

Onondaga Citizens League Scoping Session – May 20, 2015 – DeWitt Town Hall

How CNY Moves

Questions and responses

1. What assumptions do we need to test or challenge in thinking about transportation in our community?

Everybody needs cars/need to drive everywhere. (3)
Everyone is able-bodied and able to move physically.
Streets are not safe for bicycles.
Bicycles are a hazard for drivers.
It snows 365 days a year.
Only low-income folks and SU students use buses.
Assumption that all can get to job interviews/jobs.
Everyone travels the same time/9-5 worldview. (2)
We can't walk to places we need to be. (2)
There's not enough time to use alternative methods (walk or bike).
What are the unmet needs for transportation?
What are we willing to give up?
Can public transit be sized up? Can smaller/faster buses work?
Need to assess where people live and where people work.
CNY weather has to dictate our choices and activities.
"Recreation" happens elsewhere – not in my backyard or neighborhood.
Will improving Centro solve the problem?
Is it really so bad here?
Where do people not go?
Walking and busing in some areas unsafe.
Parking downtown is impossible. (2)

2. If you were explaining to someone how people move around in our community, what three words or phrases would you use?

Very narrow paths
No patience (3)
People move independently (2)
Lots of cars (2)
Parking a hassle
Blindly – no signage/poor signage (2)
No direct way (from here to there) (2)
Not pedestrian friendly (2)
Stoplight timing bad
Walk, bus, drive
Weather dictates choices

Inconsiderate, distracted drivers
Big trucks
Sidewalks not clear of snow
No sidewalk here.
Generational change afoot.
Slow, complicated mass transit (info not easily accessible; limited routes)
Carpools to work
Discombobulated
20-minute myth
Easy driving mostly

3. How might explore imagining the future?

How to connect with tourism
BRT (bus rapid transit)
Light rail
UBER
Work patterns/shifts (hospital, factory, hospitality workers)
Renewably powered vehicles (electric, train, bus) (integrated with storage) (2)
Complete streets (bike lanes, sidewalks, access to amenities) (2)
Better use waterways for transportation and leisure (2)
Look to other communities for best practices (2)
How can we incentivize/facilitate alternate transport?
Free public transit?
Passenger rail system to airport and other locations (2)
Engage youth
Engage non-traditional partners/cross disciplines (2)
Economic transportation system (2)
Transit-oriented development (2)
What would Google do?
Look for long-term solutions
Public share vehicles/'Cuse Car (3)
Crossover transit systems
Innovation
Use technology/smart stuff
Collaboration among transit modes
Light rail
Master plan for parking

4. What questions should we be asking as we explore this topic?

Technology-changing transportation?
What are the low-cost alternatives?
How can we make shuttles more efficient/increase rideshare opportunities?
How can we share information about common resources?
What density is needed for transportation efficiency? (2)
How do we account for the changing urban core and future transportation needs?

Where are jobs located and are they accessible? (3)
How can we diversify transportation providers? (Can hotel shuttle vans be used to pick up employees?)
Do policymakers understand the transportation system? How can we better educate them?
How can future transportation systems help retain younger populations?
How do we change transportation culture and incentivize alternative transportation?
Who are we not targeting?
Where is the funding coming from?
What are the most pressing needs?
Who is responsible for transportation? (2)
What are best practices? (2)
Define mobility
How do we educate the public?
Are all populations at the table? (2)
Community solutions for transportation (federal grants)
Benchmarks for people getting to work
Individual-based responses (call-a-bus)
Group/mass-based responses (train)
Other solutions besides cars
Can everyone get to work/health care/shopping?
How can we reduce total car time and fuel?