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FALL 2010 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Purpose: DVRPC is conducting a two-year study of US 30 as part of the implementation of its long range plan for the region. The study is designed to provide policy analysis, recommendations, and technical assistance to municipalities along the US 30 Corridor. The study seeks to promote a more sustainable region by coordinating land use and transportation decisions in a manner that encourages smart growth.

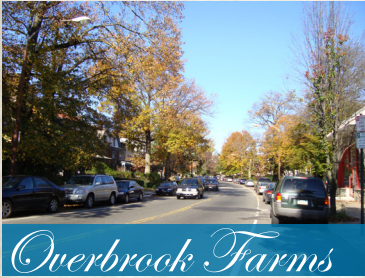
Study Area: US 30, also known as Lancaster Avenue, is one of the region's most critical transportation corridors. The study focuses on US 30 from the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and 52nd Street in West Philadelphia to the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and Old Eagle School Road in Wayne. In general, the study area encompasses land within a mile radius of Lancaster Avenue, thereby including several stations along SEPTA's Paoli/Thorndale Regional Rail Line and the Norristown High Speed Line.

Status: During the course of this study, DVRPC has been working with a variety of stakeholders including Delaware and Montgomery counties, the City of Philadelphia, corridor municipalities, and agencies such as PennDOT and SEPTA. In the spring of 2010, three public informational meetings were held to introduce the study and allow residents and stakeholders to comment on corridor issues. Additionally, DVRPC created an online mapping application which allowed users to provide place-specific comments across a variety of categories. The fall public open houses are designed to update residents and stakeholders on the progress of the study and introduce preliminary recommendations being proposed by the study team. Comments received during these open houses will help shape the study's final recommendations. The US 30 Corridor Study is scheduled to be completed in summer 2011.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

No one knows the US 30 Corridor better than the people who live and work there. Your comments and feedback are essential to the success of this study. Please submit a comment form at tonight's meeting or send us your thoughts about the study by sending an email to corridors@dvrpc.org. For more information, please visit: www.dvrpc.org/Corridors/US30.htm.

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The US 30 corridor is one of the region's most critical transportation corridors. However, in addition to providing direct access to I-476 and US1, the corridor links a series of distinct and historic communities in West Philadelphia and the Main Line.

STUDY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The US 30 study team has identified the following goals for the US 30 Corridor. Corridor wide and site specific recommendations presented at the open houses are designed to help achieve these goals.

- 1. Foster distinctive, attractive settings with a strong sense of place.** The corridor is already home to many of the region's most distinctive destinations, strengthening the connection between these destinations will enhance the identity of the corridor.
- 2. Preserve and enhance cultural and historic resources.** Celebrating the corridor's rich history requires more than preservation. New development should respect the traditional character found in much of the study area.
- 3. Promote municipal cooperation.** The future of Lancaster Avenue depends on the ability of neighboring communities to work together to solve interrelated land use and transportation issues.
- 4. Identify and prioritize critical roadway improvements.** US 30 will remain a critical transportation corridor. Prioritizing projects that will improve circulation can mitigate congestion while enhancing safety.
- 5. Create walkable and bikable communities.** Creating complete streets which accommodate vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists will lessen auto dependence and lead to a more balanced transportation system.
- 6. Enhance access to public transit.** The corridor already contains one of the region's richest transit networks. Existing investments can be maximized by improving the accessibility and effectiveness of public transit.
- 7. Encourage smart growth land use and development patterns.** Smart growth practices such as focusing development in town centers, mixing land use, and providing a range of housing options can reinforce the corridor's sense of place and improve quality of life.
- 8. Enhance the sustainability of the corridor.** Many parts of the corridor have already begun to implement environmental best management practices. Additional investments in the corridor's green infrastructure can help manage stormwater more effectively, improve water quality, and beautify the study area.