

375 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MEETING SUMMARY

SUBJECT	375 Improvement Project Advisory Committee Meetings
MEETING SITE	MDOT Operations & Service Center, 1060 W. Fort St., Detroit 48226, 2nd floor Fisher Conference Room
DATE/TIME	May 1, 2017 Government Advisory Committee, 2PM - 4PM (EST) Local Advisory Committee, 5PM - 7PM (EST)

The kick-off advisory committee meetings for the I-375 Improvement Project were held on May 1, 2017 at the MDOT Operations and Service Center. Stakeholders were divided into two advisory committees, government and local, to create more opportunity for conversation in a small group setting. In attendance at the meetings were representatives from the community, churches, businesses, education, and government. The Government Advisory Committee (GAC) was attended by 15, and the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) was attended by 19.

A presentation was given by MDOT, the City of Detroit, and the project consultant, HNTB. The presentation framed the why here and why now for the project, expectations for the advisory committees and next steps for the program. During and after the presentation attendees were encouraged to ask questions and share what is important to their organization related to the I-375 corridor.

At the GAC, the topics listed below were raised by committee members as important areas to their organizations to consider for the Environmental Assessment (EA):

- Emergency Preparedness
- Continuation of the City's resurgence
- Safety
- Noise
- Congestion
- Air quality
- Mobility
- Federal involvement
- Parking
- Gratiot Connector
- Constructability
- Land Development
- Brewster-Douglass Property
- Placemaking
- Traffic Flow
- Transit
- Ingress and Egress

The discussion at the LAC presented unique topics in addition to overlap with discussion at the GAC. The topics listed below were presented as significant areas to consider for the EA:

- Ease of travel
- Economic Growth
- Ingress/Egress
- Traffic flow
- Safety
- Connectivity
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Congestion
- Environmental Impacts
- Impacts to businesses
- Access to the Riverfront
- Gratiot Connector
- Crossing Jefferson
- Transit on Jefferson
- Traffic Speeds
- Stormwater
- Funding
- Placemaking

Both meetings were engaging, presenting a range of topics for the project team to consider in preparation of the May 17, 2017 public community conversation, and going forward with the development of the EA. The study intends to gather the advisory committees monthly as a representative body of stakeholders to provide feedback on project status and communication to and from their organizations.