

HILLSDALE DRIVE EXTENSION
May 8, 2007 Citizens Information Meeting
Meeting Summary

DATE: May 8, 2007
LOCATION: Senior Center, Inc.
1180 Pepsi Place
Charlottesville, VA 22901
TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE / COMMENTS RECEIVED:

- 99 people attended (see attached attendance sheet)
- 50 comment sheets were received (see attached PDF's)
- 8 oral comments were taken (see attached PDF of transcript)
- 6 email comments were received (see attached PDF)
- 1 letter was received (see attached PDF)

COMMENT SHEET SUMMARY

- 1 At this early stage of project development please provide the Study Team with your thoughts on the main design elements of the project and rank their importance to you.**

Main Important Element

- Traffic calming and Pedestrian safety
- Intersections vs. Roundabouts
- Landscaping

Main Comments

- Concern for Pedestrian safety is very important.
- Speed limit should be kept low to keep area safe.
- Parking should be a concern.
- Roundabouts are too confusing and frustrating.

2 Roundabouts and signalized intersections are both being considered as part of this improvement. From a driver and pedestrian perspective, please provide your thoughts on the use of roundabouts in this corridor.

- 29 Citizens opposed the roundabout idea for concern of pedestrians and the confusion that roundabouts could cause.
- 15 Citizens approve the roundabout idea because of the traffic calming capabilities.
- 1 Citizen opposed a roundabout intersection at Hillsdale & Greenbrier, but would support a roundabout at other locations

3 Landscape and Streetscape elements have been identified as important elements of this improvement. After reviewing the information presented, please provide your thoughts on any additional landscape / streetscape elements you would like to have considered.

- Trees are good and needed reduce noise.
- Sidewalks are very important and should be made big enough for pedestrians with walkers and in wheelchairs.
- Concerns over impacts to existing pond.

4 In our effort to provide you with opportunities for meaningful participation in this process, please answer the following questions and provide any comments you would like regarding these Public Participation opportunities.

Public Participation Opportunities

A. I have accessed the new Hillsdale Drive Extension Website for project information.

Yes 21 No 22

B. I have received a copy of the first Newsletter and found it easy to understand and informative.

Yes 27 No 12

C. The information at tonight's meeting was informative, easy to understand and met my expectations.

Yes 27 No 8

ORAL COMMENTS TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY

- Crosswalks and sidewalks are needed for pedestrian safety
- Consider signing/lighting to warn drivers to yield for pedestrians
- Concern over noise, consider a sound barrier
- Concern over additional traffic and diverting traffic from Route 29 and Hydraulic Rd.
- Concern over adding another intersection on already congested Hydraulic Rd.
- Concern over speeding, consider speed humps
- Concern over parking and grading impacts to the Senior Center and the Laurels
- Concern over pond relocation and potential flooding
- Concern that the Meadowcreek Parkway would not be built before Hillsdale Drive Extension, as the City/County had indicated
- Support for a roundabout at Hillsdale & Greenbrier so long as it is appropriately sized and sufficiently lighted
- Lack of support for roundabout intersections because of the difficulty for elderly residents to use and potential for accidents
- Consider path for motorized wheelchairs

EMAIL COMMENTS SUMMARY

- Concern over additional traffic from Route 29 and Hydraulic Rd. using Hillsdale Drive Extension as a cut-through
- Concern over pedestrian safety
- Concern over vehicles not obeying the 25 mph speed limit
- Consider combining Michie Drive and Hillsdale Drive Extension entrances on to Hydraulic Rd.
- Future transit service the design features should include roundabouts that are “transit-friendly”
- Consider transit and alignment issues when designing entrance at Hydraulic near KMART and Kroger
- Consider a trail connection to Route 29
- Current standard minimum widths for trails and sidewalks should be met
- If the roundabout and/or associated side walks and/or bicycle path impacts either right of way or property access, a regular intersection with traffic light should be considered
- Concern over safety to those (especially children) accessing the Cinema 4 theater

LETTER COMMENT SUMMARY

- The project will only serve the interests of existing and future businesses and will not cut down on congestion. It will make an already bad situation worse.
- The City and County should consider new, innovative ideas involving safe pedestrian, bicycle and mass transit facilities.
- Concern over impacting the pond at Hillsdale & Greenbrier