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Re: Smart Growth America Walkability Workshop – 6 Month Report

As the City of Salisbury continues to work towards revitalizing its Downtown in a manner that is cognizant of all modes of transportation, the recommendations from the Walkability/Bikeability Workshop are continuously evaluated and incorporated where appropriate. In addition to building off the accomplishments from the 1 month report the City has been able to focus on additional recommendations from the Workshop. The majority of the City’s goals to create a walkable, livable community will be achieved through the completion of the Main Street Masterplan.

- **Maximize Sidewalk Width and Access Downtown; Improve Pedestrian Safety at Intersections; Reduce Lane Width; Improve Bicycle Access Downtown with More “Sharrows”; Install Bike-Friendly Storm Drainage Grates; Map Downtown’s Pros and Cons as a Place to Live, Work, and Play; Convert One-Way Streets Downtown to Two-Way Traffic; Transform Sidewalk Area into Compelling Destinations:** Main Street Masterplan design is 65% complete. Funding for construction has been set aside in the FY16 Capital Improvement Plan. A public meeting was held to provide an opportunity for the community to provide feedback regarding the goals of the project. The project focuses on upgrading traffic controls, adding streetscape/landscape features (plantings, lighting, street furniture, and surface treatments), and reconstruction of sidewalks and ramps in addition to many needed upgrades to the water and sewer mains. Community feedback circled around the topics of parking, outdoor seating, and materials that will be used for the streetscape.

- **Create Wayfinding Signage; Create More Bike Lanes and Repaint Existing Lanes; Enhance Bicycle Parking:** On January 26, 2015, the City Council passed Resolution No. 2470 accepting a Maryland Bikeways Program grant in the amount of $50,000. As previously stated the grant award will be used to obtain a professional consulting service to prepare and implement design and marking plans for wayfinding and safety purposes. In addition, funding will be provided for infrastructure to support existing bike routes, purchase bike racks, and construct four centrally-located kiosks. The strategically located kiosks will provide cyclist with information in regards to nearby amenities, including connectivity to local and State trails, bike shops, major activity centers, bike racks, and institutional and recreational sites. The signage for the one mile walking route around Downtown was recently installed through a grant awarded to the Wicomico County Health Department.

- **Embrace Complete Streets:** The City of Salisbury Department of Public Works will be purchasing the latest edition of the Institute of Transportation Engineers handbook. The new
edition includes components dedicated to complete streets and will serve as guidance for the Department as they incorporate complete streets into their work program.

- **Identify Opportunities for Roundabouts:** The University of Maryland School of Architecture, Preservation and Planning and the graduate Urban Design studio conducted a case study of Downtown with community members to develop plans to revitalize the area. Many of the plans proposed roundabouts at the intersection of Mill Street, West Carrol Street, Camden Avenue, and Riverside Drive. This intersection serves as connection between Downtown and the surrounding Camden area neighborhood.

- **Strengthen Connections Between Downtown and the University:** In addition to bike lanes connecting Salisbury University to the Downtown area a trolley service is now operating. The Downtown Trolley is the result of a collaboration between the City of Salisbury, Shore Transit, and Salisbury University. The trolley makes stops at the University and surrounding student housing areas to provide transportation to the Downtown.

- **Develop a Pedestrian/Bike Plan to Better Connect Residential Neighborhoods to Downtown; Improve Bicycle Access Downtown with More “Sharrows”:** The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee continue to advise City officials and staff on methods to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclist.