

SUMMARY OF MEETING



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- DATE:** July 26, 2017
- PROJECT:** Delaware Avenue Complete Streets Feasibility Study
- PLACE:** Town of Bethlehem Town Hall
- TIME:** 4:00 pm
- PURPOSE:** **The purpose of this meeting was to inform business and property owners on the status of the study, and to receive input on the alternatives.**

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Representing</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
See attached attendance sheet		

SUMMARY:

1. Welcome/Meeting Purpose – John Clarkson welcomed the business and property owners and thanked them for participating in the study. Mark Sargent explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review progress on the study, and receive input on the alternatives.
2. Background – CM briefly reviewed the study purpose and goals, as well as existing conditions in the corridor. An overview of the public information meeting held on February 16, 2017, was also provided.
 - a. Jim Giacone asked for clarification of the 4:1 cost benefit ratio seen on the Madison Avenue Road Diet in the City of Albany.
 - i. CM responded that the cost benefit ratio analysis considered the construction cost of the road diet in comparison with the cost of crashes saved.
3. Introduce Alternatives – CM briefly outlined the five alternatives (A – Null, B-Full Road Diet, C-Half Corridor Road Diet, D – 1-1-2 Eastbound, E – Westbound 2-1-1) that had been evaluated. During the overview, the following comments and topics were highlighted:
 - a. A question was asked about the safety benefits under the Half Corridor Road Diet alternative.
 - i. CM stated there would be a safety benefit in the eastern segment of the study area. There would be no safety benefit in the western segment.
 - b. A question was asked about the impacts on other roads in Bethlehem as a result of the three to four percent peak hour traffic diversion away from Delaware Avenue under the Full Road Diet alternative.
 - i. CM responded that the diversion would be negligible when considering daily traffic volumes and how traffic dissipates across the network.
 - ii. Rob Leslie stated that in order for traffic to divert from Delaware Avenue, travel times on other routes would need to be shorter than on Delaware Avenue.
 - c. Jim Giacone asked if there would be more crashes in other locations as a result of traffic diversion.

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- b. It was noted that without reducing the number of lanes on the west segment of Delaware Avenue, there are few opportunities for safety improvements including enhanced pedestrian crossings.
 - c. Commander Hornick stated that new traffic patterns generally lead to new complaints and issues, and noted that increased queues may impede emergency vehicles.
 - d. Jim Giacone stated that there are pros and cons associated with the proposed alternatives. The traffic calming, beautification and a crosswalk are beneficial, but if traffic diverts from Delaware Avenue it could mean less business.
 - e. Karin Giacone asked how a reduction in lanes would impact large vehicles and their ability to access businesses for deliveries.
 - i. CM responded that trucks would be able to turn as they do today, except to/from the new lane arrangement. It was also clarified that there are currently no proposed raised medians on the west segment of Delaware Avenue.
6. Next Steps/ Schedule – A public meeting is scheduled for 6:00pm on Tuesday September 26, 2017 at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m.

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cc: Attendees
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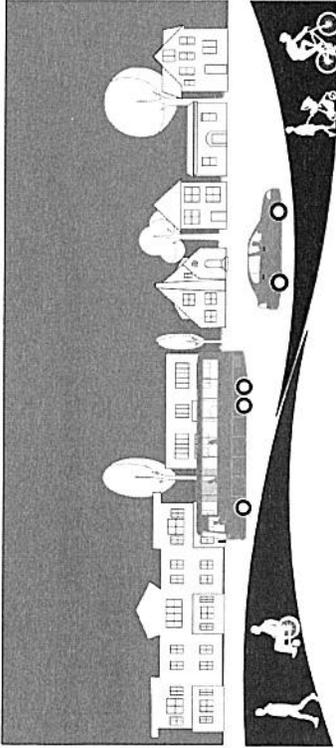
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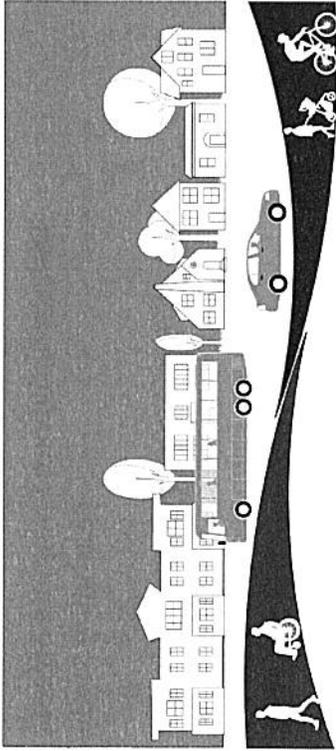
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Feasibility Study

Business and Property Owner Meeting

Bethlehem Town Hall, Albany, NY
Thursday, July 26, 2017
4:00 p.m.



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Study Advisory Committee Meeting

Bethlehem Town Hall, Albany, NY
Wednesday, July 26, 2017
4:00 p.m.

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