



Downtown Transit Alternatives Analysis Core Stakeholder Group, Meeting #2

**May 25, 2010 – 3:30PM to 5:00PM – Downtown Library
Meeting Notes**

In Attendance: Susan Myer, Brian Pitcher, Judy Cole, Andrew Rowles, Joanne Wright, Mayor Verner, Karl Otterstrom, Molly Myers, Roger Flint, David Knowles, Michelle Hege

The following notes are a summary of the group discussion during the meeting.

1. Welcome, agenda review
2. Project update
3. Project Goals and Objectives
 - a. Discussion: we need to balance the “character of the neighborhood” with transit needs. Need to preface the document with a statement that says the goals balance the needs of transit with the stated goals. Example: a neighborhood could say taking out parking spots along one block ruined the character of the neighborhood.
 - b. Question about whether fixed rail should be a part of the goals. Discussion that this is a technique or a means to reach the goal, but all options will be reviewed against how well they achieve the goals.
 - c. Suggestion: add Kendall Yards to the list of activity nodes in the document
4. Preliminary Long List of Alternatives
 - a. May 6th work session review. There are 7 different ideas.
 - b. Two types of centers: areas where there is existing activities and places where there will be more activity in the future. 12 total.
 - c. Possible routes outlined in the universe of alternatives memo. 7 possibilities.
 - d. Questions/comments:
 - i. Kendall Yards plan?
 - ii. We are not to the point of drawing a master plan yet
 - iii. Some possibilities don't serve different needs (like some bypass downtown)?
 - iv. Need to identify all the possible alignments before we begin prioritizing
 - v. Question/discussion: what activity nodes would you connect?

1. Do we have demographic information on where folks live who travel to university district? No, we have trip data.
 2. Concern about why some neighborhoods are represented and not. Study area represents a “super accessibility” zone.
 3. Call them activity nodes NOT centers
 4. What are your priorities? Discussion: downtown to the university district to medical center.
 5. Connect highest density trip generators to developable areas, connect core to university district. That is the heart of the initial alignment.
 6. Browne’s Addition is residential. Not many development opportunities.
 7. Most development opportunities: University District, South University, East Downtown.
 8. Most trip activity: University district to medical and to downtown
 9. Where will tourists go? Where are the hotels on the line?
 10. What about the orange route with a loop on the west and a loop on the right? Like orange and lavender? The east half of the lavender with the orange? Or the east part of purple with orange?
 11. Would be good to do overlay with all the routes on one map?
 12. Or show combinations of different routes...can demonstrate phasing...and show end-goal.
 13. Show us the system that does it all...then we can prioritize what goes first.
 14. Have to consider all the different options...then can look at data, apply priorities.
- vi. Mode discussion
1. I like electric trolley bus...moderate speed, capacity and not too expensive
 2. Wouldn’t rule out tram from university district to hospitals
5. Public meetings:
- a. Have separate big tent meeting with SRTC, city council, etc. to educate and gain discussion
 - b. No further comments about public involvement plan