



Public Workshop 1 Summary

Date: October 24, 2019
Location: Harrisburg Town Hall, Council Chambers
Time: 6-7:30 pm

Meeting Purpose

This drop-in workshop helped to educate attendees about the Harrisburg Community Transportation Plan development process and allowed them to participate in a series of interactive stations. Information generated from the participants supplemented the feedback gathered during the first Steering Committee meeting, town council briefings, and the survey. The feedback contributed to the initial phase of the planning process, including the creation of guiding statements and understanding of existing conditions. Attendees were given an informational handout and survey at sign-in and were encouraged to visit each station to provide feedback. The survey was an opportunity for attendees to identify their visions and goals for Harrisburg's transportation systems. The results of the survey have been summarized.

Meeting Objectives

1. Educate participants on the planning process
2. Identify community values through a variety of interactive exercises and the survey
3. Gather feedback on existing conditions

Meeting Notice and Advertisement

The meeting was advertised through the distribution of the public workshop flyer and online at Harrisburgnc.org.

Activities and Summary of Results

Sign-In

- **Intent:** Gather a record of attendees.
- **Description:** A welcome station was posted by the entrance to the Council Chambers. Attendees were asked to sign-in by providing their name and email address. Email addresses collected were added to a notification list for future project meetings. Participants were also given their information handout and survey.
- **Outcome:** This exercise provided a record of attendees for future use in the planning process. 21 people attended the meeting.

Scrolling Presentation

- **Intent:** Welcome participants, describe the planning process, and encourage their active participation.
- **Description:** A scrolling presentation was set up on a loop for participants to view. The presentation included a collection of slides that describes the planning process and explained the existing transportation conditions of Harrisburg.
- **Outcome:** This station informed participants about the planning process and set the stage for more meaningful input at the activity stations.

Priority Ranking

- **Intent:** Allow individuals to express a priority for guiding principles of the CTP which are as follows:
 - Address congestion along major roadways
 - Foster a sense of place by offering options to walk or bike
 - Promote access to places outside the community
 - Ensure easy access, connectivity, safety for all modes of transportation
 - Integrate land use decision making and transportation investment strategies
- **Description:** Participants were asked to rank the five guiding principles in order from least to most important on their personal game board. Once completed, participants turned in their game boards for documentation in CTP development. It was emphasized that planning themes at the bottom of the pyramid will not be discarded and will be addressed in the plan.
- **Outcome:** The exercise gathered input into the guiding principles. Following the workshop, feedback during this exercise and other stations was used to develop a set of goals and objectives. In the chart below, responses are ranked based on participants' priority (first, second, or third) of the planning themes. These were then combined to gain a sense of the public's ranking of the guiding principles.
- **Key Takeaways:** People placed a high value on addressing congestion along major roadways. This is likely connected to the traffic that travels on NC 49 through downtown Harrisburg.

| Guiding Principles | Total Respondents | | | Overall Rank |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Top Priority | Second Tier Priority | Third Tier Priority | |
| Address congestion along major roadways | 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Integrate land use decision making and transportation investment strategies | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Foster a sense of place by offering options to walk or bike | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Promote access to places outside the community | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Ensure easy access, connectivity, safety for all modes of transportation | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 |

Needs Identification

- **Intent:** Identify issues related to traffic flow, travel choices, and safety.
- **Description:** Participants viewed two maps and placed colored dots to note concerns with the transportation system. These dots represented traffic flow (i.e. congestion), travel choices (i.e. bicycle, pedestrian, and transit needs), and safety. Post-It notes were provided to encourage participants to provide specific feedback.
- **Outcome:** This exercise yielded specific areas and corridors in the study area that represent issues related to the guiding statements. While dots were placed throughout the map geography, clusters of dots emerged in certain areas where participants identified areas of greater concern. This information was compared with projects in past planning efforts to help shape preliminary recommendations.
- **Key Takeaways:** The predominant issues mentioned pertained to congestion issues on NC 49, NC 49 at Harrisburg Veterans and Roberta Road, and congestion related to school traffic, and safety on Roberta Road and Main Street, Tom Query Road and Caldwell Road, and safety on the curves on Rocky River Road. The third predominate issue was a lack of travel choices on NC 49, Hickory Ridge Road, and on Stallings Road.

Comments

Danger left out of Main Street

Danger out of Rocky Rover Crossing Subdivision at Morehead Road and Roberta Road

Danger on Stallings Road at Hickory Ridge Road

Congestion on NC 49 in town limit

Roberta Road at NC 49 has congestion in all four directions

Congestion on NC 49 from Morehead Road to Blackwelder Road

Create pedestrian overpasses at NC 49/Roberta Road and at NC 49 and the new Amtrak Station

Speed limit on NC 49 stops semitrucks too often

Main Street and Professional Boulevard need either speed bumps or stop signs (four-way stops) since people are trying to avoid NC 49

Add a safe crosswalk from the town center to the new train stop

Realign drive to connect to Parallel Drive for DOT to install traffic signal

Safety issues at Bradford Park curve - will only increase with Farmington going in

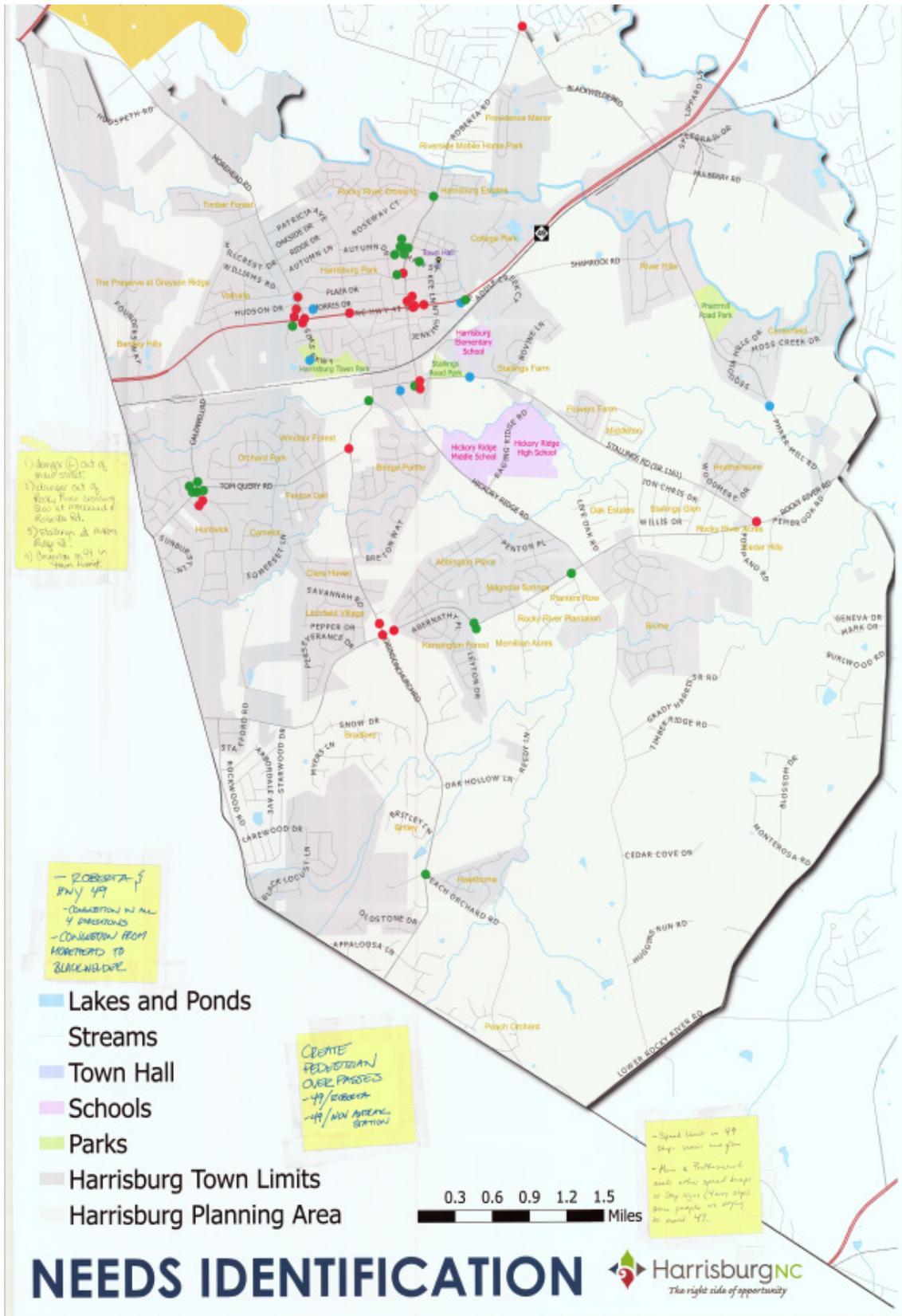
Grass medians on NC 49

School traffic gets extremely backed up. Adding turn lanes at Rocky River Road and Stallings Road would help.

Harrisburg Veterans Road bridge has congestion and safety issues

Infrastructure first before more housing developments

Needs Identification – Map 1



Needs Identification – Map 2

