

# **Bradenton / Palmetto Downtown Mobility Study**

## **Community Workshop No. 2 Summary**

On the evening of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Renaissance Planning Group conducted a community workshop to present draft strategies enhancing the downtown mobility of Bradenton and Palmetto. Facilitators included Whit Blanton, Nick Lepp, Tim Whaler and Brad Sheffield of Renaissance Planning Group, with assistance from Laura Logue with the City of Bradenton and Frank Woodard with the City of Palmetto.

Whit Blanton conducted an overview of the project and the purpose of the evening's workshop. The presentation focused on four areas of the study process; Review of Study Objectives, Previous Work and Status, Presentation of Mobility Scenarios/Strategies, and Next Steps. Participants then moved to facilitated breakout tables, sharing ideas of what strategies they support, strategies they do not support or new strategies not discussed. The subgroups were divided between Transit Strategies, Roadway Networks Strategies, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Networks Strategies.

At the conclusion of the evening information was gathered from each table and surveys were provided to gather additional comments from participants. Specific concerns were raised throughout the evening's discussions. The majority of the participants were present to discuss and oppose the enhancement of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Residents expressed concerns that more traffic diverted to this corridor would further "box" them in and create a greater disconnect to the downtown area. Some residents expressed concerns regarding safely accommodating truck traffic around proposed roundabouts. Most of the residents present verbally supported the idea of creating a Transit Mall along 13th St, which would further enhance the pedestrian connection between the residential areas and the downtown.

### *Summary of Presentation*

#### Study Objectives:

- Craft a workable multimodal transportation plan
- Achieve balance between local circulation and regional traffic demand
- Strong involvement from public and stakeholders
- Define near-term and long-term strategies

#### Previous Work and Status:

- Completed existing conditions analysis, origin-destination survey and growth projections from pending/approved development
- Developed alternatives for future year analysis

#### Mobility Scenarios/Strategies:

- See strategies on following page

