

Participant Comments at the October 3, 2007 FHIA meeting to discuss the Traffic Calming Plan

WHAT PEOPLE LIKE

- Extensive speed tables
- Thorough
- Recognizes Difficulty of sustaining community
- Wonderful plan
- Step in Right direction
- Right direction
- Entrance features
- Pedestrian light
- Like it a lot
- Comprehensive/balanced
- Like whole plan
- Speed tables
- Reduce speed to 25
- Wshole plan
- Amazing
- Done
- Use of Vegetation
- Whole plan
- Awesome
- Cookbook for Town to make decisions (not longer straighter faster)
- Like it
- Completed
- Nobody gets hurt
- Fits within current footprint
- Walkways crucial
- Incredible
- Most extensive plan in Ithaca community
- Forward looking
- Done
- Speed tables obvious solution
- 25 m.p.h limit
- lighting to reduce glare
- like what sees
- Speed tables (if they work)
- Done
- Entrance features
- Pedestrian walkways
- Speed tables
- Flexibility
- Go forward as opportunities arise
- Emphasis on visual markers
- Walkability
- Done
- Not asking people to make sacrifices
- Speed tables
- Entrance features
- Pedestrian enhancements
- Peanut butter {slows people down, clear boundaries, spread evenly}

CONCERNS

- Contentious process
- Worry about people getting behind whole plan
- Risks making rest of community like JFR

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- Should be flexible to respond to concerns expressed at meeting
- Safety bottom line
- Edge treatment difficult for bikes
- Do we have enough calmed in center?
- Cobbled band-dangerous for bikes
- Safety of animals
- Too much vegetation problem for vision
- Signs for children/pets
- Disappointed no overt coordination with outside
- Concerns about bad weather-snow makes you walk on street
- Bull's eye on backs of cyclists
- Up and down hill different
- Work to reduce volume
- Easy things not delayed for more contentious
- If we are divisive this wont go anywhere
- Put in report as is
- Hate to see JFR recreated on FHD
- Stance of us against them not good
- Work with CU
- We should be sure about what we want before working with the Town
- Outside consultants critiques too traditional
- Bicyclists (18 inch edge-) go on safely
- Implementation
- Unless get behind this as community we will be ignored
- 200 block FHD
- Cross intersection by bridge
- Bicycle shoulders
- Bicycle edge treatment
- FH/Warren corner-people don't stop
- Down Warren in rain many accidents
- Walkways safety concerns
- How to handle snow plowed on walkways
- Dealing with speeding 200 block FHD (speed tables)
- Concerned with unhappiness of JFR neighbors
- Too much light (minimal lighting)
- Conversation with Plantations, Town, re: sight lines-keep vegetation
- How will we interact with Town
- Concern about undermine credibility of plan
- Concern that we address concerns of the Town
- Ascend Warren, PG and JFR can't ride on recommended surface
- Didn't meet reality of bikers
- Using cyclists as speed bumps
- Cars behave irrationally when slow bicyclists
- Placement of speed tables on Warren-slow more around steep descent
- Cobbled surface
- Concerned about bicyclists
- Get it in/file it/go with it-start negotiating piece by piece
- Extend boundaries especially on FHD
- Seamless cultural landscape
- Cobbled edge of road
- Likes Hanshaw arrangement for bikes
- Put in sequentially (?)
- Doesn't like speed tables
- Doesn't go far enough addressing volume
- Speed tables prioritized not entrance features
- Belgian block concern

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- Report doesn't go far enough for cyclists lanes/routes
- Pedestrian paths located on curb
- Adjacent to street – unsafe/unpleasant especially because of buses
- Crushed stone unpleasing-visually
- Snow on walkways after plowing
- Remove walkways from curb
- Revisit light posts on entry features (aesthetic elements) in light of Town's concerns
- Other aesthetic options
- Prioritizing
- Probably won't get whole thing
- Emphasize life saving elements
- Done by experts who don't live here-suburban feel
- Not keen on entrance features (seamless landscape with CU)
- Wrong foot forward with too much FH identity
- Relationship with TCAT
- Buses concern on JFR
- Snow causes people to walk in road
- JFR-very narrow-concerns about pedestrians and cyclists
- If no remedy to JFR, more people will leave
- Cobbles for bikes a detriment
- Shocked that report takes stand no one must make sacrifices
- Report timid

QUESTIONS

- Where 18" where 12" band?
- Who speaks for FH?
- Cost of private snow removal?

SENSE OF THE MEETING

- General agreement we're prepared to move forward?
- Urgency
- Not inflexible
- Realist
- Strategic
- Cobbled bands?
- Grass roots action in case Town resistance
- Can't put in plan regarding safety issue of pedestrians
- Concerns of Town are addressed in report-reread section on cobbles doesn't preclude additions