Upper North District Plan
Summary of Public Comments

**THRIVE**

- **From the 9/12/16 Public Meeting**
  - Re-establishment of the Cheltenham-Ogontz BID should be a priority recommendation
  - Negative impacts from nuisance uses such as beer sales and methadone clinics should be minimized
  - More gas stations are needed
  - While access to healthy food is desirable, the Healthy Corner Store initiative has not been effective.
  - New housing should be affordable to area residents
  - Institutions have grown unpredictably and need limits to prevent encroachment on neighborhoods; Grow the collaboration between medical and other institutions

- **From Formal Written Comments:**
  - The 4th Highway District cannot be relocated to SEPTA land due to space constraints (SEPTA)
  - Add recommendation to group multiple small commercial corridors for purposes of applying for Commerce Department funding for a Corridor Manager (CM Parker)
  - Add Vernon Road and Washington Lane to the commercial corridors included in the Cheltenham BID (CM Parker)
  - Reword Recommendation 3 (Consolidate commercial zoning) for clarity (CM Parker)
  - Reword Recommendation 4 (Make critical repairs to public facilities) to be more general (CM Parker)
  - Study feasibility of zoning for accessory dwelling units before recommending implementation (CM Parker)
Recommend support for Adaptive Modification and other programs to help seniors stay in their homes (CM Parker)

Recommend changes to the Basic Systems Repair Program (CM Parker)

Add recommendation to create municipal service center in/near the Upper North (CM Parker)

**CONNECT**

- **From the 9/12/16 Public Meeting**
  - Strong support for building a pedestrian connection from 7th Street to Fern Rock Transportation Center
  - Strong support for improving safety and efficiency of bus movements at Olney T.C. and Fern Rock T.C.
  - Enlarge Olney T.C. to facilitate more buses
  - Clean up trash in the area around Olney T.C.
  - Parking study for Broad and Olney
  - Improve access to shopping and jobs from Olney (neighborhood)
  - A traffic study should be performed in the vicinity of LaSalle University
  - Support for pedestrian improvements at 66th Avenue and Broad Street
  - Slow down traffic speeds on Cheltenham Ave
  - Support for improving bus stops and shelters near Cheltenham Mall
  - Upgraded bus shelters at major transfer points
  - Logan and Wyoming BSL stations need lighting and trash cans
  - Avoid changes to traffic patterns that increases traffic on smaller neighborhood streets
  - Wister station (Regional Rail) needs improvement
  - Route 75 bus is really slow
  - Make sure sidewalks are in good condition
  - Sidewalks are needed on portions of Limekiln Pike
  - Residential driveways are deteriorating and need to be repaired
- Speed bumps are needed on some residential streets, including Mt Pleasant Avenue

**From Formal Written Comments:**

- Add SEPTA as an implementing partner for Recommendations 17 and 18 (SEPTA)
- Request to establish public funding for reconstruction of private driveways (Sylvia Bey)
- Broaden language in recommendation 22 (Improve access to business) to recommend a detailed traffic study (CM Parker)
- Recommend locations for new crosswalks in specific locations (CM Parker)

**RENEW**

**From the 9/12/16 Public Meeting**

- Reopen the activity building at Fisher Park and host more community events
- Prevent vandalism at Fisher Park’s community garden
- Cemeteries are not good substitutes for community parks or playgrounds
- Support for improving safety and connections at Tacony Creek Park
- Cheltenham – 19th still does not have a plan for improving access to open space
- Strong support for recommendation to build stewardship for Wakefield Park and Wister’s Woods
- Use “Hill-Freedman” instead of Leeds in recommendation text
- Strong support for protecting historic resources, including buildings in the Logan business district, the Dietz family house, the Wadsworth Avenue business district, the Incarnation church (5th and Lindley)
- Support for reactivating the historic ceremonial gate at the Widener School
- Can a walking path be built in East Oak Lane?
- Include a butterfly garden and wildflower meadow in the rehabilitation of the recreation center at Morris Mansion

**From Formal Written Comments:**

- Include F.S. Edmonds School and Ben Johnston fields as potential location for greened school yards (CM Parker)
- Identify specific gateways at the district’s edges (CM Parker)
- Identify more opportunities for benches and seating in community areas, bike lanes, and bike share (Logan Community Enterprise)

**FOCUS AREAS**

**Broad and Lindley Sub-Area**

- **From the Public Meeting**
  - A farmer’s market would work well at Hunting Park and Old York Road
  - Create a North Broad/Old York Road connection through lighting and signage
  - Lighting needed under the rail overpass, like bridge at 23rd and Market
  - Under train overpass needs cleaning
  - Public space – plaza dedicated to fallen Firefighter is not known to the community. Improve this plaza
  - Why can’t Logan have a CDC again to work on business and community concerns
  - Clean and improve the plaza at Windrim and Old York Road with trees and seating
  - Do not build bike lanes on Old York Road or establish new one-way streets
  - Worried about one-way traffic on Old York Road
  - How do you make sure it stays clean?
  - Address congestion on Broad before changing Old York Road
  - Need a stop sign or signal at Wagner and 13th
  - Eliminate trash along Broad Street
  - Storefronts need improvement – little pedestrian appeal
  - More attractive storefronts needed at Broad and Olney

- **From Formal Written Comments:**
  - Support the beautification of the train overpass, improvement of the Lt. Harvey Plaza, and programming of events in public open space in Logan (Logan Community Enterprise)
**Broad and Olney Sub-Area**

- **From the Public Meeting**
  - Broad and Olney recommendations look good!
  - Business association and corridor manager – great idea!
  - Very much agree with BID for Broad and Olney
  - Broad and Olney needs quality stores and restaurants that local residents can use
  - Pretzel Factory is a good example of positive addition to retail mix
  - Need more transparency with storefronts at Broad and Olney
  - Office building potential at Broad and Olney
  - Agree with closing Old York road at Einstein, more opportunities for road diet along this corridor?
  - Not sure about closing portions of Old York Road, don’t slim down Old York Road, not a lot of interest in riding bikes from local residents
  - Reduce loitering at bus stops, improve safety and security, add more street lights, add more street trees at Broad and Olney
  - Delaware Valley Charter School causes mess on Old York Road, Sidewalk congestion at Girls’ High is an issue
  - Olney totally congested, Still too much traffic on Tabor, Lots of commuters park near Olney T.C. to use SEPTA
  - We should use every piece of space for beautification, frontages of Shevchenko Park could be used as dog parks—wasted grass needs programming
  - Additional parking, security improvements, better lighting and seating, and overhead protection for bus bays at Fern Rock T.C.
  - Pedestrian connection from 5th Street to Fern Rock T.C. is more likely to be a tunnel because of overhead wires.

**Oak Lane Sub-Area**

- **From the Public Meeting**
  - Reinforce and celebrate historic value of Oak Lane Park
  - Support for improving the Old York Road business corridor in East Oak Lane
  - Don’t support building to front property line
Security a concern on Old York – especially auto theft

Fearful of Temple U. – type, monumental buildings in East Oak Lane

No median on 66th Avenue of any kind

Use Old York Road to relieve traffic from apartments west of Broad Street in Oak Lane, Keep Old York Road 2-way

Existing houses hurt by changes to road diet

Old York Road and Oak Lane too congested and dangerous for new crosswalks

ZONING & LAND USE

• From Public Meeting

  - TOD at Olney T.C. is a good idea
  - Corrective zoning is good, protect single-family homes
  - Please do not rezone in West Oak Lane. We are fine
  - Is Logan certified as blighted?
  - How do people get involved with the Logan Plan?
  - More open space in Mt. Airy!
  - 2nd and Godfrey needs better businesses, like a well-known corporation, book store, or clothing store
  - We need affordable housing in Logan
  - We don’t need another Wawa on Cheltenham Avenue

• From Formal Written Comments:

  - Use Zoning to control Stop & Go Delis and other business that support disorderly conduct (Logan Community Enterprise)