

Public Meeting #2 Summary

On September 15th, 2011 the second informational open house was held for the U.S. Route 15 Smart Transportation Corridor Improvement Plan at the Union County Government Center in Lewisburg. About 45 people attended the meeting with many participants from the first public meeting returning.

Representatives from the McCormick Taylor consulting team presented an overview of the steps taken in the planning process, with a report on input received from the image preference survey conducted at the first public meeting. Four major themes or alternatives were presented to illustrate the progress made and the direction forward. All of the major intersections from Beagle Club Road to William Penn Drive in Kelly Township were examined with changes and improvement recommendations for each one. Designs and considerations for the Buffalo Valley Rail-Trail crossing of U.S. Route 15 were also discussed. The preferred, or recommended, alternative was the Green Boulevard showing a center-line vegetated median running the northern length of the corridor with improved vehicle turning controls and enhanced pedestrian facilities.

The close of the presentation outlined the next steps to be taken by the steering committee and the consultants. This was followed by a 2 hour open house displaying the maps, graphics, tables and figures presented. Comments from the public on the presentation materials were received. These comments included:

- Pedestrian access and safety as the most important consideration
- Bicycle access is important throughout the corridor
- Improvements in crosswalks, signals and street sign ordinances are needed
- The greening of the corridor is supported as long as it is done in a careful and cost effective manner.

A third public meeting will be held in the spring of 2012 to present the final report of the corridor study.