State DOTs don’t do urban.
• Rina Cutler, Deputy Mayor for Transportation and Utilities, City of Philadelphia

DOTs have two stages – ‘Too soon to tell’ and ‘It’s too late to change’
• Peter Park, Planner at Reimagining Urban Highways Presentation

Sweet Jesus!
• John Connor, Penn Treaty Museum Curator, (At a Presentation for the Girard Avenue Interchange – He was happy.)
I-95 Girard Avenue Interchange

- Just North of Center City Philadelphia
Urgency, Location, Consensus

- A Lot of Money Spent All in One Place
- Limited Regional and Commonwealth Resources
- Girard Avenue Interchange is over $1 billion by itself

Division of the I-95 Corridor into Priority Sectors

Estimated Construction Cost of A: $2.2b
Estimated Construction Cost of B: $4.0b - $6.0b
Working in an Urban Highway Environment

- Everything has been piled together over the last 100 or more years
PennDOT Approach

- Become an Active Participant
- Respond Proactively
- Create a Human-Scaled Environment
- Build Partnerships

You are invited to attend an
I-95 Girard Ave. Project Meeting

To learn about ongoing and upcoming construction for the I-95 Girard Interchange.
- Detours
- Parking and access under the highway
- Construction schedule

To give feedback on neighborhood needs, such as:
- Parking
- Public Access
- Landscaping
- Lighting

When
Tuesday
October 1, 2013
6:30pm
AND*
Thursday
October 3, 2013
6:30pm

Where
Mother of Divine Grace Parish
2612 East Monmouth Street
Philadelphia, PA

Penn Treaty Museum
at the corner of Columbia and Delaware Avenues
Philadelphia, PA

*The same information will be presented at both meetings.

For more information, please contact:
Mexico Hall at mexico.hall@urs.com or 215.540.8220
and remember to visit us at www.PAQrive.com

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Federal Highway Administration
Residents and the River

- Historically close, but not connected
Central Delaware Vision & Master Plan

- Initial Culture Shock Turned to Call for Action
- Learning to Work Together to Increase “Permeability” of Highway

Photo: Central Delaware Waterfront Plan Charrette
Rendering from Central Delaware Waterfront Plan: Market Street at Penn’s Landing
Waterfront Connections

- 20-acres of Land under Structures
- Many Access Locations – But They Are Not Places Anyone Wants to Be
Waterfront Connections

• But They Could Be…

“It'll be awesome to look out there and see plants instead of prostitutes.”
- Area resident
SUSTAINABLE ACTION COMMITTEE

A Communication & Implementation Structure
Intersecting and Competing Interests

- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- City of Philadelphia
- Federal Highway Administration
- Neighborhood Community Development Corporations
- Neighborhood Associations
- SEPTA, AMTRAK, Conrail
- Verizon, PECO, PGW, PWD
- Real Estate Developers, Commercial, and Industrial Landlords
- Retail Businesses
- Residents
- Travelers
- Elected Officials
Sustainable Action Committee (SAC)

- Corridor Sustainable Action Committee
  - FHWA, PennDOT, City and Regional agencies, Major non-profits
  - Consistency in Corridor-wide Policy Decisions
- Girard Avenue Sustainable Action Committee
  - Civic Organizations, Non-profits, PennDOT, Relevant City Agencies
- Results
  - Integrated Stakeholder and Community Needs into the Design and Environmental Clearance Process
Sustainable Action Committee

- PennDOT Working Collaboratively with Agencies & Non-Pros to Identify Role of I-95 Reconstruction in Implementing Waterfront Projects
  - Can Implement Some
  - Lay Groundwork for Many
  - Not a Factor in Others

Photo: I-95 Looking North
THE NEED TO SPEAK A COMMON LANGUAGE

Not Everyone is an Engineer
Visualizing a Highway
Design Charrettes
Committee Meetings

1. Shackamaxon St. to Palmer St.
   - Possible Uses:
     - Linear park
     - Gardening space
     - Dog park
     - Extension of Penn Treaty Park

2. Palmer St. to Aramingo Ave.
   - Possible Uses:
     - Linear park and community parking lots
     -Same parking used at the park on weekends for markets
     -Overflow parking for events at Penn Treaty Park
     -Pet friendly parks
Neighborhood/Near Neighbor Meetings
Community Events

It Ain’t Your Grand Pop’s Riverfront Anymore!

Wednesday, May 25th
6:30-8:30 PM
Campbell Square Park (Allegheny & Belgrade)

Get the latest scoop on ‘River Reactions’. Guests include representatives from PennDOT, Delaware River City Corp, Delaware River Waterfront Corporation and others.

Hear about I-95 and new public access near the highway!
Learn about the Port Richmond Trail!
See the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation’s Riverfront Master Plan!
Begin moving on getting better connected to the riverfront!

To volunteer, have a table or learn more:
Rain location: across the street at Our Lady Help of Christian, Downtown Hall
UNCOMMON PURPOSE

An I-95 for Everybody
Movement at Multiple Levels

Elevated Highway and Surface Streets Overlapping
Perpendicular and Parallel

• Making it Easier and Safer to Travel Across and Along the Highway for Everyone

Crossing Under the Highway
Perpendicular and Parallel

- Making it Easier and Safer to Travel Across and Along the Highway for Everyone

Moving Parallel to the Highway
Underpasses (Perpendicular)

- Charged with pushing the boundaries of standard highway lighting considerations
Under Viaduct (Perpendicular)

- Terminating Vistas
- LED Lighting
- Open, Usable Spaces
Trails (Parallel)

- Used to separate stormwater BMPs and parking lots
- Ground mounted lighting
Surface Streets (Parallel)

- Integration with Transit Service
- New Trail, Bike and Sidewalk Connections
A multi-use trail will pass through the area to connect to Girard Avenue through the stormwater park.
Wall under new off-ramp – Historical Map Design
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Building on Each Other’s Strengths
DRWC – Implementing the Master Plan

• Work Like a Relay Team
• PennDOT Does What it Does Well
  • Build the Infrastructure
• DRWC Does What it Does Well
  • Manage and Execute Projects to Enliven Public Spaces
“Baseline” Underpass Treatments

- Important Connections to Waterfront
- Wall Treatments that Reflect Culture of Local Neighborhood
Columbia Avenue Primary Connector
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- Park at Columbia will include a large lawn/gathering space, rain gardens, and parking.
Spring Garden Primary Connector

- Highway Reconstruction not Scheduled until 2018-2020
- DRWC Leading Initial/Interim Improvements for this Critical Link
  - Underpass Lighting & Design
  - Transit Access/Wayfinding Improvements
  - Streetscaping & Public Art
- Future Highway Construction Will Conserve Interim Improvements
From Vision… to Design… to Construction

Photo: Ramp Entrance and Mainline Viaduct
Girard Avenue Interchange

Rendering from Central Delaware Waterfront
Plan: Viaduct Structure and Landscaping
Girard Avenue Interchange

Rendering of URS Proposed Viaduct and
Landscaping
THANK YOU

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