



Meeting Notes

Meeting: British Woods & Bromley Park Neighborhood Meeting
Date/Time: April 15th, 2008
Location: The Shepherd's Center
Attendees: 9 Attendees
Jumetta Posey – Facilitator
Drew Joyner – NCDOT Presenter

Agenda Items:

Welcome/Introduction

- Ms. Posey welcomed attendees to the Bromley Park & British Woods neighborhood meeting for the Business 40 Improvement Project.
- Ms. Posey introduced Drew Joyner the NCDOT representative.
- The slide show presentation began.

Community Outreach

- Ms. Posey discussed the outreach process.
- How community outreach has been conducted (door-to-door surveys, neighborhood business surveys, downtown business surveys).

Project Overview

- Mr. Joyner 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. Joyner 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. Joyner then provided proposed solutions for Business 40's existing flaws.
 - ✓ All 11 bridges crossing Business 40 will be removed and 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. Posey 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: Exactly what cross streets does the project begin and end?

ANSWER: The project area starts east of Church Street and ends west of 4th Street.

Q: What is the time line in which construction will be done?

A: The project is currently in the planning stages. It is estimated that Right-of-Way acquisition will not begin prior to 2013 and construction would not begin prior to 2015. Actual construction time would depend on which build option was selected; either 2years completely closed or 6 years partially closed.

Q: How will this affect the city traffic?

A: Traffic on city streets will increase during construction of the Business 40 Improvements. Detours will be set up to minimize adverse impacts, but some increase in travel times and congestion are likely to occur.

Q: How will the new ballpark be affected by construction?

A: Construction of the Business 40 improvements would have an impact on traffic going to the new ballpark by replacing the Peters Creek Parkway Bridge and closing the ramps for reconstruction. It may be necessary to complete the Peters Creek Parkway Interchange/Bridge prior to starting the Business 40 improvements.

Q: How long would the existing roadway/bridges last before they would fall down?

A: Maintenance could keep the roadway and structures usable and safe for the foreseeable future. The problem occurs as the facility continues to age and maintenance becomes more expensive and is required more frequently. Eventually this would require too much of the budget to just keep the facility functioning and not improving it.