

Donald E. Grell, President
Carlisle Borough Council
53 West South Street
Carlisle, PA 17013

Dear Don:

We, as representatives of the Clean Air Board, the Downtown Carlisle Association, LeTort Regional Authority, Dickinson College and the Redevelopment Authority of Cumberland County are writing to encourage Borough Council to proceed with a comprehensive traffic study of the downtown and its surrounds for the purpose of preserving and enhancing the long term viability of the downtown area. The Carlisle Comprehensive Plan, adopted by Borough Council in 2002, contains the following mission statement: "The citizens will **continually strive** (emphasis added) to make Carlisle an even greater place in which to live, work, and play. These efforts will emphasize an active downtown, strong neighborhoods, an attractive living environment, preservation of historic buildings, economic growth, high-quality life-long education, a strong sense of community, citizen involvement, regional cooperation, abundant recreation, preserved natural areas and the celebration of arts and culture". It is in the spirit of this mission statement that we propose that Borough Council proceed with a comprehensive traffic study as quickly as possible to address serious and continuing concerns about the deleterious effect of vehicular traffic in, around, and through the downtown area.

The Downtown section of the Comprehensive Plan references several goals that relate to our proposal. These goals include 1) minimize adverse impacts of traffic upon residential neighborhoods, particularly higher speed traffic and heavy truck traffic, 2) examine ways to reduce truck traffic through the downtown, and 3) promote bicycling and walking.

Consistent with the goals reflected in the Borough's adopted comprehensive plan, we believe that a comprehensive traffic study should be done to identify appropriate strategies for addressing the following:

- Determining a flow of traffic that enhances an intimate, small town feeling by "calming" traffic
- Reducing pollutants
- Promoting walking by making it easier for pedestrians to cross the street
- Promoting bicycling by providing bicycle access through the downtown to areas of employment and recreational areas
- Reducing the potential for vehicle accidents
- Maximizing business success in the downtown
- Reducing noise levels
- Improving the accessibility and safety of parking

The strategies to address these goals should be crafted in such a way that there is negligible or no impact on local business, including but not limited to, warehousing and distribution businesses

We have been informed by Dickinson College that they will contribute up to \$50,000 for the completion of such a comprehensive traffic study to be conducted by a professional engineering firm. Attached is a copy of the commitment letter from the College. These funds would be provided by the College to the Borough to conduct the study.

It is our desire to be listed on the agenda at the September 13, 2007 Borough Council (under Opportunity for Scheduled Citizens and Visitors to be Heard) to further explain and articulate our request that Council proceed with this comprehensive traffic study as soon as possible.

We appreciate the Council's continuing commitment to the downtown and look forward to the completion of this important study.

Sincerely,

DOWNTOWN CARLISLE ASSOCIATION
CLEAN AIR BOARD of CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
DICKINSON COLLEGE
LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Cc: Borough Council Members
Mayor Wilson