

Provided below is a summary of comments provided at the public meeting.

Breakout Group 1 – Facilitator: Rob Leslie / Mark Kelly

Vision:

- Population adjacent to corridor
- Accessibility/all users
- Shorter statement
- “Legacy” community
- Mix diversity of retail
- Maintenance of roadway
- *Independent business owners

Projects:

- Trees – planned
- Shelters, benches
- Reduce speed
- Crosswalk
- Lighting
- Signage
- Landlord relations
- Access to rail trail (RT)
- Gateway
- Flowers/baskets

Breakout Group 2 – Facilitator: John Taylor / Terri Egan

Vision:

- Need resident input – what can business community do to help residents in area
- Attractive too generic – more detail/definition needed
- Emphasize walkability
- Need to differentiate from 24 other communities – no others have a rail trail
- Connection/connector rail trail to other communities
- Get people from RT to businesses
- Markers on RT
- Cohesive nature – 4 Corners to down past Plaza
- Make walking more appealing past CVS
- Emphasize some big community projects with mix of smaller landowner/business owner control grant program
- Add sustainable

Projects:

- Public space for small parks
 - Verizon green space
 - Park & Ride by Warbler
- Mohawk Hudson trails
- City owned water line property
- Green energy - electric charging, solar panels
- Chamber – maps of trail heads and RT access points
- Emphasize RT access/connection
- Better trash clean up/disposal – quieter
- Trees and greenery, solar powered lamp posts, banners
- Façade/face lifts – diversity and uniqueness is good
- Lighting on buildings
- Signage, creative fencing, benches and tables
- Gateway from Albany
 - Make maintenance free
 - Stamped concrete
 - Archway
- Money – ¼ lighting, ¼ gateway, ½ grant
- Access points to RT – pave, make safe

Breakout Group 3 – Facilitator: Leslie Lombardo / Robin Nagengast

Vision:

- Good vision for 5-10 years from now
- Add walkability – important, traffic is too loud, too fast
- Rail trail is a major component, access to and from should be improved
- Move RT into target area for funds
- Sustainability should be driving force for improvements ex. Pollinator gardens on Albany Skyway
- Support for business investment in property appearance, help with landscape maintenance
- Consistency with comprehensive plan
- Reduce wording to remove redundancy
- Make corridor the primary shopping district
- Balance desire for more people with issues caused by density
- Stress locally owned
- Safe accessibility to businesses

Projects:

- Links to RT
- Use the \$2.9M complete streets funding for improvements

- Façade improvements – more attractive, better consistency
- Improve aged infrastructure/drainage issues ex. Delaware Plaza
- Mixed use/adaptive reuse – similar to Hamlet suggestion: add residential component to Normanskill Blvd
- Green space to RT areas for congregating ex. Voorheesville pavilion
- Planters as buffers between sidewalk and street ex. Glens Falls
- More municipal parking and wayfinding signs
- Lighting along RT for walkers to access businesses in the evening
- Create a design concept for aesthetic standards ex. Ann Arbor, MI
- Create nodes along the corridor including parking, own character, walkable to businesses ex. 4 Corners is a node of activity
- Wayfinding signage from RT to Delaware and also along Delaware
- Gazebo/green space behind Hannaford and link along the access road behind Plaza to Delaware
- Mitigate:
 - Light pollution and noise pollution, specifically apartments across from car wash
 - ADA compliance/access to RT
 - Excessive paved areas

Breakout Group 4 – Facilitator: Nate Owens / Dave Gordon

Vision:

- Consistent signs
- Welcoming structures and feel
- Not cookie cutter
- Greener
- Art
- Branding
- No wayfinding signs
- Slowing traffic

Projects

- Entranceway
- Public trash cans
- Artwork throughout
- Yellow brick theme
- Winter sidewalk clearing
- TD bank repurposed
- Lighting trees benches trash
- Low impact lighting
- Independent businesses grant program
- Treelined streets
- Integrate more bus stops

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- Plaza area green spaces and enhance outdoor dining
- School's Out art wall and school walkway
- Work with garden clubs/arborists
- Parking strategies and allocation
- Interesting historic or thematic artwork