



## WCTS Stakeholders' Meeting No. 1 Stakeholder Input

Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2006  
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: South Strabane Volunteer Fire Department – Social Hall  
172 Oak Spring Road  
Washington, PA

There were 36 stakeholders in attendance plus five project team members. A PowerPoint presentation was given by the Consultant Team and stakeholder input was requested and received in the following three areas:

### Other Project Goals

- Local fiscal responsibility (cannot rely upon State support at same level as in years past; be mindful of evolving state policy and legislation for transit funding)
- Service must be justified by patronage as well as social and economic imperatives (service must be highly justified, particularly as the local cost increases)
- Direct service – without transfers -- from Washington County to places in Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh
- Transit should *facilitate* the growth of housing and businesses (transit oriented development)
- Seek greater efficiency and coordination with other transit providers in the region. What is the best organizational structure to provide transit service in Washington County?
- Transit must be responsive to current life styles and travel needs (short wait times; schedules that fit with diverse work schedules; multiple work centers within the County)
- Assess and ensure access for persons with disabilities
- Access to health care for the elderly
- Location-Specific Needs
  - To Washington City from Charleroi and other Mon Valley communities
  - To Washington City from Brownsville
  - Hospitals in Washington City, Morgantown, and Pittsburgh
  - More park-n-ride facilities
  - McDonald Borough is concerned about Port Authority service reduction.

### Other Types / Sources of Information to Consider

- Connect with the Transportation Task Force Mid Mon Valley Region – next meeting is January 4, 2007
- Eliminate overlap of service in the South Hills between the Route 19 and Route 88 corridors. Concentrate commuters.
- How does the region connect?
- This study should provide a vision of what it could be. Washington County is poised for growth and economic development



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### Other Methods and Locations to Reach Key Groups

- Elderly and handicapped
- Low income workers (provide access to jobs at times that fit the work schedule)
- Medical services (key issue for transit riders is excessively long wait for transit service; key issue for transit providers is difficulty scheduling because appointments are not predictable.)
- Chambers of Commerce, CEO Association of Southpointe and major employers
- Basic and Higher Education
  - Washington & Jefferson College and California State University
- Veterans
- County Department of Welfare- Washington and Donora
- Area Agency on Aging
- Tri-County Boroughs Association
- Washington County Association of Township Supervisors
- Washington County School District
- Ministerial groups Shopping malls
- Public housing
- Agency newsletters
- Displays about the project in municipal offices, libraries, Career Link
- Industrial parks
- Create excitement upfront – generate interest, secure a place on meeting agendas

We received one comment sheet from the meeting:

These are general thoughts and concerns that came to me during the presentation.

1. The lack of an umbrella group independent of the specific companies and PAT is needed.
2. The Route 19 corridor (Peters/South Strabane/North Strabane) is the growth area and is underserved by transit. Peters Township has over 7,200 workers with retail and office complex with difficulty attracting a certain level of workers due to lack of transit.
3. North central Washington County needs improved access to the 'T'.
4. Peters Township has the largest population in this County and virtually no transit.
5. Communication of transit opportunities is needed.
6. Types of vehicles and a smaller vehicle may provide more practical options.