

## Meeting Notes

Lexington Downtown Enhancement Plan  
Public Forum #3  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### Public Comments

Many great ideas in the plan for improving mobility. In particular:  
Wider sidewalks, pedestrian through zone, removal of obstacles, mobility bulb outs, curb extensions at the corner to accommodate groups, mid-block crossing, and alley links as an alternative to narrow sidewalks, sharrows and bike racks. All of these improvements will benefit the downtown area.

There were trees on Main Street, and they were cut down. Cost of the project could be a tax burden to citizens. Happy about ADA improvements, these are very important.

Mural wall for Grand furniture is a good idea. Has been used to display historic photos. Consider how to creatively use some of the collection available locally. Instead of a sculpture in the Wells Fargo Plaza, consider a kiosk or vendor to activate the space and bring people into an area where no one goes. Concerned about the loss of parking on Washington Street. The City should look into creating a parking garage in the lot behind Domino's Pizza. Likes the spacers between parallel parking spaces. All improvements should reflect the Lexington identity—pay attention to the details. Put up a placard at the Old Firehouse Parking lot or consider renaming the lot to avoid confusion.

Endorsement of the plan—ADA elements are very important. Lexington needs to improve accessibility to the businesses.

Visitor Center in its current location is very close to some of the primary tourist attractions downtown. Stakeholders and community members felt that the Visitor Center is not in the most optimal location. Instead, consider a location somewhere on or very near to Main Street and potentially closer to South Main to invigorate that area.

90% positive reaction to the ideas in the Plan. Love enhancing alleyways and providing that direct access to parking areas behind buildings. Not in favor of providing public restrooms in Hopkins Green. Suggested the Firehouse Parking Lot instead. Love the idea for murals.

90% approval of the Plan too. Also concerned about public restrooms—may become a nuisance.

We need to still think about Lexington wants to be—continue to look at the big picture.  
Be sure to consider the impact to carriage companies if the Visitor Center moves to a new location.

Concern about cost and funding of the improvements.

Acknowledgement that this type of investment in public infrastructure will result in a healthier business environment and tax base.

Mid-block crossings will be flush with the road. Main Street program will be useful for securing grant funding for downtown improvements.

Likes the plan and is excited to move forward now with the ideas. We can work on elements as the funding is available and people in the community should consider volunteering to help implement ideas they like. Move as fast as we can to make this happen.

Likes the plan—drawing visitors is the key element for Lexington. This will generate money for the community and businesses.

In the 1970's and 80's a group looked into the infrastructure problems downtown. Took this to City Council and brick sidewalks were installed, utilities placed underground, and a meals tax was established that was supposed to go directly towards the promotion of Lexington. 40 years have passed, so now is a good time to endorse this plan.