

Meeting Highlights

In-Process Status Review Brookland Transportation and Streetscape Study January 11, 2006

The following is a brief summary of key items discussed at a meeting to review the status of the Brookland Transportation and Streetscape Study (see attached for list of attendees).

The meeting began with introductions of the Volkert/ Baker Study Team by Mr. Ken Laden. We continued with the introductions around the table. Mr. Boston arrived late.

The following bullets identify the issues that were developed during the meeting. It was an overall goal or objective of the meeting to “Restart” the Brookland Study.

- **Current Schedule**

The schedule for January and February is to Update the website, and distribute sufficient copies of the September 2005 “Draft” Report on Transportation and Streetscape Study. It was determined that the website would be updated with copies of all prior meeting minutes, show a schedule for the completion of the study, provide notification of upcoming meeting, and include a copy of the “Draft” report on the website. Volkert commented that from the beginning of the study process, we have had only a dozen questionnaires filled out via the website. It was determined that 30 copies of the “Draft” September 2005 report would be made, in a smaller format (8 1/2” x 11”) and would be distributed through the Brookland CDC.

- **Study Advisory Committee**

The Study Advisory Committee (SAC) has only met once at the beginning of the Study. Participation in the SAC is to be expanded to include representation from the local ANC as well as other to be determined by DDOT. Possible additions to the SAC could be an arborist, a representative from PEPCO, a representative from Catholic University. The suggestion for an urban forestry representative was positive, but they should only be called-in when items or issues specifically addressed to them arises. The first mission of the expanded SAC will be to develop the role and responsibility of the SAC.

- **Draft Study Report**

The Draft study report developed in September 2005 will be expanded and separated into two documents, one for the existing condition and for the streetscape and study recommendations. Some specific items were discussed with respect to the Draft Study report. They are as follows:

- The Volkert/ Baker Team has requested additional funding for this project based on the outcome of the Brookland Citizen concerns and requests.

- The Existing Condition section of the study document will be expanded to include additional transportation analysis to determine if additional multi-way stop control locations along 12th Street and along Monroe Street can be justified and therefore would help control the perceived speeding problems along these roadways through the Brookland neighborhood. Other traffic calming measures will be looked at along these corridors.
- Concern was shown for the potential of planned development adjacent to the Brookland Area in impact the Brookland Area.
- Metro access was also expressed as an issue.
- Concern about the existing overhead wires along 12th Street is an issue. We need to allow PEPCO to be involved in the possible total or partial removal of these overhead lines, or at least determine the costs associated with the removal from a total to a partial removal (possibly only in to heart of the Brookland Area at 12th Street and Monroe Street, N.W.
- Concern was expressed regarding the truck and bus traffic along Brookland streets.

- **Short and Long Term Improvements**

DDOT identified that the short term improvements for the Brookland Community would be those improvements that can be implemented within 12 months and the long term improvements were those improvements that are require a capital project to implement. However, DDOT commented that things such as the pedestrian marker or bollard that is missing from the intersection of 12th Street and Monroe Street, or pavement marking, missing signs should be called in the DDOT for immediate action.

- **Schedule**

The following schedule was proposed by DDOT for the completion of the study:

- January - Preliminary draft + 30, 8.5"x11" copies (as is).
- February - submit 2 reports on
 - Existing Traffic Conditions
 - Public Realm – Draft Recommendations
- March - Study Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting + Community Review of preliminary drafts
- April - Recommendations - preliminary
- June - Revised Reports + Back to community for additional comments
- Summer - Refine recommendations
- After Labor day - FINAL

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