

Appendix D3

Location-Specific Survey and Interview Comments

Brodhead Road Corridor Planning Study

Location-Specific Survey and Interview Comments by Intersection

#1: Old Brodhead Road

- The abundance of traffic on Old Brodhead, no traffic control signs or signals at the intersections, many traffic accidents at the Old Brodhead and North Branch Intersection.
- Penn State Beaver: The main issue for Penn State Beaver is wayfinding and visibility. The school owns property to 18/Brodhead, but it's a cliff.
- BCTA considering a stop at Penn State University Amphitheater (SB) and Monaca Turner (NB) that would require curb cuts for a bus pullover

#2: Wagner Road

#3: Short Street/Milne Drive

- BCTA: Busy stop area

#4: Center Commons Boulevard

- BCTA: Busy stop area

#5: Beaver Valley Mall Drive/Golfview Drive

- BCTA: Busy stop area

#6: Frankfort Road

- Traffic signals at the Center exit off 376 onto Brodhead Road.
- (Would like to see:) Roundabout at Route 18/Frankfort Rod/Old Brodhead Road intersection Green space and pocket parks! New residential development at the mall parking lot (we have the space and it can rejuvenate the mall area)
- Sometimes the wait to turn onto Brodhead at the Center exit connection is long and visibility is diminished there.
- BCTA would like to see a left-hand turn lane at "Kings intersection"

#7: North Branch Road

#8: Baker Road Ext

- In your WikiMap, no mention is made of traffic issues at the intersection of Christy Drive and Brodhead Road. And it's Christy DRIVE, not lane. For decades, all the attention is focused on the intersection of Baker Road and the Brodhead, but people who live on Christy get short shrift. Most of the traffic from three school buildings (HS, Todd Lane,

- CCBC) is funneled out of Christy to the Brodhead. It has needed a redlight for ages.
- Central Valley SD: Baker Road onto Central Valley's campus is a tough spot (tough for cars, let alone buses)
- Mike Dyrwal: Congestion point, left turn at Center High

#9: Community College Drive

- (Would like to see:) pot hole fixed at ccbc light
- BCTA: CCBC is an important community asset, but we would prefer to eliminate this stop and have students wait for service along Brodhead.
- Central Valley HS: CCBC definitely has traffic issues. When we have commencement, that's a traffic issue. People avoid the light to Brodhead and go different ways [such as cutting through housing developments]. The intersection with Subway [Baker Road Ext and Brodhead] is terrible – lots of traffic, no time to pull out.
- Mike Dyrwal: Congestion point
- County Emergency Management: Blind spot at Community College Drive
- BCTA would like to see a left-hand turn

#10: Sherwood Drive

#11: Center Grange Road

- Traffic signals at Brodhead Road and Center Grange Road.
- I would like to see a light at Center Grange RD. If there is an activity at the park or at St Francis Cabrini, I cannot get out of my drive. It is often very difficult to make a left onto Brodhead from Center Grange
- (Would like to see:) a light at Center Grange
- Beaver County CTC: Bottleneck to Central Valley campus and CCBC, elementary school
- Beaver County CTC: The Township may have plans for a signal at Center Grange/Brodhead.
- Center Township: "terrible." Segment between Center Grange and Rt 18 is quite a challenge
- Center Township: 83 homes, 73 homes, 45 homes planned in Center Township on Center Grange Road or Shaffer Road, which both empty to Brodhead.
- Mike Dyrwal: Congestion point
- County Sheriff: Center Grange Rd could use a SB left turn lane.
- BCTA would like to see a left-hand turn, views a traffic signal here as a priority

#12: Main Street

#13: Shaffer Drive

- Something needs to be done to make the intersection at Brodhead and East/West Shafer safer.
- The intersection at West and East Shaffer in Center township. It is hard to see coming from the hill.
- Center/Hopewell Twps: East Shaffer Road at Brodhead should be improved. This is the link

to Chapel Road

- Mike Dyrwal: poor sight lines, number of accidents

#14: Pleasant Drive

- Red light at Brodhead Rd and Pleasant Drive (as a development to take into account)
- (Would like to see:) A traffic light at Pleasant Dr. and Brodhead with cross walks. I see people walking daily on both commutes to get to BCTA and back home on Brodhead.
- Would like to see a traffic light (or 4 way stop sign)at the intersection of Pleasant Dr and Brodhead Rd
- BCTA: As the Expressway Travel Center park-and-ride lot was consistently full, BCTA acquired property next to McDonald's to create 54 additional parking spaces. The pandemic hit in the middle of that project; now hardly anyone is parked in either area. Unclear whether commuter demand will fully return.
- BCTA: A traffic signal at Brodhead Road and Pleasant Drive should be considered for left hand turns from Pleasant Drive
- County Commissioners: There are concerns at the Center exit of 376. When it was originally planned there was to be a second traffic light located at the intersection of Pleasant Drive and Brodhead Road. However, in a cost savings move the Pleasant Drive and Brodhead Road signal was not included in the final project.
- Mike Dyrwal: major accidents, people speeding from Aliquippa to mall
- County Chamber: Consider a traffic circle at Pleasant Drive? That particular location would seem to have plenty of room to accommodate truck traffic. Encourage people to jump on I-376 instead of staying on Brodhead.
- County Sheriff: Anecdotally, Pleasant Drive has high crash rates

#15: Chapel Road

#16: Mill Street/Kennedy Boulevard

- Center Twp: Recent signal improvement helped, but queueing is still long
- Center Twp: There is talk of 200 homes going in at our Country Club off Mill street
- Center Twp: A place that really needs pedestrian infrastructure is around Kennedy-Mill intersection with Brodhead. Aliquippa HS is nearby, and there's a liquor store, marijuana store, Breezy's Pizza.
- County Sheriff: Mill Street in Aliquippa to Bucktail Hill (20th St) – lot of intersections, people pulling out. Traffic moves fast, creating a hazard.
- County Sheriff: Peds/bikes are generally infrequent along corridor. Kennedy Blvd/Mill St sees a fair amount. From there moving south toward DQ and 20th St sees more pedestrians than rest of Brodhead Rd put together.

#17: Sheffield Road

- Improvements at Brodhead Road and Sheffield Avenue intersection also need addressed.
- Dunkin to red light in Aliquippa bottle neck and Harolds to 5 points bottle neck needs fixed somehow.
- Center/Hopewell Twps: Traffic congestion/turning issue location
- County Sheriff: Sheffield Rd could use a SB turn lane. People use parking lot as cut through to bypass left turners.
- BCTA: The intersection at Sheffield Avenue and Brodhead Road in Aliquippa needs widened for a left-hand turning lane

#18: Kane Road

#19: 20th Street

- Bucktail Hill/Brodhead Road is dangerous and needs trees cut back and visibility opened up.
- Yes, there has been many accidents in front of the Cresmont shopping center in Hopewell over the past year. The amount of traffic and speed on Brodhead in Hopewell between Cresmont shopping center and the Hopewell shopping center makes it really unsafe for children to cross on their bike or walking. And pretty much all along Brodhead it's nearly impossible to make a left hand turn with all the traffic and speed.

#20: Laird Avenue

- Hopewell Area School District is considering building a new elementary school on the Brodhead side of the Junior High School lot - increased traffic at additional times of the day and increased pedestrian traffic
- Hopewell SD: Hopewell's junior high/middle school building is on Brodhead, which poses some challenges. Angles of buses turning off, exiting onto Brodhead creates visibility issue for other cars.
- Hopewell SD: Hopewell Community Park intersection gets blocked a lot. Kane and offshoots get you to Brodhead.

#21: Longvue Avenue

- Hopewell Twp: Brodhead and Hopewell Shopping Center area - Several businesses on west side of Brodhead all have their own in-and-outs (Vocelli's, Brusters, WesBanco, A&S Credit Union, Hopewell Health Services) and shopping center is on east side. There are no organized driveways here. High School is on Longvue in same area.
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#22: Five Points

- PennDOT has (TIP) plans for 5-Points (intersection with Brodhead, Heights, PA151 close to the Allegheny County Line)
- 5 points in Hopewell Township. The worst intersection ever. The stop lights need adjusted

along with the stupid yield sign because I couldn't tell you how many accidents I have almost seen because don't know how to yield or because of the stop light issues (green on the far stop light and red on the closet)

- 5 points!! Particularly the unsafe stop light and signage there. If you are on broadhead heading towards Allegheny county the far green light turns green when the light for heights road turns green. Causes many ran lights. Also, the signage to yield to vehicles turning left needs major improvement.
- 5 Points Intersection needs major work! Sideswalks needed at least on one side of Brodhead
- 5 points in hopewell is a nightmare of an intersection. There are no green arrows to turn left Trucks get stuck crossing over brodhead wait times at the lights are really long. Making this a round-about type intersection would be a giant improvement
- Can we add a round about to 5 points, Aliquippa intersection and the intersection by the mall
- Find a better solution for area of 5 points intersection. Extra lane to access 151 near vet clinic.
- 5 points in Hopewell having a better design and better traffic lights.
- Eliminate 5 points intersection in Hopewell and increase the vehicle capacity of the road
- 5 points intersection / brodhead&151. Complete overhaul
- Would like a no left turn in or out of Mc Donald's at 5 point on Brodhead. It creates traffic backup and unsafe conditions at an already busy intersection. People should use the heights road entrance instead
- I was hit while running on Broadhead Road past Five Points, toward Moon in 2019. I used Broadhead Road as an access point to get to neighborhoods where I could run and walk safely. This accident majorly disrupted and has permanently changed my life. It concerns me every time I see a child get on or off the bus on Broadhead or another runner or walker taking the same route I did that day. There needs to be more safe pedestrian options accessible and available between Old Broadhead and the Allegheny County line to prevent these incidents. (Incident confirmed by another interviewee)
- light at 5 point and intersection improved
- Lew Villotti: Freight movements from I-376 to river will impact Brodhead, particularly Five Points. Five Points is "most important for us from an economic development perspective."
- Hopewell SD: Five Points is a very difficult, challenging intersection. "If anything is happening, we're going to bottleneck right at that intersection."
- County Commissioners: Five Points is an area of primary concern, the transportation of freight and distribution facilities, as well as school buses have issues with turning through the intersection.
- Hopewell Twp: There's a new Maronda development of 100 homes that will enter Brodhead Road at Five Points.
- Center Twp: 200 townhomes planned in Moon (at/near Crystal Garden Landscaping site). To get to 376 they will have to travel Brodhead to Five Points.
- Hopewell Twp: You need to change it from five points to four points, deal with the grade change, utilities, and sight distances. From Eastbound 151 in traffic you can't see the light. It can take three cycles to get through the light.
- Potter Twp: "Five Points is a horror."
- Shell: Shell's primary truck route to I-376 has been via Five Points. Primary path is Route

51 – Route 151 – Five Points, on in Hopewell, turning left onto widened Route 18 that Shell worked to improve.

- County Emergency Management: Five Points could use extra turn lanes.
- BCTA may expand service along Brodhead Road from the Pizza Hut to the 5 Points intersection in the more distant future. Buses would most likely head to the Hopewell Industrial Park from the 5 points intersection.