

Camden Greenways Meeting

CENTRAL GATEWAY TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Special Purpose Meeting Report

Date: April 19, 2007
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Camden Greenways, Inc.
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Purpose of Meeting

By invitation, the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) participated in a coordination meeting with the Camden Greenways organization. The purpose of the meeting was to present an overview of the Central Gateway Traffic Improvement Project and solicit comments and feedback regarding proposed greenway trails within and adjacent to the study area.

Summary of Meeting

John Mullen presented a engineering plans display of the proposed project for the meeting attendees. He stated that the study area is bound by I-676 on the west, Federal Street on the north, Cooper River on the east and Pine Street on the south. The improvements are designed to enhance traffic circulation and safety within the Central Gateway area for both vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

The proposed project is designed to convert one-way streets to two-way streets, eliminate confusing loop ramps and install or upgrade traffic signals. In addition to improving vehicular circulation, the project is also designed to: provide enhanced access to and from major arterials such as I-676 and Route 30; employ traffic calming measures to enhance safety; provide improvements to pedestrian safety and related facilities; and encourage local economic development and redevelopment.

Attendees presented greenways planning and coordination Cooper's Ferry has had with different organizations in the area, including Campbell Soup Company.

Anthony Perno indicated Cooper's Ferry and Camden Greenways would like to complete an independent recreational facility (bicycle trail) in the Central Gateway neighborhood. He also stated that pavement markings within the improvement area – especially along 11th Street – may help delineate a future greenway trail if an independent cannot be accommodated in the area. Cooper's Ferry is currently seeking funding for improvements of a greenway trail in the area.

Tom Schraudenbach of the Delta Group presented two versions of the proposed greenway in the Central Gateway area.

- Option A would be an independent facility that extends the existing Cooper River Park greenway west on Pine Street to Haddon Avenue, Haddon Avenue to Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Mt. Ephraim Avenue to Newton Avenue, Newton Avenue to 11th Street and 11th Street to the Flanders Avenue ramp over the Admiral Wilson Boulevard.
- Option B would follow the same route, but be a shared facility except for a segment along 11th Street that would be independent.

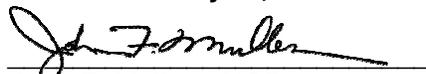
[Note: A third option (Option C) was provided to NJDOT following this meeting. Option C would be an independent facility that extends the existing Cooper River Park greenway west on Pine Street to St. Mihiel Avenue, St. Mihiel Avenue to Line Street, Line Street to Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Mt. Ephraim Avenue to 10th Street, 10th Street to Newton Avenue, Newton Avenue to 11th Street and 11th Street to the Flanders Avenue ramp over the Admiral Wilson Boulevard.]

Tom also provided copies of illustrated cross sections for portions of the proposed greenway in select area. He stated the goal for the Central Gateway greenway trail would connect to the existing trail in Cooper Park to other points in north and central Camden. He stated the streetscape improvements proposed for Martin Luther King Boulevard would provide a greenways connection from the Central Gateway to downtown Camden and the Delaware River waterfront.

Anthony requested that NJDOT provide a copy of it's design plans in context with existing right of way to determine which parcels may accommodate an independent greenway and a shared greenway trail. He indicated he would provide copies of the Martin Luther King Boulevard Master Plan to McCormick Taylor. Doreen Morris provided a copy of the Camden Greenways Master Plan on CD to McCormick Taylor.

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.

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