

# Agenda

- Present scope and schedule
- Conduct "listening tour"
- Answer your questions



# Wilmington Initiatives









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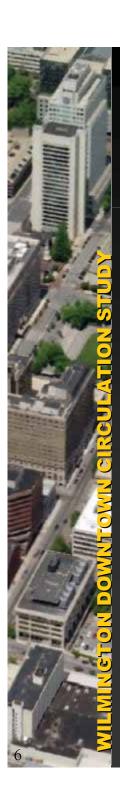
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### Scope

- 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 2
  - <u>Successful results</u>: 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
  - <u>Successful result</u>: Buy-in on study recommendations

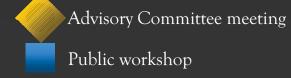


# Report Preparation

- Summarize potential implementation and funding strategies
- Draft report
- Advisory Committee meeting 6
   to review draft
- Final report

# Schedule

	Visioning & data collection	Traffic modeling	Improvement alternatives	Report preparation
Aug '08				
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				
Jan '09				
Feb				
Mar				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Jul				
Aug				





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?



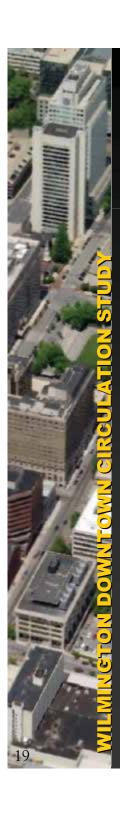
# Listening Tour

- 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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