

Meeting: Belview, Forest Park, Waughtown, and Morningside Manor Neighborhood Meeting
Date/Time: April 17, 2008
Location: Sprague Street Community Center
Attendees: 6 Attendees
Anne Morris – Facilitator
Ed Lewis – NCDOT Presenter

Agenda Items:

Welcome/Introduction

- Ms. Morris welcomed attendees to the Slater Park, Reynoldstown and Skyland neighborhood meeting for the Business 40 Improvement Project.
- Ms. Morris introduced Ed Lewis the NCDOT representative.
- The slide show presentation began.

Community Outreach

- Ms. Morris discussed the outreach process.
- How community outreach has been conducted (door-to-door surveys, neighborhood business surveys, downtown business surveys).
- The canvassing process (19 core neighborhoods were surveyed).

Project Overview

- Mr. Lewis gave a brief history of Business 40.
 - ✓ Business 40 is the oldest interstate in North Carolina.
 - ✓ It originally wasn't intended to be an interstate.
 - ✓ Business 40 carries on average 70,000 cars a day.
- Mr. Lewis discussed why the project is needed.
 - ✓ Business 40 is over 50 years old and is starting to deteriorate.
 - ✓ The 11 bridges have major design problems. (The steel beams are deteriorating; the bridges have clearance issues, etc.)
 - ✓ Business 40's lanes tend to be narrow.
- Mr. Lewis then provided proposed solutions for Business 40's existing flaws.
 - ✓ All 11 bridges crossing Business 40 will be removed and some or all need to be replaced.
 - ✓ Sidewalks and bicycle lanes will be considered for the roads crossing Business 40.
 - ✓ Drainage on Business 40 will be improved.
 - ✓ Widening Business 40 auxiliary lanes in addition to placing full shoulders.
 - ✓ Reconfigure the entrance- and exit-ramps.
 - ✓ Most improvements will take place within the existing right-of-way.

Ms. Morris talked about future plans for the Community Outreach process.

The Business 40 improvement project will be speaking with:

- Large institutions with intranet access
- R.J. Reynolds
- Wake Forest University
- Winston-Salem State University
- Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center
- Wachovia Bank

The Business 40 Improvement project will be using other forms of community involvement.

- Issue working groups
- On- and Off-ramp surveys
- Neighborhood Meetings
- Corridor-Wide Meetings

The slide show then concluded and the question-and-answer period began.

ASKED QUESTIONS:

QUESTION: The 741 Waughtown Dener Building has state employees who have not been questioned. Will state employees be interviewed on this project?

ANSWER: State employees are being interviewed on this project. If we have not contacted you yet, we will in the very near future.

Q: How has the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system responded to the project? Have you spoken with them yet?

A: Contact has been made with the local school system. School bus drivers and other school officials have been surveyed. These discussions will continue throughout the project.