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MEETING MINUTES

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No. 00004

WD Project No. 437401

Project Title: So. Norwalk Intermodal/Rail Station
Location: Coalition of Norwalk Neighborhoods – Norwalk City Hall

Meeting Date: 6/23/2008
Subject: Public Information Meeting

Attended?	Initials	Name	Company
Y	SKS	Susan K. Sherwood	Wendel Duchscherer
Y	DEG	Donald E. Gray	Wendel Duchscherer
Y	SO	Susan Olivier	The Williams Group
Y	LB	Leslie Black	Fitzgerald & Haliday
Y	LS	Louis Schulman	Norwalk Transit District
Y	AG	Andrew Glickson	Norwalk Transit District
		See Attached Sign In Sheet for Additional Attendees	

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Leslie Black, public outreach specialist opened the meeting with a brief introduction of the study team and project history. The intent of this meeting is to be a "listening" session. The project team would like to hear from the community what their concerns and ideas are for the train station.

00001 Don Gray, Project Manager, for Wendel Duchscherer provided a presentation of the study history, intent and elements. A copy of the presentation is attached hereto.

00002 Comments Received from Attendees:

00003 West Side of the Station should mirror New Haven "speed table" to slow traffic.

00004 More bike racks are needed. They should be covered and safe.

00005 There is a broken streetlight on Monroe Street that is unsafe.

00006 Monroe Street under bridge – continue stripe the entire length of road.

00007 Entrance off MLK – red blinking light at left turn

00008 Way-finding signage is needed to improve connectivity at the station.

00009 Monroe Street bridge is a hazard it needs to be cleaned up and lights should be added.

00010 New Haven side – add benches and planters. Make the station more appealing to commuters.

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00011	Design should incorporate the boulevard "green" traffic calming to encourage pedestrian activity.				
00012	Restripe lanes on Water Street on both sides from bridge to Raymond for better connectivity.				
00013	Night stop at Darien preferred over South Norwalk due to crime.				
00014	Parking at Darien more available than So Norwalk.				
00015	Part of recommendations should improve the "perception of safety".				
00016	Improve amenities to increase pedestrian traffic for waiting times.				
00017	NY side feels modern and safe; New Haven side feels seedy and dangerous.				
00018	Optimize pedestrian crossing connections around the site.				
00019	Residents concerned that development will be overbuilt and empty.				
00020	What retail development would fit at the train station?				
00021	So Norwalk station needs improvement, but the <i>right</i> kind.				
00022	More commuters – need to see increased frequency of trains/transit service; more money for cars/infrastructure.				
00023	Danbury line – single track diesel need faster service to Danbury.				
00024	Norwalk spread out – if possible to run subway-type system from Merritt 7 – lines are here in Norwalk.				
00025	Local level sidewalks in terrible condition – no curb cuts, not ADA compliant – citywide initiative Look at 5 minute walk / 10 minute walk radius as part of the study.				

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Signed: 
Susan K. Sherwood, Asst. Project Manager

Dated: 12/10/08

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00026	Pedestrian improvements – better lighting / sidewalks / lane striping/signalization.				
00027	Homeless – ridge along MLK with “shacks” – concern that creation of pedestrian seating will attract homeless.				
00028	Moving taxis made NH side more desolate and NY side busier.				
00029	Improve security (visible) on both sides to improve safety.				
00030	Press coverage – <i>The Hour</i> , <i>The Advocate</i> , <i>Norwalk Citizen</i> , Ch 12 News should be used.				
00031	Put survey questions in newspaper so people will see them and respond.				

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