

CENTRE SOUTH

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

Citizens Advisory Group Meeting

Sept. 30, 2009

Notes

VISION

- Community ownership and participation
- Special places for people to be
- Create environment that encourages people to choose car-free transportation.
 - Still need cars for commercial interests
- Encourage vibrant local business community
- Connect and enhance existing spaces
- Coordinate with ongoing projects
 - First Baptist

GREAT STREETS

- Narrow sidewalks on corridor do not meet “Space to Walk” criteria
- Complimentarity—Auto uses in certain segments are not complimentary
- Sidewalks are not “fully public” because abutters have some maintenance responsibility
- Narrow sidewalks restrict ability to make great spaces or add items of interest
- The assessment presented is overly optimistic
- Encourage second floor uses with terraces in front
- Can bump outs be added for trees
- We need to look at the larger issue
 - 75% of right of way is for cars
 - 25% for everyone else
- Arborway Committee is running forums on “Visioning Centre Street”

INVENTORY

- Vineet says “Radically rethink the street”
 - What is a 21st century street?
 - “Complete” streets’
- Coordinate with ongoing city efforts
 - Bike sharing
 - Complete Streets
- “Best Practices” for sustainability
 - Street trees
- Activate the backs of buildings, especially where adjacent to rear parking
- Topography is a consideration for different populations
 - e.g. Stop & Shop bus stop is on slope to store making it difficult to use for seniors
- We need to incorporate different perspectives
 - Youth perspective
 - Handicap perspective

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- Morgan Memorial Goodwill store is moving into Woolworths building
 - No commitment for early delivery- before 7 am
- CVS deliveries regularly block the street
- Enforcement of Parking Regulations (Employer Parking)
- Harris Avenue lot is underutilized – Behind CVS
- Merchants and business owners are users of the corridor as well
- J.P. Health Center has many employees and customers
 - How do we encourage alternative travel
 - Encouraging bicycling
- Local and regional users each must be considered
- Limited space on sidewalk causes people to cross the street at awkward places
- Bicycle lanes are being installed throughout the City – from Roslindale to Downtown – They are being painted now
- Encourage thinking beyond visually in how we think of the corridor or vision
 - Sense of smell – Wonderful aromas from restaurants
 - More music on street – create a venue for music
- Pond St/Jackson Square Kiosks
- Street Trees – Chan Krieger
- Pond St – Connects to pond
- Think green in visual terms - bury all utilities
- Install maps, signage
- Pedestrian paths/parking behind shops
- Historical Districts – Monument Square