

## **Moving Brunswick Forward Public Forum Feedback, 9.20.12**

### **OPPORTUNITY 1** (back-in and sharrow)

Likes:

- Raised sidewalks
- 4 Lanes of traffic
- Good visibility for cyclists
- If traffic is slow (10-15mph), safe for cyclists (roundabout will help slow traffic)

### **OPPORTUNITY 2** (back-in w/dedicated bike lane & 1 travel lane)

Likes:

- Dedicated bike lane
- Dedicated travel lane (turn in center)

### **OPPORTUNITY 3** (parallel parking, dedicated bike lane near curb & 1 travel lane)

Likes:

- Safest for bikes
- Center diagonal parking

### **OPPORTUNITY 4** (dedicated bike lane near curb, center turn lane & 1 travel lane)

Likes:

- Dedicated bike lane
- Front-in parking

Dislikes:

- Traffic stops when parked cars pull out

### **OPPORTUNITY 5** (center bike lane & front-in parking)

Likes:

- Center bike lane
- Center lane available for snow storage

### **REPORT**

- No consensus
- 1 person votes for no change, just minor tweaks
- Like raised crosswalks like at Brunswick Station
- Need to address parking = high priority
  - Bowdoin student study
- Explore making sidewalks more narrow to accommodate traffic and bicyclists

### **ROUNDAABOUT OPTION 1**

- 2 lane hard for pedestrians and elderly drivers
- Only option for 2 travel lanes on Maine Street?

### **ROUNDAABOUT OPTIONS 2 & 3**

- Safer for pedestrians crossing, esp. Option 3

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

GROUP 1

- Raised crosswalks with refuge, traffic calming
- Pleasant St. – 2 way more reasonable
- Roundabout at Pleasant/Maine – if Pleasant is 2way, can turnaround
- #4, Separation, should not eliminate 4 lanes - solve with raised crosswalks

GROUP 2

- Prefer bike path – Opportunity #4
- Raise bike path to height of raised crosswalks (done in Europe)
- At Lincoln & Bank north bound, do not combine the automobile and bike traffic – continue parking
- Prefer 2 way Pleasant St (consensus)
- Option #3 roundabout is smaller and more attractive
  - Need to integrate bike lane (Opportunity #4) with roundabout (Option #3)
  - Add parking for cars and bikes on east side of roundabout
- Green spaces
  - Plant all bump-outs in Opportunity #4 and roundabout Option #3 with plants/flowers
  - In empty building lots scatter wildflower seeds
- Town meetings – hold at Recreation Center and hang a banner to advertise
- Change crosswalk currently at Lincoln/Bank to go from Lincoln to Dunlap
- Crossing lights for pedestrians
  - Don't cross in front of cars with green lights