



**WILMINGTON DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION STUDY**

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 18, 2008**

# AGENDA

- Review project status
- Present preliminary results of “listening tour” and get your input
- Answer your questions



# SCOPE

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

# VISION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Complete:
  - Document review
  - Advisory Committee meeting **1**
  - “Listening tour”
- In progress:
  - “Common themes”
  - Formal goals and objectives

# DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

- In progress:
  - Data collection
  - Evaluation of existing conditions
  - Transit
  - Land use

# DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

- Tonight:
  - Advisory Committee meeting **2**
- December 2:
  - Public workshop **1**
    - Successful result: A vision allowing us to identify measures of effectiveness and evaluate improvement alternatives



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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Traffic modeling
  - December 2008 – February 2009
- Development of improvement alternatives
  - February – June 2009
- Report preparation
  - June – August 2009



# LISTENING TOUR QUESTIONS

- 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 QUESTIONS

- 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?



# LISTENING TOUR (SO FAR...)

- Wilmington Area Planning Council
- City of Wilmington
  - Mayor's Office
  - City Council Public Works and Transportation Committee
  - Departments of Planning, Public Safety, Public Works, Law
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- Transportation Management Association of Delaware
- Wilmington Parking Authority
- Wilmington Renaissance Corporation
- Riverfront Development Corporation
- Downtown Visions
- Wilmington Main Street
- Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Delaware Historical Society
- Major businesses
- Developers



# LISTENING TOUR RESULTS

- Government and organizations were well represented
- We will benefit from broader input, tonight and at the public workshop:
  - Residents
  - Businesses
  - Other stakeholders
- Over 200 comments received
  - Most were categorized into seven Common Themes to help guide the study

# COMMON THEMES

1. Ensure that Downtown streets balance all modes of travel (walking, bicycling, transit, and driving) and include buildings and streetscape that enhance street life.
2. Provide convenient, frequent transit service throughout the City, especially to the train station.



# COMMON THEMES

3. Promote a vibrant, healthy Downtown, with a mix of 24-hour uses, through transportation improvements.
4. Make Downtown more walkable.



# COMMON THEMES

5. Improve the existing street system for all modes of travel by timing traffic signals, evaluating street direction changes, and managing on-street parking and loading.
6. Match parking demand with supply.
7. Reclaim Rodney Square as Downtown's premier public space.



# COMMON THEMES

Do these Common Themes  
capture the issues the  
Wilmington Downtown Circulation Study  
should address?

# WRAPUP

- Upcoming public workshop:
  - Tuesday, December 2, 2008
  - 4:00 to 7:00 pm
  - Chase Center on the Riverfront
  - Brief presentation at 4:15, repeated at 5:15 and 6:15



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