

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)