



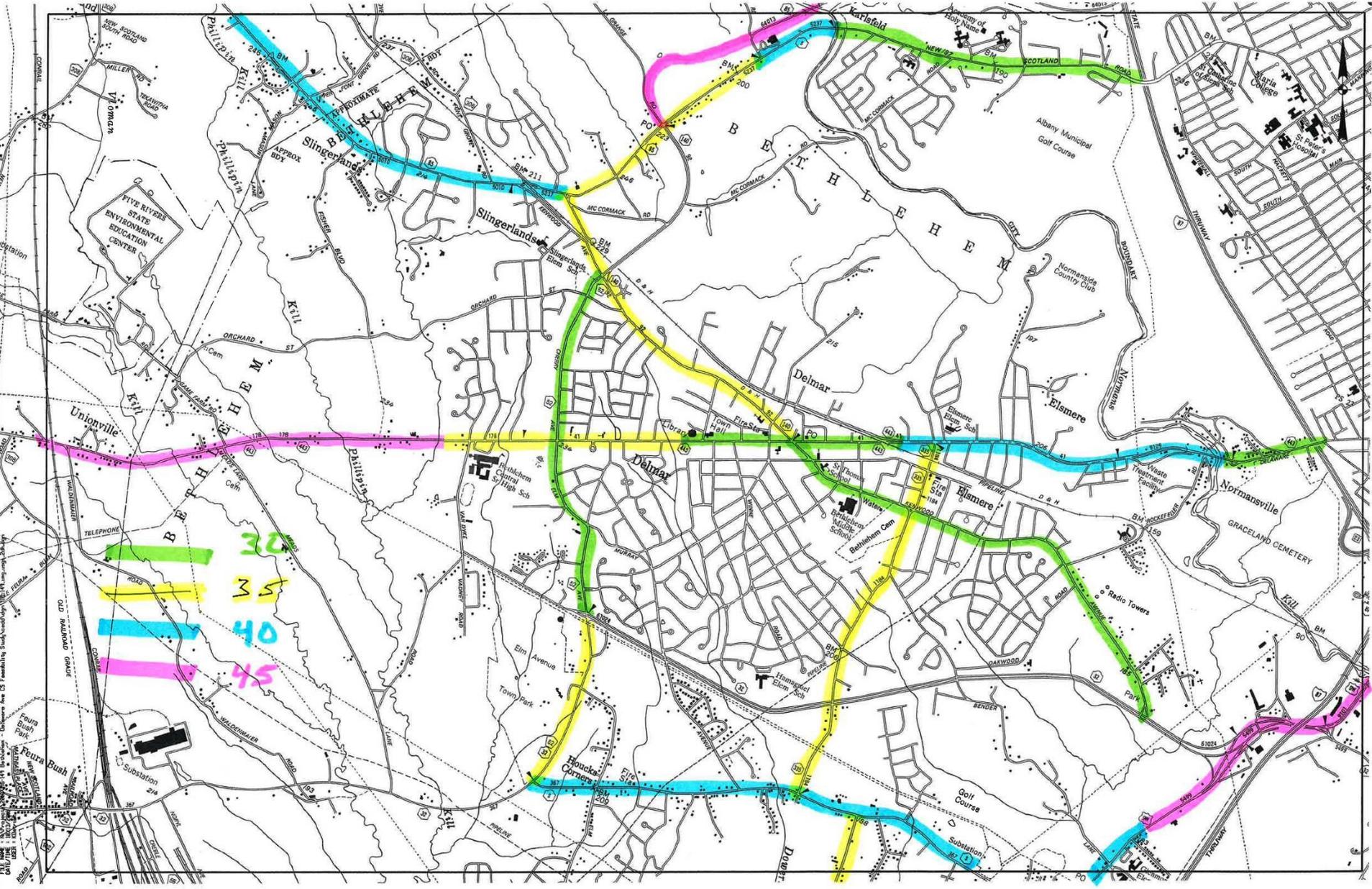
Capital District  
Transportation  
Committee



# Delaware Avenue Complete Streets

## FEASIBILITY STUDY

# Area Speed Limits



# Field Walk (Oct 18, 2016)

- Access Management: Delaware Plaza; 163, 210, 212, 214 Delaware Ave, etc.
- Sidewalk / Crosswalk upgrades / Crossing locations
- Proposed Dev: DD drive-thru, 224 Delaware Apts; Leonard Pl 16 units, etc.
- Trees / green space: Good Examples; + south side of Delaware Ave opportunity, +Albany Med building
- Gateway / median
- Pocket Park(s)
- Bus stop spacing
- Maintenance Strip: condition / appearance
- Trail connection: Mason Rd / Plymouth Ave
- Sign clutter





### **Safety**

People should be able to move around safely by any mode. The safety benefits of a transportation action – capital or operational -- various complete streets alternatives can be calculated and described. Quantitatively, crash reduction factors will be used to calculate the safety attendant to certain types of improvements. Qualitatively, the presence of an accommodation, or perceptions about safety will also be used to convey safety benefits. [for example, the presence of sidewalks in good condition or midblock pedestrian crossings or cycling space can help protect walkers, cyclists, and transit users can be used as a measure of risk reduction]



### **Access**

The transportation system of a community should provide mobility choices and/or connections for all modes. Will the proposed action or treatment make it easier for the community to access a business, school, housing, etc.? Access can be measured by simply noting the presence of a facility or service, or by noting where gaps in the system are closed. [examples can include easements across properties to make it easier to walk between land uses; direct connection to transit; shared parking; new or better ped crossings, etc]



### **Economy**

There are legitimate concerns about how certain actions (eliminating travel lanes, lane repurposing, driveway consolidation, etc) might negatively affect traffic operations for automobile travel, and perceptions that increased travel times might negatively affect businesses. Changes in vehicle travel time and other service level measures using accepted traffic engineering methods will be reported. Changes in accessibility (how easy it is to drive or walk to businesses) will be described, drawing upon the experiences in other communities across the country.



### **Place**

The Town's Comprehensive Plan calls for creating an attractive and livable community, especially along the town's major street corridors. Ensuring that Delaware Avenue is transformed into a high quality corridor helps project a positive image of the community. A vibrant and economically healthy transportation system supports the goals of improving public health by providing an environment that supports and encourages physical activity. Condition and presence of transportation and land use features are good ways of measuring place. Improved quality of transportation features, low vacancy rates, reasonable levels-of-service by mode, cultural or public art, and streetscape improvements can be used to evaluate place.

# Major Street Alternatives

1. Null Alternative: Maintain four Lanes
2. Full Road Diet
3. Partial Road Diet
4. ....
5. ..

# Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- What is the goal of the PPP
- Who
  - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
  - Study Advisory Committee (SAC)
  - General Public
- How
  - Meetings
    - » TAC
    - » SAC
    - » Public
  - Website and Social Media
  - Print Media
  - Email

# Public Meeting 1 – Before the Meeting

- Get the word out
  - Flyer
  - Websites
  - Email
  - Press Release
  - Town notices

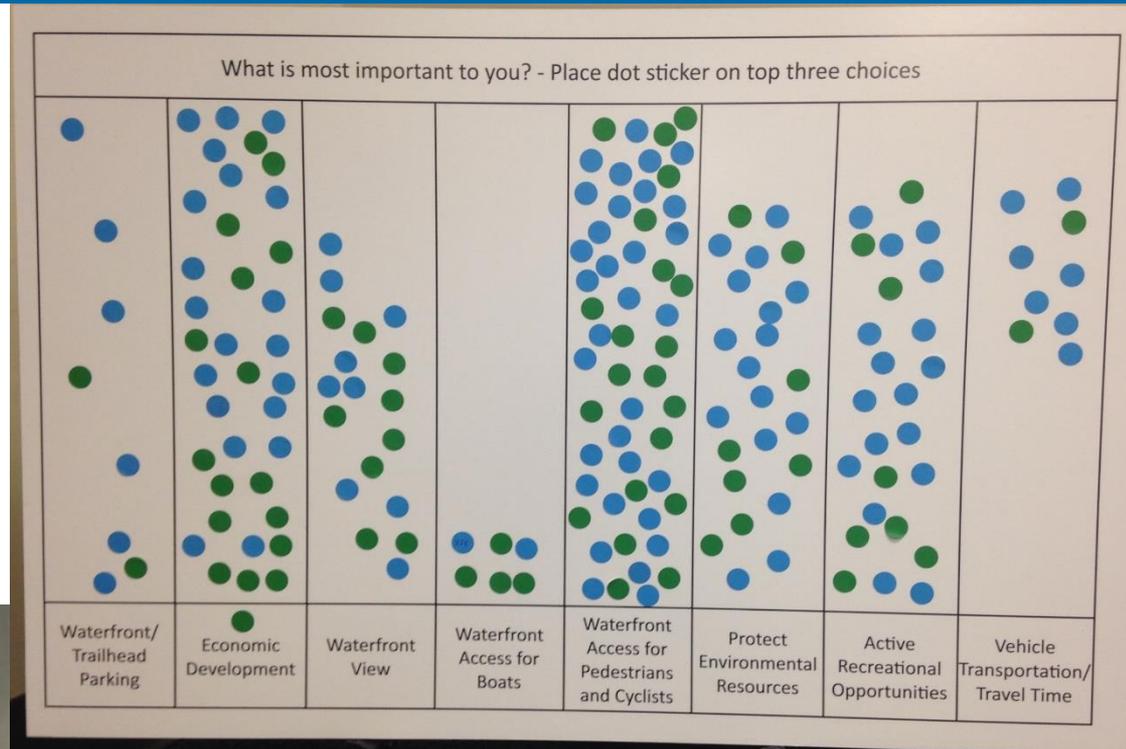
The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website for the Delaware Ave Complete Streets Feasibility Study. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://delawareavecompletestreets.com>. The website's main heading is "Delaware Ave Complete Streets Feasibility Study". Below the heading is a navigation menu with links for "About", "Stakeholders", "Schedule", "Events", "Links", and "Contacts". The main content area features a large illustration of a street scene with a yellow bus, a yellow car, a person walking, a person in a wheelchair, a person pushing a stroller, and a person riding a bicycle. Below the illustration is a "Featured Post" section with a "Leave a comment" link. At the bottom of the page, there is a "TEXT WIDGET" section with a search bar and a search input field.

# Public Meeting 1 - Approach

- Welcome/Sign-in
  - Presentation Boards
    - » Goals and Objectives
- Activity #1
- Presentation
  - Purpose / Ex. Cond.
  - What are Complete Streets?
  - Road Diet Definition & Potential Benefits
- Activity #2



# Activity #1 - Define Priorities



# Activity # 2 - Issues and Ideas

- 4 groups
- 1 Facilitator per group
- Approx. 20-30 min.
- Goals
  - Identify Issues
  - Brainstorm Ideas



*Tentative*  
Public Meeting  
on  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Thank you

