

# Appendix D8

Public Meeting 2 Breakout Notes

## Brodhead Road Corridor Study – Public Meeting Two

### Breakout Room 1 - Center Township Commercial Area

1. Participants liked the roundabout alternative.
2. Is there a reason to not have a bypass lane traveling northbound on Brodhead to Old Brodhead with the roundabout option?
3. Need to ensure two lane portion of roundabout accommodates tractor trailer movements.
4. SB Brodhead Road to Wagner Road left turn lane is needed.
5. SB Brodhead Road to Old Brodhead Road right turn lane is needed.
6. Concern with traffic using Stone Quarry Road to North Branch Road as a cut-off.
7. Traffic heading east from Frankfort Road doesn't recognize left turn vehicles, many crashes there.

## **Brodhead Road Public Meeting #2**

*Discussion Notes / Breakout Room #2 (Center Township Residential and School Area)*

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1. *N Branch Rd @ Old Brodhead Rd* – Relative to diverting vehicular or ped/bike traffic to North Branch Rd at Old Brodhead Rd, providing or encouraging ped crossings at that location was not perceived as a good idea. Safety concerns due to visibility, speeding, and crashes at that intersection may be problematic, while widening at the intersection may also be required for vehicles to be able to make the turns efficiently.
2. *Baker Road @ Brodhead Rd* – property owner concerns were raised in relation to existing crash/safety issues, potential right-of-way impacts, and direct property access/parking impacts. Future engineering studies or concept design would need to consider tying together the property access. Questions also asked about potentially closing Baker Road all together and diverting traffic to the existing traffic signal at Community College Drive. It was noted that was not considered as an option and could be problematic in terms of, for example, direct access to the school or emergency service response in the area.
3. *Relative to "Priorities"* – Emergency service attendee noted that Pleasant Dr and Frankfort Rd / Old Brodhead Rd typically had the highest levels of emergency response calls, and so should be considered highest priorities throughout the area in terms of improvements needed.
4. *Pleasant Drive* – Relative to general access from properties along Pleasant Drive, there were questions as to whether any barrier/median could/should be proposed along Pleasant Drive to prevent left-turns from businesses on the south side of Pleasant Drive across two lanes of traffic back toward I-376. It was noted that such a divider was not currently part of the alternatives being considered.

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### Breakout Room 4 – Hopewell Township School and Shopping Center

#### Laird

1. Buses leaving junior high make the proposed configuration difficult.
  - Buses turning from Laird onto Maratta may have sight/turn radius issues
  - Buses cross Brodhead along Laird to take students down to Kane Road
  - Would need to run this alternative by the district
  - Crossing guard currently assists in this location, often starts at Laird and Circle and then walks down to Brodhead. This is in addition to crossing guard at senior high (different times).
2. Most people use Laird as a cut-through, road is not in great condition to support this. This would make Laird more comfortable to use, could increase traffic.
3. Slope makes pulling from Laird north onto Brodhead dangerous given speeding. As shown, vehicles coming from park would be sitting down/back on a slope.
  - If no one is making a right turn onto Longvue, this is an area where everyone is accelerating.

#### Longvue/Cherry/Shopping Center

1. Breakout attendees were most supportive of adding a signal at either Cherry or a location south of Cherry between Fox's and the old Blockbuster video. The least favored option was adding a signal at the existing shopping center entrance.
  - Jamie Yurcina and the shopping center owner have discussed the south-of-Cherry idea as a *single* entrance for the shopping center, one in-and-out. Would relieve traffic and safety concerns, would avoid disturbing entrances to Brusters, Wesbanco.
  - From a safety standpoint, front of shopping center would be “just a disaster”
2. The shopping center is *not* well maintained, owner currently doesn't want anyone using ROW. If ROW belonged to township, owner would no longer be responsible for maintaining it.
3. Shopping center owner is strongly in favor of a signal, claims that a Rite Aid that considered locating in the center backed out due to lack of signal.
4. Homeowners along Longvue would likely appreciate light going in at Cherry (instead of at Longvue), potential concern of vehicle queues at light blocking driveways.
5. Has the team considered using the two adjacent vacant parcels to connect Laird to Longvue and create a four-way intersection?

## General

- A turning lane alone in this area might help relieve traffic but *wouldn't* help the safety aspect. We need to slow traffic down, not encourage people to accelerate through this area.
- Need to consider effects of combining solutions (the "T" and a signal at Longvue could push people into inconvenient routes and send them looking for shortcuts).
- Used to be an unofficial walking path between Scottswood apartments and high school. Still see people walking there, though it is not maintained.
- Walking along Brodhead is not safe without sidewalks – walking on even a wide shoulder is unsafe.
- Need for improved general maintenance of businesses along Brodhead. Current conditions appear to show lack of care about the community. "Not the Brodhead Road I knew when I was a kid."

### **Five Points Breakout Room Comments**

- Traffic could cut through the CVS and McDonald's parking lots if Heights Rd is closed
- Matt Boyko couldn't see the graphics when he clicked the survey link – he is a PennDOT employee and that could be the problem
  - He tried on Edge and on Chrome and didn't have any luck
  - Ryan Gordon got it working in Chrome with his personal laptop
  - Matt said his PennDOT VPN could have been the problem, he got it working on a personal laptop without the VPN
- Commercial properties could consider closure to their traffic flow as a negative under any alternative
- Ryan Gordon asked if we considered rerouting Heights Rd and connecting it to Laurel somewhere else

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