

## *Southbridge Circulation Kickoff Meeting: Group Discussion - 3/18/08*

### **Group A Responses**

- 1. Does DART's bus service take you where you would like to go?  
And, if not, where would you like to see service added?**

*They would like routes to Shoprite and the Salvation Army*

- Would you like Southbridge to be the sight of a transit hub?**

*They saw value in creating a transportation center*

- How about the frequency of service?**

*They would like to see Sunday services.*

- Would you like to see additional shelters?**

*They would like a bus shelter on Heald St.*

- 2. Do you feel comfortable walking around your neighborhood?**

- Does anyone bike and, if not, why don't you?**

*Bike route - need information, paths, markings. These would make biking more attractive.*

- How is the lighting at night?**

*Increase lighting at street level.*

- 3. What are your top three issues with traffic circulation? For example, do certain signals take too long to change?**

- Any directional changes?**

*Saw benefits of having New Castle and Heald St becoming one-way streets.*

- Would you add signals anywhere?**

*No new lights needed.*

*Need Markings on "C" Street with clear traffic signals*

*Need Clear marking at "D" and Heald showing "no left turn" or increased enforcement*

- Do cars go too fast?**

*Speeding on Heald St.*

- Other Issues**

- *Motorcycles driving through community*
- *Sidewalk - roots from trees (B and Claymont St)*

### **Group B Responses**

- 1. Does DART's bus service take you where you would like to go?**

- Would you like Southbridge to be the sight of a transit hub?**

*Transit hub not high priority other things are more important*

- Are there any other issues with transit you would like to bring up?**

*Price of gas is the reason to use bus.*

**Would you like to see additional shelters?**

*Need more shelters (New Castle Ave, Lobdell St.)*

**2. Do you feel comfortable walking around your neighborhood? Are the sidewalks, crosswalks in good shape, do you feel safe?**

*Generally feel safe.*

**Does anyone bike and, if not, why don't you?**

*Bike Transportation in community limited*

**3. What are your top three issues with traffic circulation? For example, do certain signals take to long to change?**

*The number one priority was signal timings on S. Heald St and New Castle Ave. Issues with the port and sand plan-related tractor trailers thru town..*

**Group C Responses**

**1. Does DART's bus service take you where you would like to go?**

*Can get into town easily*

**And, if not, where would you like to see service added?**

*Need better connections to route that goes to the post office (Delaware Ave)*

*Service to churches*

*Connections to Grocery Store.*

*Poor Access to Train Station.*

**Would you like Southbridge to be the sight of a transit hub?**

*Not in favor of a transit hub.*

**How about the frequency of service?**

*More frequent service*

**Any problems getting to bus stops? Are bus stops too far away?**

*Bus stop locations in community O.K.*

**Would you like to see additional shelters?**

*More shelters*

**2. Do you feel comfortable walking around your neighborhood? Are the sidewalks, crosswalks in good shape, do you feel safe?**

*D St and New Castle Ave are difficult to walk due to the lack of striping.*

*S/W on A Street between New Castle Ave and S. Claymont needs to be fixed*

*Red brick in poor condition*

**Does anyone bike and, if not, why don't you?**

*Roads not suitable for bike travel.*

**How is the lighting at night?**

*More roadway lighting is needed*

*C Street, and Buttonwood need street lighting.*

**3. What are your top three issues with traffic circulation? For example, do certain signals take to long to change?**

*Corner clearance at A Street/ S. Claymont (Signal??)*

*Parking at Lobdell/ S. Heald*

*Want a gateway*

*Island on A St. @ Market - Paint end*

*Stop line on A St @ Market*

**Would you add a new road/connector?**

*Designate a truck route*

**Do cars go too fast?**

*Want slower speed limit.*

### **Group D Responses**

**1. Does DART's bus service take you where you would like to go?  
And, if not, where would you like to see service added?**

**Are there any other issues with transit you would like to bring up?**

*Bus stop service seems adequate for customers*

*Schedules posted in shelters*

*Electronic scheduling boxes*

*Post routes in shelters*

**2. Do you feel comfortable walking around your neighborhood? Are the  
sidewalks, crosswalks in good shape, do you feel safe?**

*Walking fine in the daytime not so safe at night*

**Does anyone bike and, if not, why don't you?**

*Not much biking - no real need until route to waterfront*

**How is the lighting at night?**

*Need better lighting*

**3. What are your top three issues with traffic circulation? For example, do  
certain signals take too long to change? (15 minutes)**

*More traffic since bridge closing did not switch back*

*Trucks - tractor trailers w/ engines running (B and C streets)*

*SR 9 should not run through the area*

**Do cars go too fast?**

*Speeding to make traffic lights in sequence*

*Mph posted frequently*

*"How fast you are going" units at entrances*

*Enforcement of speed limit on Heald and New Castle Ave*

*Post children at play signs*