Answer your questions
Wilmington Initiatives
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Scope

• Vision, goals and objectives
• Data collection and analysis
• Traffic modeling
• Development of improvement alternatives
• Report preparation
Vision, Goals and Objectives

• Document review
• Advisory Committee meeting
• “Listening tour”
• “Common themes”
• Formal goals and objectives
Data Collection and Analysis

- Data collection: pedestrians, bicycles, traffic, transit
- Evaluation of existing conditions
- Transit operations
- Land use
- Advisory Committee meeting
- Public workshop
  - Successful result: A vision allowing us to identify measures of effectiveness and evaluate improvement alternatives
Traffic Modeling

- **Future traffic projections**
  - Future traffic = background traffic + effects of new development
- **Mode shift implications**
  - Determine opportunities for bicycle/pedestrian improvements
  - Evaluate alternative transit route alignments and transit hub locations
- **Establishment of transportation system needs**
  - Analyze downtown traffic using VISUM and Synchro
  - Base measures of effectiveness on project vision and obtain buy-in from partners
    - Level of service
    - Travel time
    - Safety
    - Mode split
    - Sustainability issues
Traffic Modeling

• Advisory Committee meeting
• Public workshop

- Successful results: Buy-in on measures of effectiveness and on anticipated transportation system needs, as well as ideas on how to address them
Development of Improvement Alternatives

• “How does this address our goals and objectives?”

• Potential options:
  - Sidewalk improvements
  - Bicycle facilities
  - Bus service changes
  - Lane use modifications
  - Signal system changes
  - Widening
  - Medians
  - Reconsideration of “sweeps”
Development of Improvement Alternatives

- Complete Streets
- Focus on non-SOV options to improve livability and sustainability
- Transit hub/joint development opportunities
- Information about each potential improvement:
  - Scope/concept plan
  - Benefits based on goals, objectives, and MOEs
  - Timeframe
  - Potential funding
Development of Improvement Alternatives

- Advisory Committee meeting
  - Review alternatives and develop “packages” of alternatives to provide comprehensive solutions

- Analyze packages to get a full picture of benefits and consequences

- Advisory Committee meeting
  - Review packages and subsequent analyses to obtain consensus on recommendations

- Public workshop
  - Successful result: Buy-in on study recommendations
Report Preparation

- Summarize potential implementation and funding strategies
- Draft report
- Advisory Committee meeting to review draft
- Final report
## Schedule

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- Public workshop
Any questions on scope or schedule?
Listening Tour

• In what ways is Wilmington a great city, and in what ways can it become a great city? What role does transportation play?

• What transportation issues exist in downtown Wilmington today?

• How do you see downtown Wilmington changing over the next 5, 10, 20 years?
Listening Tour

- What would you like downtown Wilmington to look like then?
- In what ways can transportation improvements help accomplish that vision?
- Who else should we speak with about the future of downtown Wilmington?
Wrapup

• Upcoming meetings:
  – Advisory Committee: tentatively the first week of November
  – Public workshop: just before or after Thanksgiving

• Comments on “listening tour”

• Do you have any further questions?
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