

**Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)  
Symmes Transportation Subcommittee (STS)**

Monday, December 6, 2004

Town Hall Annex First floor Conference Room, 5:45 PM

STS members present: Ed Starr (Chair), Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Scott Smith

Others present: Patrick McMahon & Jake Upton (Symmes Redevelopment Associates), Sandi Bourgeois, Brian Cain, Terry Dash, Elaine Duffy, Erik Moore (Symmes Neighbors)

**Administration**

The minutes of 11/18/04 were approved. The next STS meeting date was set for Thursday, December 16th 2004.

**Plan for Symmes Transportation Tasks**

Patrick McMahon reported that Howard/Stein-Hudson (HSH) had conducted the traffic counts for their Task 2 items of the Plan for Symmes Transportation Tasks, and that HSH expected to report their Task 2 results at or near the 15th of December. Patrick also reported that HSH hoped to be moving on to Task 3 in early January. Jake Upton offered to provide the Subcommittee with a cost vs. benefit analysis of the mitigation measures proposed by HSH and the Peer Reviewer.

**Neighborhood Issues**

Terry Dash reported that the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee (SNAC) was nearly finished with their work on the Neighborhood Protection Plan. The Plan calls for all construction vehicles to enter and exit the Symmes site from Summer Street. There was discussion regarding the two types of construction vehicles: heavy equipment and trucks vs. passenger vehicles for site workers. The Subcommittee agreed to review the Plan and provide comments at the next STS meeting.

Jake Upton explained that until the future tenants of the medical office building are known, phasing and access issues during construction could not be finalized. Jake also reported that information on the construction schedule of the combined Summer Street intersection would soon be available.

Brian Cain voiced his concerns about the impact of additional traffic from the Symmes site on Oak Hill Drive. Elaine Duffy voiced her concerns about the impact of additional traffic from the Symmes site on Summer Street. Sandi Bourgeois thanked the Subcommittee for their efforts. Erik Moore asked if a list of principles agreed upon by the SNAC would be useful to the Subcommittee, and suggested restricting parking on Summer Street at the convenience store near Mill Street.

**Combined Summer Street Intersection**

Using the information supplied by HSH, Scott Smith explained the signal phasing of the proposed intersection at Summer Street, Brattle Street, Hemlock Street and Hospital Road. There was discussion of placing additional crosswalks on Summer Street and Hospital Road.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.**

**Handouts:**

Minutes of 11/18/04 STS meeting - from Elisabeth Carr-Jones