

## Community Planning Workshop #2 Summary

Community Planning Workshop #2 was the second of four workshops to be held in the Route 59 area. The meeting was held at the Ramapo Town Hall in the Council Room from 7 to 9 PM on Monday, April 29, 2019. The workshop began with a presentation that displayed transportation and land use concepts in similar communities. During breakout sessions, we asked the participants to discuss whether those concepts are viable along the Route 59 corridor.



Attendees indicated that pedestrian safety is a concern along the Route 59 corridor. Attendees stated the desire for continuous, wider sidewalks. In addition, they expressed concern regarding the pedestrian crossings on Route 59, stating that there should be more crossings and they should be made more obvious to both pedestrians and drivers. Pedestrian safety could also be addressed by adding mid-block crossings and additional crossings at the high school.



Participants identified access control as another potential issue on the corridor. Decreasing the number of driveways on Route 59 would restrict the number of interactions between pedestrians and vehicles. One group of participants wanted to see pedestrian barriers installed near the Evergreen Kosher Market from Main Street to Robert Pitt Drive to force pedestrians to cross at the crosswalk with the traffic signal.



Participants expressed concern about any new development in the area. However, they expressed a desire for existing business to be redeveloped in a manner that would make it more enticing to walk such as by in-fill development. The methods they identified to accomplish this were to include more shared parking, better distribution of parking between businesses, and encouraging walking from one business to another. Improved streetscaping was identified as a method to encourage walking.

Participants expressed a desire that any new development should be balanced with new community amenities and green space.

The presentation included examples of communities that used art work to establish a gateway to the community. Participants expressed a desire for a gateway but one that was more subdued and in keeping with the history of the area. The library, South Remsen Road, or west of Spring Valley Marketplace were identified as potential locations for a gateway.

Additional specific transportation ideas raised by participants include:

- Add turning lanes to College Road
- Add northbound right-turn lane from Saddle River Road to Route 59
- Create Thruway exit at the current Public Storage near South Remsen Road (Exit 14X)
- Add outlet on Bruner Road to Route 59
- Add signal on Route 59 between South Remsen Road and Main Street

Additional specific transit and land use ideas raised by participants were noted on the maps.

