

BRIDGEVILLE/GREENWOOD TRANSPORTATION PLANS STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING 5

NOTES

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mar. 16, 2023
Microsoft Teams

Attendees

NAME	REPRESENTING
Jennifer Cinelli-Miller*	DelDOT Statewide and Regional Planning
Andrea Trabelsi*	Whitman, Requardt & Associates LLP (WRA)
Gemma Tierney*	Whitman, Requardt & Associates LLP (WRA)
Janet Todd	Greenwood Town Manager
Bethany DeBussy	Bridgeville Town Manager
Kelli Nuwer	Greenwood Resident
Heath Chasanov	Woodbridge School District Superintendent
Kevin Long	Woodbridge School District Director of Administrative Services
Christy Vanderwende Wright	Little Wagon Produce
Greer Stangl	Area Resident
Paul Kiefer	Reporter for Delaware Public Media

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Action Items

- WRA will schedule next stakeholder meeting. Invite sent for April 27, 2023 @1pm
- WRA coordinate plans for second public workshop, scheduled for the evening of Thursday, May 18.
 - Two sessions will be held: 1) Greenwood Library, 4-5pm; and 2) Bridgeville Library, 6-7pm.

Meeting Summary

- I. Project timeline:
 - Have moved into the phase of drafting plan
 - Stakeholder committee meeting in April to review draft recommendations/strategies
 - Public workshop in May
 - Wrap up the plan in June and move into monitoring/implementation phase

- II. Summary of public survey and workshop results
 - About 35 workshop participants and 47 survey respondents.
 - Survey offers additional insight on public perspectives; keep in mind it's not a scientific survey
 - 35 of survey respondents were from Bridgeville, 7 from Greenwood
 - Highest priorities among those participating:
 - Safety (including addressing freight and navigation of other large vehicles)
 - Transportation capacity
 - Preservation of rural character
 - Multimodal (bicycling, walking, etc.) accessibility and safety
 - Issues that seem to have a wider range of viewpoints, less clear consensus:
 - Agricultural industry corridors, local agricultural activity
 - Routing traffic through towns versus around
 - Capacity, traffic flow, and strategies to address those issues (e.g. widening, bypass, etc.)
- III. Group reviewed the draft community vision suggested edits based on survey and other feedback.
 - Group agreed with edits as follows:
 - add safety and list it as first guiding principle of community vision
 - adjust "agribusiness" term to more clearly reflect local agriculture
 - Greer suggested that Newton Road is more like an agribusiness corridor currently; companies there are large-scale, quite a bit of industrial type activity
 - New greenhouse proposal around Adam and Newton Roads
 - Been through PLUS process
 - Larger than local family-owned but not "agribusiness"; different from entities like Perdue and Montair
 - Will be shipping product in trucks out of state
 - Greer indicated people are feeling that Newton Road is becoming a truck corridor; asked about potential for bypass south of Bridgeville
 - Heath—Newton Rd bypass was built in part for beach traffic
 - Jenn—bypass is one various solutions that could be appropriate to address the kinds of issues associated with SR 404
 - Group briefly discussed Scope School at Newton Rd/US 13
 - Heath—the school district leases the space from O A Newton- for about 50 kids; do not have money to build a new building
 - Jenn—has asked attorneys about giving properties to schools
 - Greer mentioned concern about those living outside of towns (in the areas of Sussex County located around Greenwood and Bridgeville) not having representation in county land use decision-making; also traffic-intensive land uses tend to get pushed into these unincorporated areas
- IV. Full range of input from survey/workshop on the challenges and opportunities was presented (see details in the powerpoint). Key takeaways from the input:
 - Priority issues to focus on addressing as we draft the plan:
 - Farm, school vehicles
 - Utility and construction vehicles
 - Freight vehicles, navigation
 - Agricultural economy / industry corridors
 - Balancing growth, in town versus along US 13 / outside of town
 - Capacity, traffic flow
 - Routing around vesus through towns
 - Connectivity
 - Key locations:

- US 13 at SR 16
 - SR 404 at Scotts Story Road
 - Newton Road
 - Redden Road
 - A number of issues identified through this process already have action/coordination underway (e.g., DeIDOT is addressing issues on US 13 at Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center in Bridgeville)
 - Next stakeholder meeting will involve reviewing the list of issues and drafted strategies associated with them.
 - Some issues are of the type that will involve ongoing monitoring
 - Jenn noted importance of two towns supporting each other and coordinating to direct growth
- V. Public workshop 2:
- Christy – suggested advertising through public libraries
 - Consider holding at libraries or Amity café (Greenwood) rather than high school
 - Group decided to aim for holding event May 18th at the town libraries
 - Aiming for in-person, presentation/Q&A format, at the library in each town (back-to-back), the evening of Thursday, May 18. Both libraries have family activities that evening and we hope to be able to attract some broader awareness/participation.
- VI. Miscellaneous discussion
- Greer—do agribusinesses on Newton Road use town sewer and water?
 - Bethany—No. Proposed greenhouse and Mountaire are not located in the town
 - Greer's county council district has no representation on county planning and zoning committee
 - Lost representative when redistricting occurred--Georgetown gained a seat and this district lost theirs
 - Would prefer traffic to be directed to 404 and Cannon Rd
 - Jenn—a bypass idea such as this will require years of planning and design; coming out of this process a next step could be to conduct further study
 - Since pandemic, many people moving into area and working in DC/remotely
 - Christy—at their produce stand on SR 404, there is traffic all week/all year, see younger families come in Thursday and Friday, retired people on Mon-Wed
- VII. Next stakeholder meeting—mid to late April, 1pm timeslot

Related materials

Presentation and current draft of the Community Vision document (reflecting edits discussed in the meeting) circulated as attachment with these meeting notes.

Meeting presentation and notes are made available via project webpage on Bridgeville's website: <https://tinyurl.com/GrBrTransportation>