

Southbridge Community Circulation Study

Community Meeting # 3

In Cooperation With:



Delaware Transit Corporation



Agenda

- ❖ **Study Schedule**
- ❖ **Vehicular Transportation**
- ❖ **Transit**
- ❖ **Pedestrians**
- ❖ **Bicycles**
- ❖ **Funding of Improvements**
- ❖ **Next Steps**
- ❖ **Questions**

Study Schedule

- ❖ Notice to Proceed / Kickoff Meeting with WILMAPCO
- ❖ Traffic Counts / Field Reviews
- ❖ Community Meeting #1
- ❖ WILMAPCO / RK&K Working Session #1
- ❖ Community Meeting #2
- ❖ WILMAPCO / RK&K Working Session #2
- ❖ First Draft Report Submission
- ❖ Briefing #1 – City Elected Officials
- ❖ Second Draft Report Submission
- ❖ SAMP Core Group Meeting
- ❖ **Community Meeting #3 – June 17, 2008** ← **We Are Here**
- ❖ **Briefing #2 – City Elected Officials to endorse study**
- ❖ **Final Report Submission**

Areas of Interest

❖ **Vehicular Transportation**

❖ **Transit**

❖ **Pedestrians**

❖ **Bicycles**

Vehicular Transportation

❖ Issues

- Speeding on New Castle Avenue, South Heald Street and A Street
- Need for improved signal progression
- Truck traffic within community

❖ Recommendations

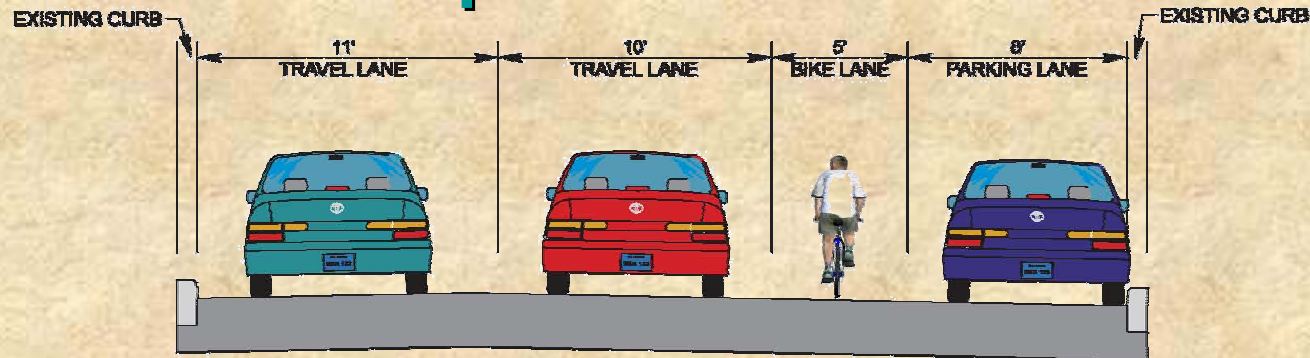
- Retime signals to provide coordination at 25 MPH
- Traffic Calming
 - Bulbouts at each intersection to reduce travel speeds
 - Reduced lane widths on South Heald Street, New Castle Avenue and A Street
 - Streetscape enhancements within community
 - Enhanced guide signs outside community to divert truck traffic
 - Truck turn restrictions at certain intersections within community
 - Change the direction of Bradford Street to reroute trucks away from neighborhood core

Vehicular Transportation

❖ Bulbout Concept



❖ Bike Lane Concept – New Castle Avenue



Proposed Typical Section

Transit

❖ Issues

- Requests for additional bus shelters
- Need for increased ridership on certain routes
- Need for transit access to specific locations
 - Salvation Army
 - Shoprite

❖ Recommendations

- No new shelters warranted based on current ridership data
- Possibly place new shelters when other improvements are implemented
- Reroute DART Route 8 along A Street
- Reroute DART Route 17 to pass Salvation Army and travel through Shoprite shopping center
 - Recommendations passed onto DART for consideration in December service change.

Pedestrians

❖ **Issues**

- WILMAPCO suggested improvements from Walkable Community workshop
- Pedestrian access to Riverfront
- Sidewalk repairs and upgrades

❖ **Recommendations**

- Implement improvements identified by WILMAPCO based on prioritization developed by community
- Repair sidewalks as needed through Transportation Enhancements program or other programs as needed
- Work with future developers to ensure that pedestrian access to Riverfront is developed.

Bicycles

❖ Issues

- Lack of bicycle infrastructure in Southbridge
- Lack of community support for bicycle travel
 - Possibly related to the lack of infrastructure for safe travel

❖ Recommendations

- Restripe New Castle Avenue to provide more narrow travel lanes to accommodate a 5-foot wide bike lane
- Provide bike route signage where necessary to guide bicycle users and to alert motorists to the potential for bicycle traffic
- Restriping of A Street to accommodate bike lanes

Funding of Improvements

❖ **Transportation Enhancement Program**

- Federally funded program to develop a more balanced multi-modal transportation system
 - Project must have relationship to surface transportation
 - Project must be dedicated to public use
 - Project must fit into one of several eligible categories
 - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
 - Landscaping and beautification

❖ **Safe Routes to School Program**

- Federal funding for improvements to pedestrian related infrastructure around schools
- Some pedestrian improvements could be implemented with this funding

Next Steps

- ❖ **Second briefing of City officials**
 - Obtain City official endorsement
- ❖ **Community to prioritize recommendations**
- ❖ **Submission of final report to WILMAPCO**
- ❖ **Obtain community endorsement**
- ❖ **Nomination of project(s) for Transportation Enhancement Program funding**
 - Need elected officials support
- ❖ **Implementation of improvements**

Questions

Thank you for your time

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