

# **Public Input Themes**

## **25 June, 2012**

### *for the* ***South Washington Street Small Area Plan Community Meeting*** ***held Saturday, 23 June 2012***

## **Introduction**

Meeting attendees participated in “breakout” discussion groups during the kickoff meeting for the South Washington Street small area planning effort. The breakout discussion groups covered five different topic areas. The topic areas were: (1) Arts, Culture, and History, (2) Height and Density, (3) Land Use, (4) Open Space – Tripp’s Run, and (5) Transportation and Connectivity. Meeting participants had an opportunity to discuss each of the topic areas. Below is a summary of the public comments from each of those groups. Appendix A provides a listing of all comments received.

## **Arts, Culture, & History**

- The Arts, Culture, and History of the area are unique elements that should be preserved and respected by redevelopment projects.
- Artistic, cultural, and historic elements including historic sites as well as unique private businesses can be used as catalysts for redevelopment and economic stimulation.
- New projects should promote the history and culture of the area through the provision of community space or the use of unique building materials such as pink granite.
- Historic sites are currently isolated and unconnected; they need better pedestrian connections within the area and to surrounding neighborhoods in addition to centralized parking.
- There is general support for bringing cultural events to the area, such as a farmer’s market, all or part of the Blues Festival, and community gardens, and for the establishment of permanent open space, a theater, and/or the creation of a festival street to host such events.
- The City should emphasize the artistic and cultural importance of the area to redevelopers and visitor.

## **Height/Density**

- The height and density of new buildings should reflect the character of the City and the area.
- Redevelopment should not impose on existing low-density residential neighborhoods.
- The Pearson Square building is an acceptable maximum height for the area, though many also prefer lower density redevelopment.
- Density should be focused along major corridors and taller buildings should not be located too close to each other.

- Taller buildings should include setbacks at higher floors and the City should require developers to provide public amenities for height bonuses.
- Developers should use the topography of the area to help lessen the impact of taller buildings.

## **Land Use**

- The South Washington Street Corridor POA is a heavily commercialized gateway corridor that has the potential to create a huge impact on the city with redevelopment.
- Land uses should respect historic and cultural sites.
- Virginia Village should be preserved.
- Retain unique small businesses and promote other unique businesses, not chain stores.
- There is some concern about transitioning existing businesses to new retail spaces and the current amount of unused spaces
- Incentives should be provided for the consolidation of parcels.
- General acceptance of mixed-use redevelopment, but favoring commercial office and retail rather than residential uses.
- Retail uses should be focused along major corridors, such as South Washington Street and Annandale Road.
- The architecture of the buildings should be unique and reflect the history of the area.

## **Open Space, Tripp's Run Stream/Streetscape**

- The area needs more public open space.
- Trees should be added to the area to create a sound barrier against increased traffic brought by redevelopment.
- There is support for active areas, such as festival street , amphitheater, or other live performance space.
- There is a desire to bring more attention to the existing parts, Big Chimneys Park & Cavalier Trail Park.
- Tripp's Run is an amenity and should be made an attractive, open, and natural focal point.
- The unique cultural elements of the area should be incorporated into streetscape design.
- Streetscape should include wide sidewalks with street plantings, simple unique features, and be low maintenance.
- Overhead utility lines should be placed underground.

## **Transportation/Connectivity**

- Automobile traffic on South Washington Street is heavy and crosswalks are inadequate for pedestrians to cross safely.
- Generally don't want people in the area to be totally car dependent, but recognize that driving will be the main way to get to the area.
- Provide central parking with efficient pedestrian access throughout the area.
- The area should be linked to metro by pedestrian pathways, bike routes, and a shuttle bus.

- Pedestrian links should be made between cultural elements and with surrounding neighborhoods.
- Bus shelters should be uniquely designed and have better pedestrian connectivity.
- Signal timing on South Washington Street needs to be improved for better automobile traffic flow and pedestrian crossing.
- Additional traffic lights at Tanners Hill Street and South Maple Avenue should be studied.
- An elevated crosswalk over South Washington Street should be considered.
- Parking in the area is currently inadequate, ugly, and poorly positioned.
- Public parking will be needed with redevelopment.

## Appendix A – All Comments

<b>ARTS, CULTURAL, AND HISTORY (A/C/H)</b>	
Given the history of Tinner's Hill, pleased with the planning	
Current auto uses hide the arts and culture.	
Pleased for arts and cultural push; needs to be more workable.	
Interested in more arts and cultural in this area (3).	
Appropriate to put more arts/culture here as there is a rich history already.	
(The City) has huge magnets (of arts/ culture) around...Wolf Trap, DC, State Theatre...so need competition/special focus for current (uses).	
Build for farmers's market, blues festival, and community gardens.	
Area is well positioned for arts/culture/ history opportunities; need to tie them together (2)	
Consider cash contributions (from the City) to (support) the arts.	
<p>Tinners's Hill Pink Granite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique! One of three sources worldwide.</li> <li>• The Arch</li> </ul>	

<p>Make it more visible.</p> <p>Make it special.</p> <p>Make more like it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should not be in front of an office building.</li> <li>• Like (3)</li> <li>• Use in new building front elevations, in/on festival street, planter boxes (lets people know that they are entering a new/unique area.</li> <li>• Retain! It's valuable.</li> </ul>	
<p>Integrate African American history with the arts/cultural district.</p>	
<p>Provide an open square for live performances.</p>	
<p>Permanent home for art space; not just a 10 year lease (2).</p>	
<p>Good (idea) to return Tinner Hill Festival to the street; was original location (2).</p>	
<p>Audio walking/driving tour (coming w/grant funds).</p>	
<p>This area has beginning of arts district &amp; strong history to preserve.</p>	
<p>Build things to respect and to mark the history (of the area) (3).</p>	
<p>Preserve the history (of the area) (6).</p>	

Remember our history.	
Learned today of area's history (2).	
Build performance area on parkland/ pavilions for community engagement.	
New development should pay homage to the City's (history) and the arch should be respected.	
Preserve/Protect/Respect Henderson House/Sear's House.	
Not a prime concern.	
A/C/H should be the anchor of this area.	
A/C/H supports need for commercial redevelopment (make it an identity/name).	
Need development/revenue to fund the A/C/H.	
Create family oriented areas.	
Economic redevelopment will be based on the A/C/H uniqueness.	
Foxes Music is well known in region.	
Huge opportunity to capitalize on history.	
Historical markers (civil war tourism) is largest area of growth (2).	

Need to focus on and highlight the City's history/markers.	
Like historical aspects/assets. (2)	
Like historic area (2).	
Retain the history of the area: Tinnners's Hill; the quarry; big Chimney's Park; the stream.	
Respect adjacent uses, particularly historic sites.	
Highlight Falls Church's unique cultural items.	
Create/Provide unique streetscape elements (including lighting) that are designed by local artisans.	
Don't move/lose Tinnners's Hill and/or Henderson House (2).	
You can't move historic sites; you can move businesses.	
Add a commercial community theater (Shirlington sized) (3).	
Reflect the area's history in new architecture.	
Like the Henderson House (2).	
Difficult to focus on an arts and cultural district with so many automotive uses.	
Support more focus on the arts (3).	
Support festival street.	

The African-American history is a good link to the arts center.	
This area has the most A/C/H impact in the whole City.	
If this area were more walkable, it would attract more people.	
Love Creative Caldron.	
Ability to park and walk to learn about area's history.	
Provide an open square for live performances.	
This should be a permanent location for Creative Caldron.	
The Arts district has begun.	
Teach the meaning of this area.	
Want more arts/cultural/free things to attract people to this area (3).	
Create opportunities to learn from the older multi-cultural population (white, black, Asian) (2).	
This area helps us remember from where we came.	
Support A/C/H area with small spaces for artists (2).	
This area is a big historical feature.	
Helpful to bring the community together by bringing them	

out to the street; then identify and connect to other areas.	
Add an amphitheater (2).	
Emphasize the Tinnners's Hill area.	
Create opportunities for entertainment at various times of the day (to avoid traffic jams).	
Embrace/Attract more music.	
Request the management at the State Theatre to manage the amphitheater venue.	
Provide venues for smaller acts.	
Provide venues for indoor acts (small audiences in the winter).	
Seek to attract 20-35 year olds.	
Advertise Art Space. It's a well hidden secret.	
Fast track the Tinner Hill Center.	
A/C/H leads to economic development opportunities.	
A/C/H is the anchor for the area's redevelopment.	
Any redevelopment should be based on the importance of existing A/C/H features – Tinnners's Hill, Foxes Music.	
Preserve and Protect the Galloway Methodist Church. Emphasize the importance of Galloway Methodist Church	

to the area's history (2).	
There is a huge opportunity to leverage the area's history.	
Foxes Music draws a large customer base in the region. Little available parking will turn customers away.	
New signs will be installed for new heritage walking/audio trail.	
Festival street would reduce available parking.	

<b>HEIGHT/DENSITY</b>	
Dislike tall buildings that block homes	
Like a view of the street	
Keep a high and low density blend.	
Design collaboration.	
Architecture should look more traditional.	
LIKE: restaurants, old fashioned (not bland); affordable housing (compared to other areas)	
Concerned for anticipated too much density.	
The height of the Pearson Square building should be the maximum allowable height (6); keep in mind the grade of the area.	
Like height of Pearson Square building (2).	
Align height of buildings with the City's character.	
The height of Pearson Square is okay for some and too tall for others.	
Be careful to avoid a canyon effect.	
Supports mixed-use low rise buildings.	

Keep density low so that travelers can see through the area into the center of the City.	
Have a "little city" scale.	
Don't create a "Huntington Beach". Do create a "Laguna Beach".	
Don't want another "Pearson Square" development.	
Setbacks important to make tall buildings more comfortable.	
Abate impacts of the noise from taller buildings by transitioning to lower, existing heights.	
Don't like high density.	
Step down building heights; reduce the "boxy" appearance.	
Support greater height on major roads; not in neighborhoods.	
Maximum height of five stories.	
Use topography wisely - "hide" tall buildings as much as possible.	
Some people want to keep things the same; low density.	
Rising taxes require more density (2).	

Prefer lower heights, but (negotiate for) amenities with greater heights.	
Mimic Pearson Square elsewhere.	
Tall buildings should not be too close to one another.	
Don't want to look like Rosslyn.	
Worried about sunlight blocked by tall buildings.	
Build higher in "hole" (lower topography) vs. on the top of a hill.	
Prefer greater heights/density near Metro instead of on South Washington Street.	
Like the low density of this area.	

<b>LAND USE</b>	
Old buildings torn down to revitalize.	
Improve businesses across from residential apartments (2)	
Winter Hill impacted by South Washington Street and City Center	
Caught between Arlington and Fairfax Counties.	
Too sprawling to (do) what we want for arts/cultural.	
Encourage redevelopment inter urban w/better public transit.	
Keep houses.	
South Washington Street area has the most impact for the CFC.	
Preserve (current scale).	
New residential/commercial uses will be a good draw to the arts/culture/history area	
Like area's convenience.	
Like to bring people to involvement.	
Like Body Works (2) – lots of service is dance/ movement.	

Build performance area on parkland/ pavilions for community engagement.	
Respect orientation of community area.	
Bring people to the street/intersections.	
Provide amenities for business workers.	
Good storefronts needed.	
Design guidelines for attractive buildings.	
Respect Tinner Hill (Street) and the arch.	
Coordinate multiple and concurrent venues.	
Lots of opportunities to bring people in and reasons to stay for the evening.	
Need to address revenue for free/open space opportunities.	
The Blues Festival is great.	
Use Howard U. Theatre as a good model.	
Need night life - a designation for 20-35 year olds.	
Be unique.	
Ensure/Preserve affordable housing – Virginia Village (10).	
Play up Creative Cauldron.	

Respect Tinnners's Hill/Quarry.	
Maintain current open spaces.	
Remove trailers.	
Need economic development.	
Streets, parking, signs, and sidewalks are old/outdated.	
Events will help connect to the audio walking tour.	
Concerned for loss of affordable housing.	
Concern for displacement of current residents.	
Concern of loss of small businesses.	
Wants more mixed use to support shared parking.	
Reflect the adjacent uses.	
Respect the current properties.	
Pearson Square – too much.	
Provide better architecture that identifies the area.	
Provide signage to green spaces.	
Like several businesses close together.	
Like small businesses: Elevation burger/Bike Club.	

Retain the art deco buildings.	
Current conditions are too hodge/ podge.	
Keep in proportion to "The Little City".	
Provide row houses, condos, lofts. Keep residential uses smaller.	
Transition is important.	
Vary heights of buildings.	
Don't lose the character of the area.	
Concerned that new development will be too imposing.	
Create a new tax base for City needs.	
Costs related to granite seam (??)	
Like character of area.	
Area includes great small businesses.	
Evaluate effect of redevelopment on City citizens: sun, traffic, etc.	
Provide incentives for consolidation of parcels.	
Don't create a Rosslyn-like area.	
Don't block the sun.	

Make it attractive.	
Keep existing businesses/services (2).	
Need good transitions/setbacks between residential and commercial uses.	
Dislike "Auto World" (2).	
Dislikes that there is no zoning for industrial uses.	
Like independent businesses.	
Keep existing businesses.	
Integrate current businesses into new developments.	
Keep some current services (2).	
Keep (new) residential down as much as possible.	
Keep (new) commercial down as much as possible.	
Wants services (not defined)	
Wants a good mix of uses.	
Dislikes "pseudo-commercial".	
Dislikes bad code enforcement (i.e., on street parking).	
Wants small, independent businesses.	
Provide true mixed-use.	

Publicize car park; people don't know its there.	
Ensure that outdoor dining doesn't interfere with walk space.	
Encourage developers excavating for new buildings to keep/protect/care for/use the granite found on site.	
Make streetscapes wider.	
Underground all utilities.	
Better utilize the area.	
Open and enhance the area.	
Arch area.	
Add benches.	
Add streetscape to South Washington Street.	
Add bike racks to South Washington Street.	
Expand triangle gateway.	
Resolve zoning issues.	
Retail uses depend upon traffic on South Washington Street.	
Convenience to services is necessary; they've been lost in Merrifield.	

Supported an 80% commercial/20% residential mix.	
Pearson Square added lots of kids to the neighborhood.	
Limit new residential.	
Falls Church "needs" residential.	
Business owners choose Falls Church.	
Too much density already.	
Current uses are car lots.	
Car dealers park inventory on public streets.	
Attract pedestrian friendly businesses.	
Mixed use development is desired.	
Parking garages are exorbitant.	
Like independent businesses.	
Foxes Music is concerned that it will be unable to afford to stay in its current location.	
You can't move historic sites; you can move businesses.	
Seek cafes.	
Concerned about ground level retail uses in mixed-use developments.	

Add a fountain.	
Mixed-use development – bigger!	
Commercial and residential uses should be in separate buildings.	
Take advantage of business potential to serve kids and families that congregate at several times during the day.	
Restrict industrial zoning.	
Like Victory Comics.	
Need small businesses (similar to those on West Broad Street).	
Small businesses get trampled.	
Retain the <u>good</u> existing businesses (not defined).	
Existing mixed-use developments have empty spaces.	
Relocate existing businesses to new developments when necessary	
Help existing businesses transition to new spaces.	
Can the City provide financial incentives to existing businesses?	
Concerned about the affordability of commercial space rates; afraid those businesses will have to move/go out of	

business.	
Want to look like Clarendon? 1 yes, 3 no.	
Reston Town Center is a good design model.	
Attract entrepreneurs with affordable commercial space.	
Provide incubator space for small businesses.	
Likes existing restaurants.	
Like old fashioned look.	
Avoid bland, sterile styles or architecture.	
Reflect the history of the area in the architecture.	
Retain affordable space to assist a business startup.	
Don't displace opportunity areas for start-up businesses.	
Concerned about structural issues for existing buildings during new construction.	
Avoid too much redevelopment; not too many new buildings.	
Do not reproduce Ballston.	
Do not want a "Bedo's" development.	

Synchronize traffic signals.	
There is a parking overflow problem from car dealerships and from the auction house.	
The area is hodge-podge and disjointed.	
Eliminate predatory towing.	
Restaurants use too much on street parking.	
Mixed use developments help solve on street parking issues.	
Better architecture is needed.	
Respect transition between existing residential and taller buildings.	
Respect transition to Henderson House.	
Support more density on major roads; not in neighborhoods.	
Coordinate borders.	
Need to preserve signage opportunities.	
Like Pizza Orso (2).	
Concerned about high vacancy rates.	
Elevation Burger, Bike Club, and Victory Comics fit area.	
Desire uniformity of building design.	

Retain Yellow Cab building.	
Preserve the character of this community.	
Underground utilities with redevelopment.	
Respect existing uses.	
Consider businesses and services available regionally; don't compete with those when soliciting new businesses.	
Tinner Hill is great.	
Improve businesses across from Virginia Village.	
This area is too "sprawly" .	
Make the area attractive.	
Support A/C/H area with small spaces for artists.	
Comfortable with the way things are.	
Respect the existing small businesses.	
Avoid chain businesses (2).	
Replace dead/missing landscaping.	
The flow of development (construction phases) should have little impact on neighbors.	
Make the area more attractive.	

Upgrade streets.	
Upgrade signs.	
Upgrade buildings.	
Move southern gateway closer and make it greener.	
The City and the County should work together to improve the Tripps Run area.	
Maintain a community feel.	
Provide studios for artists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in tall buildings</li> <li>• in open space</li> </ul>	
Types of entertainment (desired) (5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• movie theater</li> <li>• opera</li> <li>• outdoor performances</li> <li>• amphitheater</li> <li>• small venues</li> <li>• community theater</li> <li>• art shows</li> </ul>	
Like Festival Street (3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include large setbacks</li> <li>• Use for farmers market, Tinner Hill Blues Festival, outdoor performances</li> </ul>	
Parking Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the amount available (6)</li> <li>• Share [public parking (2), park once/different users</li> </ul>	

<p>different times of day/different days, friendly parking (2)] (5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ample parking brings tax revenue to the City.</li> <li>• Dislike current parking.</li> <li>• Design better parking.</li> <li>• Current parking is insufficient.</li> <li>• Increase on-street parking.</li> <li>• Underground.</li> <li>• No impact on residential neighborhoods.</li> </ul>	
<p>Property Owners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrity of (existing) small buildings is not kept up/maintained.</li> <li>• Owners need to remove snow quickly.</li> <li>• Instill pride in business owners.</li> <li>• Dislike current conditions of retail buildings; clean them up and make them attractive.</li> <li>• Area looks bad.</li> <li>• Wants to keep current business, but they need a "face lift" (2).</li> <li>• Properties must be managed properly.</li> <li>• Improve the "gritty" areas.</li> </ul>	
<p>Suggested/Desired Uses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grocery Store (12)</li> <li>• Restaurants/Cafes (8)</li> <li>• Outdoor Dining (4) [One suggestion for "Chopped". Once suggestion for large setback for this use.]</li> <li>• Healthy Eating Choices</li> <li>• Bars (2)</li> <li>• Recreation/Entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family oriented</li> <li>- Museum</li> <li>- Theater</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- Active amenities

- Daily Services (like dry cleaners) (2)
- Family Oriented
- Park (2) (one for dog park)
- Farmers Market (3)
- Community Garden Plots (2)
- Affordable Residential
- World Market
- Trader Joe's
- Fast Track Tinner Hill Park

## OPEN SPACE, TRIPP'S RUN STREAM/STREETSCAPE

### *Open Space*

More open/green space (6).	
Keep existing open space.	
Make the area beautiful (2).	
Keep/Add trees (for sound barrier) (10).	
Need facilities for kids.	
Enhance and publicize the existing parks.	
A fountain?	
Supports an open gateway feature.	
Likes current parks (3).	
Wants a better feel to the community.	
The park is an asset, but is underutilized (2).	
The park needs to be enhanced. Quality over quantity (maintenance and utilization).	
Potential to develop new public space; an amphitheater (2).	

Create a gateway development.	
Need community space.	
The park should tie in to the festival use of Tinner Hill.	
Create a farmers market/festival street like that at Eastern Market.	
Falls Church = Tree City.	
Trees absorb sound.	
Plant mature trees.	
Keep greenspaces to separate the areas from an urban look.	
Expand existing/create new Tinner Hill open space (6).	
Preserve and expand Cavalier Park.	
Connect Cavalier Park with the stream valley for a more naturalized area.	
(The City should) Buy the SAAB dealership site and/or other large parcels for public space.	
Create a park by the Henderson House.	
Create a southern gateway to the City at South Maple Avenue and South Washington Street.	

Enhance/Retain the parks (2).	
Existing open space is underutilized.	
Provide gathering places.	
Enliven Cavalier Park.	
Leave open space where possible.	
Like Big Chimney's Park.	
Remove the comic book store to become parkland.	
Want place for concerts/live performances (3).	
Like open vistas where possible.	
Support a passive park.	
Mature trees have been removed.	
People love the parks!	
Keep the triangle green.	
Open land behind Aurora House.	
The park is a great asset, but needs to be used more.	
Provide maintenance to the park to keep it nice looking.	
Cavalier Park is a very great park that needs to be noticed and highlighted more.	

There is potential to enhance existing open space.	
<b>TRIPP'S RUN STREAM</b>	
The Tripps Run Stream Valley is an asset/ potential amenity (5).	
Naturalize/Open Tripps Run (4); naturalize the area, making the stream a central focus point; eliminate concrete.	
Enhance the Tripps Run stream valley (2) with walkways.	
Make Tripp's Run more attractive.	
Enclose Tripp's Run between Maple Avenue and Washington Street. All other portions of the stream should be open.	
Talk with Fairfax County about a coordinated effort to develop Tripps Run.	
Environmentally sensitive.	
Create recreational uses of the existing stream and park.	
Make better recreation use of Tripps Run.	
Install benches and trees along the stream to make it look nice.	
<b>STREETSCAPE</b>	

Falls Church streetscape should not equate to every other streetscape. Highlight Falls Church's unique cultural and environmental items.	
Get big setbacks for spacious ROW with redevelopment.	
Dislike hodgepodge.	
Need uniformity.	
Concerned with setbacks.	
Concerned with transitions.	
Dislikes that the area is not walkable.	
Provide better sidewalks.	
Dislikes that there is no parking.	
Work cooperatively with Fairfax County/ VDOT for safe pedestrian crossings and streetscape concepts.	
Place street trees outside of planters.	
Design planters for simple maintenance.	
<p>Provide streetscape (6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 20 feet wide</li> <li>• Big setbacks for spacious ROW w/redevelopment</li> <li>• Need sidewalks to promote/enable walking</li> <li>• Add more benches</li> <li>• Wider sidewalks permit more concurrent uses</li> <li>• Sidewalks should be wide enough for outdoor dining</li> </ul>	

and leave enough room for pedestrians.	
There is a lack of accessibility.	
More trees might make it look better and give it a more community look.	
Want the streetscape to stand out.	
Streetscape should make historic places stand out.	
Utility wires should be underground.	
Create walkways overhead so that traffic does not need to stop.	
Preserve trees and plant new trees for a sound barrier.	
More trees!	
More trees along the streetscape; it adds a cooling effect to the walkway.	
Who maintains streetscape?	
Have more outdoor shops, outdoor displays, and wider walkways so that people can enjoy the outdoors and visit businesses.	
New development should be people friendly.	
OTHER	
Make redevelopment environmentally sensitive.	

Reconfigure intersection (not defined).	
There is a lack of accessibility.	
Falls Church streetscape should not equate to every other streetscape. Highlight Falls Church's unique cultural and environmental aspects.	

## TRANSPORTATION/CONNECTIVITY

### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is both lifeblood and problem.

Too many intersecting roads.

Improve transportation on Rt. 29 for business employees.

Stagger traffic.

Like quick traffic flow.

Dislike traffic.

Dislike "suicide lane" on South Washington Street.

Lack pedestrian safety enforcement on South Maple Avenue.

Vision problems along Tinner Hill Street.

Provide roundabouts.

Need traffic flow to serve businesses.

There are speed issues on hills.

Don't want to be totally car dependent.

Need bike routes along major thoroughfares.	
Don't eliminate free right onto Hillwood Avenue from South Washington Street (Rt. 29). Elimination of the turn would punish drivers and cause backups.	
Try to reduce car traffic.	
Easy access to businesses.	
Commuting now is good/fast.	
The City is caught between two counties. Most transportation is through the City.	
CONNECTIVITY	
Encourage inter urban redevelopment with better public transit.	
Needs to be walkable and active amenities.	
Intermodal center concept good for transit – link to Metro. Need to market how.	
Provide shuttles for big events.	

Foot traffic has increased over time. Need good sidewalks.	
Orientations to surrounding uses – State Theatre and Cherry Hill (Park).	
Create connection(s) to Festival Street.	
Winter Hill lacks connections to South Washington Street and City Center.	
Achieving pedestrian connections are a good opportunity with redevelopment.	
Dislike lack of linkages between historic assets.	
Create connections – walking place to place.	
Wants pedestrian friendly area.	
Create bike trail linkages throughout the City. An example: South Washington Street to Broad, to Hamlett Park, to Taco Bell.	
Widen sidewalks.	
Improve pedestrian crossing of Rt. 29.	
Work cooperatively with Fairfax County/VDOT to achieve safe road crossings and streetscape concepts.	
Make the City as walkable as possible.	
Create/Enhance bike and pedestrian paths.	

Incorporate an overhead pedestrian walkway into the streetscape.	
Separate pedestrians from the street.	
Provide pedestrian visibility at intersections.	
Provide sidewalks on both sides of the street.	
Need more public information on the intermodal transit center/plaza (2).	
Need improved service to Metro: frequency; loss of George Increased auto uses; community input/ participation needed for routes; an opportunity for a privately run shuttle.	
Need better pedestrian crossing at Annandale Road and South Washington Street (Route 29).	
Miss (having) GEORGE (2). It was cheap, fast, and provided good connections.	
Look for alternatives to Capital Bike Share; don't like the payment process.	
Need supporting infrastructure for bikes.	
Bike Share may be used more for recreation than for transportation.	
There is a lack of sidewalks for pedestrians.	

Need better pedestrian access to Metro.	
Need more public information on intermodel plaza.	
Need bus shelters.	
Bus shelters should be aesthetically pleasing and should attract riders.	
Need more bike paths.	
Need more bike lanes.	
There may not be an adequate demand to support Bike Share.	
Bike Share enables short trips.	
Need crosswalks.	
Maintain existing paths.	
Resolve visibility issues.	
GEORGE didn't work.	
There should be bus service from 7 Corners to East Falls Church.	
Need better connectivity to bus stops.	
The bus is unreliable.	
Need bus shelters.	

Make connections between various historic aspects.	
Walkable spaces provide better participation in available uses.	
Provide a shuttle from Metro to special events in the arts district.	
Want a street crossing on South Washington Street (Rt. 29).	
Intersection very bad: many new drivers; hard (for pedestrian) to cross.	
Widen sidewalks.	
Make sidewalks more walkable to everywhere, not just to restaurants.	
Very dangerous to cross (the street) because cars go fast.	
Add sidewalks on South Maple Avenue.	
Provide nice sidewalks with unique lighting to attract people.	
Provide more walking paths.	
Use streetscape to enhance walking.	
Make streetscape people friendly.	
Create a bike path from this area to the Howard E. Herman Park.	

SIGNALIZATION/SIGNAGE	
Provide signalization timing.	
Need speed control on South Washington Street.	
Need full signalization at South Maple Avenue and South Washington Street (Route 29).	
Provide pedestrian activated lights.	
Impossible for pedestrians to cross South Washington Street (Route 29).	
There are inadequate traffic signals.	
There are no designated pedestrian crossings.	
Need traffic light at Tinner Hill and South Washington Street (Rt. 29).	
Need traffic light at South Washington Street (Rt. 29) and South Maple Avenue.	
Increase the timing on the pedestrian crossing signal. Currently insufficient time to cross the street.	
There is a four-way stop on South Maple Avenue. Cars don't stop; traffic controls don't work; need enforcement.	
There is no control of traffic at the 3-way intersection at	

South Washington Street and South Maple Avenue.	
Vehicular traffic ignores flashing lights.	
Sign South Maple and South Washington Street for "No Left Turn".	
Multiple accidents at intersection with Hillwood Avenue when cars cut through parking lots to avoid the traffic signal.	
Need a pedestrian signal at traffic lights.	
Wants an elevated crosswalk over Rt. 29.  Consider bridge between two buildings rather than just above roadway.	
Add more "green" timing on streetlights.	
Please add a traffic signal.	
OTHER	
Dislike parking (3).	
Provide more parking.	
Wants off-street parking.	
Be thoughtful of what we're doing with sidewalks and	

lighting.	
Dislike the existing "concrete jungle".	
Parking space is poorly used.	
Parking space is poorly positioned.	
Need public parking with redevelopment.	
The topography at Tinner's Hill is problematic.	
There are some empty parking lots.	
There are some overflowing parking lots.	
Support shared parking areas.	
Predatory towing discourages business.	
Help decrease dependence on cars.	
Regular car vs. pedestrian accidents.	
Provide City owned/operated parking to get cars off of residential streets.	
Used cars (from dealers) are parked on City streets.	
Test drives of cars from dealers drive too quickly through the neighborhoods.	
The sidewalk in front of the Italian Café is used by vehicles.	

Issues bring people into and through the City.	
"Everybody" drives.	
Bike riders using main thoroughfares take their life in their hands.	
The bowling alley lot is not always used. Could arrangements be made to share that space?	
Route 29 looks like Ballston used to.	
Need dedicated bike lanes.	
Need safe bike lanes.	
Provide bike parking.	
Provide signage at the Metro to advertise the area.	
Since Pearson Square was occupied, foot traffic on South Maple Avenue has risen to approximately 15/hour.	
Provide more bike racks.	
The Maple Avenue intersection is bad.	
The triangle is in a bad location. Needs to be highlighted more.	