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## MEETING NOTES

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Project:	Middletown Multimodal Improvement Plan Study	Project No.:	22059.10
Location:	Middletown Township Municipal Building	Meeting Date/ Time:	09.3282023 6:00-8:00 pm
Re:	Public Meeting #3	Issue Date:	10.02.2023

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### ATTENDANCE:

See attached attendance list.

### DELIVERABLES:

- Public Meeting #3 Presentation
- Public Meeting #3 Meeting Notes
- Draft Improvements Plan (9/28/2023): For posting to Township Website

### GENERAL NOTES:

#### **Presentation:**

William Collins (WC) introduced Anita Nardone, PE (AN). Anita Nardone (AN) continued the presentation on:

1. Project Status: Review of Scope/Schedule
2. Summary of Public Input
  - *Public Meeting #2 Review*
  - *Opinion Survey*
  - *Online Mapping*
3. Draft Final Improvements Plan
  - *Discussion/ Comment*
4. Advanced Investigation
  - *Woodbourne Corridor*
  - *Business Route 1 Corridor*

## 5. Cost Estimate

Geoff Creary (GC) presenting the Draft Final Improvements Plan---showing the concept for providing 'tiles' of the mapping to be shown in the report.

### **Improvement Cost Estimate**

1. AN provided an introduction to the discussion on improvements costs---noting that there are various methods that the Township can employ to cover the costs of the implementation of improvements.

### **Discussion/ Participant Comments/ Questions:**

1. Fulling Mill Road to Core Creek Park + Shoulder Maintenance + Woodbourne Tunnel Location+ Historical Development plans at 4<sup>th</sup>/Woodbourne
  - Participant who is also a member of the MT Planning Commission noted that Fulling Mill Road is a way that many residents in the N-NW section of the Township access Core Creek Park. (First major roadway west of Woodbourne). The condition of the shoulder which many use is poor and needs maintenance. (Over growth; debris concerns).
  - Participant commented on the location proposed for the tunnel at Wood/Woodbourne. Felt it would be better on the west side of the roadway crossing.
    - GC responded that the SC team agreed that the western location provided better access to Styer Orchard. Dawood will be looking at both locations. AN noted later in the presentation that ---once this concept is studied in more detail in future phases---there could other transportation and re-development reasons to include an eastern tunnel. This plan is preliminary.
  - Participant noted that Capital Health pursued a land development application that was never finalized at 4<sup>th</sup>/ Woodbourne and they were asked to provide a sidewalk.
  - Participant noted that the Planning Commission now does not accept 'fee in lieu of sidewalk. Sidewalks are required to be placed.
2. Hollywood Ave Access to Township Open Space
  - Participant commented on the need for easier access to the open space adjacent to her neighborhood on Hollywood. Currently, grades and debris have blocked access to open space to the north for walking. SC to review.
    - Later discussion---participant noted that maybe some small maintenance can be done to clear a 3'-wide access to the open space; perhaps later the Township can consider formalizing the entrance with a paved path.
3. Regional Context of Connectivity
  - Participant from Falls Township joined the discussion as an advocate for cycling and mobility in Lower Bucks County. Comments included:
    - Appreciative of the effort MT is making---especially calling it a 'Connectivity' study.

- Appreciative that there is still time to make comments; agreed with presentation that noted residents are interested in educating themselves on new ped safety signage and tools.
- Proposed that 'doing small things' is an important first step. (E.g paint and paint color)
- Not a 'fan' of concrete sidewalks. Too expensive; less inclusive of smaller wheeled vehicles.
- Mentioned an important resource to the group: 'Strong Towns' and 'Confessions of Retired Engineer' by Chuck Marrone
- Trenton Road: This major regional arterial runs through 4-5 townships/boroughs and can support a loop for Delaware Canal Towpath trail.
- Trenton Road can deliver cyclists to businesses, libraries and schools---without a lot of re-structuring.
  - GC noted that Area 10 represents the Trenton Road corridor ---the SC team agrees with the comments.

#### 4. Priorities?

- Participant noted that she has lived in MT in the 0-5 years range.
- Participant asked for some information on which areas would be implemented first?
  - AN noted that the Improvements Plan will become a tool for the Township that should be entrusted to the Planning Dept and the Planning Commission to update yearly. There may be changes that might allow the Township to implement some areas with more 'ease' or 'cost' and, therefore, they may be implemented before others.
  - Improvement Plan range could be 10-15 years.

#### 5. Next Steps

- Bill Collins wrapped up the discussion by showing typical pages of the final report that is under construction.
- Reminded participants that they can still reach out to the SC team with comments (contact info on agenda).

#### Remaining Project Schedule

1. Completion of FINAL Draft Plan, Cost Estimate & Final Report. Post to MT website.
2. Transmission of Plan/Report (link) to Stakeholders
3. 30-day Public Comment
4. Presentation to MT PC-Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
5. Presentation to MT Board of Supervisors-Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>
6. Final publication/printing of report (Early January 2023)

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

Sincerely,

SIMONE COLLINS, INC.  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anita Nardone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some overlapping letters.

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