

Alexander Street and University Place Transit Task Force
October 9, 2013
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Appelget; Liverman, Simon, Wilkes

Staff: L. Solow, J. West, R. Kiser

Also in attendance: K. Cherry, C. Crider; R. Fisk; A. Lahnston; S. Sturges, R. Widener

Minutes:

August 7, 2013 - motion was made by Simon and Liverman seconded to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013 as amended. The vote was 4-0 from those eligible to vote.

Discussion:

a) AECOM Presentation from September 25th – Powerpoint presentation dated 9/25 was given. Must make it clear during the public discussions that some ideas could be resurrected but these are the current recommendations by AECOM. AECOM recommended a counterclockwise traffic system. AECOM consultants will be asked to attend both public discussions. URS was given a copy of this presentation. All scenarios should assess impacts on the neighborhood. To be determined is whether the overall benefits outweigh any detriments. Whatever recommendations are made, congestion is shifted to other intersections. Will the center be improved or will it become so congested that it will spill out and impact all the streets.

Needed for the evaluation is what is proposed for mass transit including the traffic impact at the round-about on University and Alexander. Reasons for some scenario rejections should be included in the presentation.

b) Future Public Presentations - Possible Dates

First public presentation date is November 9th to be held on the University campus. The meeting will be held at the Carl A. Fields Center at 9 or 9:30 am. In December the Planning Board will review the findings from the study, date for this meeting has not been determined. The core presentation for both public meetings should be the same but things learned during the November 9th meeting should be presented before the Planning Board.

Two options that were considered but were eliminated, closing Witherspoon Street and Mercer Street, should be presented along with the reasons for elimination. A summary meeting before Council was recommended by Simon prior to the PB presentation. Another meeting in January is anticipated to review all feedback.

New Business:

URS – team meeting scheduled on 10/24. KW will be in attendance. As URS evaluates potential alignments, the evaluation must include any impacts. Impact needs to be determined for each transit option. Model developed by AECOM should be merged with the transit proposal to determine potential impacts.

The block of Mercer between Alexander and Nassau needs further review. This one block is controllable if it is made into a one way street during peak hours.

Next Meeting: November 6, 2013