



Meeting Notes

Meeting: Old Salem, North Carolina School for the Arts Neighborhood Meeting
Date/Time: April 3, 2008
Location: The Enrichment Center
Attendees: 2 Attendees
Jumetta Posey – Facilitator
David Spainhour – NCDOT Presenter

Agenda Items:

Due to the limited number of attendees, the formal presentation was eliminated and one on one discussions were held with each attendee. Questions discussed are presented below.

The Old Salem survey results were presented to the meeting attendees.

- **Question – How long have you lived at your current address?**
 - ~17% - Have lived at their current address for 0-1 year
 - ~0% - Have lived at their current address for 2-4 years
 - ~0% - Have lived at their current address for 5-9 years
 - ~67% - Have lived at their current address for 10+ years
 - ~17% - Did not answer

- **Question – Do you plan to be living in Old Salem in 5-7 years?**
 - ~83% - Will be living in Old Salem in 5-7 years
 - ~17% - Will not be living in Old Salem in 5-7 years

- **Question* – What bridges do you typically use?**
 - ~ 67% - Use Main Street or Broad Street Bridges
 - ~50% - Use Peter’s Creek Parkway or Marshall Street Bridges
 - ~33% - Use Stratford Road or Knollwood Avenue Bridges
 - ~ 17% - Use Silas Creek Parkway or Liberty Avenue Bridges

*Some residents put more than one answer for this question

- **Question* – How can transportation be improved in your neighborhood?**
 - ~67% - No complaints
 - ~67% - Requested better bus service
 - ~50% - Improved sidewalks
 - ~33% -Speed limit sign
 - ~17% - Police patrols and reduced speeding

*Not all residents answered this question

- **Question* – Is there anything else you would like to add about transportation issues in your neighborhood?**

- ~67% - Fountain for walkers
- ~50% - Police patrol
- ~33% - No issues
- ~33% - Congestion
- ~17% - Sidewalks
- ~17% - Bus Routes/Shelters

*Not all residents answered this question

- **Question – What is your preference during construction?**

- ~67% - Completely close Business 40 for up to two years
- ~33% - Partially close Business 40 for up to six years

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- **Question – How long have you lived at your current address?**

- ~24% - Have lived at their current address for 0-1 years
- ~28% - Have lived at their current address for 2-4 years
- ~21% - Have lived at their current address for 5-9 years
- ~28% - Have lived at their current address for 10+ years

- **Question – Do you plan to be living in the North Carolina School for the Arts in 5-7 years?**

- ~66% - Will be living in Country Club in 5-7 years
- ~31% - Will not be living in Country Club in 5-7 years
- ~ 3% - Undecided

- **Question – What bridges do you typically use?**

- ~45% - Use Broad Street Bridge
- ~31% - Use Peter's Creek Parkway Bridge
- ~ 15% - Did not answer
- ~ 12% - Use Cherry Street or Marshall Street Bridges
- ~10% - Use Main Street or Silas Creek Parkway Bridges
- ~7% - Use all the bridges
- ~5% - Use Stratford Road or Liberty Street Bridges
- ~ 3% - Use US 52 Bridge
- ~ 2% - Use Third Street, Martin Luther King Drive , Knollwood Avenue, or Fourth Street Bridges

- **Question* – How can transportation be improved in your neighborhood?**

- ~26% - No complaints
- ~19% - Reduce speeding
- ~15% - Better bus service
- ~14% - Requested better sidewalks
- ~10% - No response

- ~ 5% - Child at play signs
- ~ 3% - Street repair
- ~ 2% - For both streetlights and safety improvements

*Not all residents answered this question

- **Question* – Is there anything else you would like to add about transportation issues in your neighborhood?**

- ~47% - No issues
- ~17% - Sidewalks and Bus Routes/Shelters
- ~9 % - Child at play signs and Bike routes
- ~7% - Reduced speed and Road repair
- ~3% - Speed Bumps, Parking, and Unanswered

*Not all residents answered this question

- **Question – What is your preference during construction?**

- ~62% - Completely close Business 40 for up to two years
- ~29% - Partially close Business 40 for up to six years
- ~7% - Chose neither

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Q: What will the alternate routes be?

A: The alternate routes have not been selected. The engineers are currently conducting traffic studies and we hope to present them at the upcoming Corridor-wide Meetings

Q: As a resident of Old Salem, I am worried about the condition of Business 40. I think it is unsafe and the proposed changes will not be able to truly fix this problem. Why don't you close Business 40 completely?

A: You might want to ask that question at the Corridor-wide Meeting to be held sometime in May.

Q: Business 40 is not a direct route. I suggest that you redesign it to eliminate all of the curves.

A: Thank you for your comment. Let me suggest that you attend the Corridor-wide Meeting and discuss your thoughts regarding realignment with the engineers.

Q: Why didn't NCDOT use this outreach process on US 52?

A: I did not work on US 52, I would suggest that you call Kimberly Hinton at NCDOT. I don't have her number on me, but here is my card. If you will call me tomorrow, I will give you her contact information. She is the Public Involvement person for US 52. She will have more information on the outreach activities that were used for the US 52 project. But let me say, that each highway project is unique and the outreach process is designed for that project. Which means that it is not unusual for the outreach activities to be different from one project to the next.

