MEETING NOTES

Middletown Multimodal Project Project:

22059.10 Improvement Plan-Study No.:

Towamencin Township Office

Building Location:

3 Municipal Way

Langhorne, PA 19047

Meeting

04.04.2023 Date/ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Time:

Public Meeting #1

Issue

04.05.2023 Date:

ATTENDENCE:

Re:

See attached attendance list.

SIMONE COLLINS TEAM:

William Collins - Principal

Anita Nardone - Project Manager

Geoff Creary - Multimodal Trail Designer

Bryce Brucker - Staff Landscape Architect

DELIVERABLES:

- Public Meeting #1 Meeting Notes
- Public Meeting #1 Sign-in Sheets
- Public Meeting #1 Agenda
- Public Meeting #1 Recording

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation:

William Collins introduced the project team and the multi-modal study. Anita Nardone explained the meeting agenda, project schedule, and partners. Geoff Creary detailed "Trails 101" which went over user groups, guidelines, and standards for connectivity improvements. Bryce Brucker went over the 'toolbox' items for the connectivity study (those traffic control/safety improvements/ bike/ped connectivity items that enhance multimodal transportation). After presenting this information, a public discussion and public input exercises ensued.

Goals, Facts, Concepts, Partners:

An exercise took place, which included public input broken into these four categories. In addition, the public identified routes, destinations, and challenges on physical maps, using markers and stickers. The following list identifies the responses received for Goals, Facts, Concepts, and Partners for the Middletown Multi-Modal Connectivity Study.

Goals:

- Multi Modal Network
- Reach destinations in Newtown Borough
- Walk to Langhorne and Woodbourne Stations
- Plan with A.D.A accessibility as priority
- Build a united and accessible community
- Create access to public transportation
- Town Center
- Get outside of own neighborhood on foot and bike
- Get to Tyler Park
- Sidewalks to Core Creek Park
- Educate the Public
- Get to the Canal

Facts:

- There are challenging narrow roads in the Township
- There are sidewalk gaps on Durham Road
- Homeowners have different perspectives on sidewalks
- There is heavy traffic on 413 between Maple and Highland in Langhorne Borough
- Riding to the library is not comfortable
- ADA design is the Law
- Disability community covers all user groups
- Many smaller, neighborhood playgrounds in the Township have sidewalk access

Concepts:

- Historical Trail (use historical data)
- Pedestrian Bridge over Route 1
- Connect to Flowers Mill
- Safe Bike Parking
- Bike Share
- Pervious Paving for trails
- Sidewalks and Bike Lanes on Winchester Avenue
- Focus on the "Negative Space" in the Strava Data (places where people do not/cannot travel)

- Signage and Wayfinding
- Walk more, Drive Less
- Yardley and Bristol Connections
- Need for a 'Mission Statement' for the multimodal improvement plan effort.

Partners:

Neighboring Townships

'Mission Statement': Committee member David Devore suggested that the study include a 'mission statement' to guide efforts. Suggested mission statement:

"Build an accessible and united community".

Next Steps - Public Opinion Survey/ Wikimap Tool and Public Meeting #2 on 5/30/2023

The Public Opinion Survey and Wikimap tool are now LIVE. The next steps include promoting the public survey and online mapping tool. SC will begin to compile and analyze data to develop preliminary improvement recommendations.

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

Sincerely,

Bryce Brucker

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