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MEETING MINUTES

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No. 00005

WD Project No. 437401

Project Title: So. Norwalk Intermodal/Rail Station
Location: Norwalk City Hall- Community Room

Meeting Date: 10/29/2008
Subject: Public Information Meeting

Attended?	Initials	Name	Company
Y	SKS	Susan K. Sherwood	Wendel Duchscherer
Y	DEG	Donald E. Gray	Wendel Duchscherer
Y	SBB	Sean Beachy	Wendel Duchscherer
Y	LB	Leslie Black	Fitzgerald & Halliday
Y	LS	Louis Schulman	Norwalk Transit District
Y	AG	Andrew Glickson	Norwalk Transit District
		See Attached Sign In Sheet for Additional Attendees	

Item	Description	Status	Started	Due	Ball in Court
00001	<i>Andrew Glickson, Chairman of the Project Advisory Committee began the meeting with a brief introduction of the design team. The intent of this meeting is to present to the public for comment the preferred alternative design of the South Norwalk Rail Station Intermodal Facility.</i>				
00002	<i>Susan Sherwood and Don Gray, Project Managers for Wendel Duchscherer, provided a presentation of the study history and Concept Design Alternatives. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.</i>				
00003	<i>Sean Beachy, Project Architect for Wendel Duchscherer, presented to the public the preferred design alternative Option C.4.</i>				
00004	<i>The meeting was opened to the audience for comment and the following comments were received:</i>				
00005	Someone should speak with City Council people who represent the public voice to get the full picture.				
00006	The design of the transit station relies on city property.				
00007	2-level design is imperative to separate modes.				
00008	Kiss & Ride: Think about North side of diagram – drop & ride at AM Peak at top end.				
00009	Operations should review the pulse point and integrate schedules.				
00011	Safety 1 st !				

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	The design is not concentrating on NYC inbound AM traffic.				
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00013	Monroe St. crosswalk at overpass has poor sight visibility – very dangerous – move to better sight line.				
00014	Who will pay for the project? 80% federal Government, 20% State. For Federal Government to obligate funds, this study is required.				
00015	Realistic view – Are we “busting at the seams?”				
00016	Concern that only 280 parking spaces are being added.				
00017	What are security measures offered? Concern with crime in the area. Passive – cameras; Active- security.				
00018	Average cost for parking structure is \$10-12,000/space est.				
00019	Lighting of parking lots an issue.				
00020	Why hasn't north side been focused on more?				
00021	Blinking red light at MLK is unsafe for Bike/Pedestrians.				
00022	Commercial development – add parking there .				
00023	Propose a Maritime theme – red brick of SoNo – aesthetic – more New England.				
00024	Combining modes needed – confused by pedestrian flow.				
00025	Add way – finding at gateway to Washington St. for pedestrians to/from station.				
00026	Add pedestrian signage to direct where people should walk.				
00027	C4 shuttles – mentioned but where will cabs be? Cabs will stay on the other side; will come up car ramp and be given a spot as determined by demand/ city approval.				
00028	DW/Parking Authority need to understand demand.				
00029	Green sustainable design should be considered.				
00030	New roof lines – reduce costs re: engineered storm water design.				
00033	Taxi access is a concern.				
00034	Taxi space vs. bus space. Taxis are not a tax burden.				
00035	Safety – Norwalk Police Department (NPD) upped service in past month.				

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00036	Study team should work with NDP to improve safety for commuters.				
00037	Working with Amtrak? What input has Amtrak given re: station? Should meet with them.				
00038	Homeless problem on site.				
00039	Neighborhood outreach has not been sufficient.				
00041	Form letters do not work in this neighborhood. More outreach is required.				
00042	Chestnut/Henry St resident comment re: volume of exiting traffic from station onto Henry needs to be taken into account.				
00043	Alter 3-D images to reflect community theme.				
00044	Lifespan of facility? Space planning. 50 years with expansion capability.				
00045	Plan looks good.				
00046	Imperative that community not get priced out of the area; also see development potential.				
00047	Activity may help mitigate security issue.				
00048	How did we figure the number of fixed bus stops? Programmatic response based on projected use. 5,000 sq ft community center. Driver amenities. Police/Fire Department access.				
00049	Why isn't traffic being dumped back into MLK instead of Henry Street.				
00050	Environmental process (NEPA) – next step will study traffic.				
00051	Train leakage contamination is an issue to be reviewed in environmental process.				

Prepared by: Wendel Duchscherer

Signed: 
Susan K. Sherwood, Asst. Project Manager

Dated: 12/16/08