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John Clarkson
Town Supervisor

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Dear Neighbor,

Please join us for a meeting of Delaware Avenue business and property owners to learn about the Delaware Avenue Complete Streets Feasibility Study. The meeting will be held on **July 26th**, **at 4:00 pm in Bethlehem Town Hall Room 101.**

Over the past ten months, the Town and the Delaware Avenue Improvement Group have been exploring options to improve transportation along the section of Delaware Avenue between Elsmere Avenue and the Normanskill Bridge. The goal is to improve the roadway to enable safe access for all users, including motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. This approach is known as Complete Streets.

Several alternatives, including a reduction in the speed limit from 40h to 35mph, have been identified to improve safety and convenience for all roadway users, including pedestrians, transit users and bicyclists. For drivers going to and from businesses on Delaware, under current conditions it is often very difficult to comfortably and safely make a left turn into and out of businesses (or neighborhood side streets).

Enhancements to community quality of life and the local economy are key goals of the study. One design alternative, known as a "road diet" includes reducing the number of travel lanes from four lanes to three, comprised of one lane in each direction, a center left turn lane, and bicycle lanes. Analysis of this alternative shows it can reduce the number of accidents, enhance pedestrian crossings, and provide for easier and safer left turns into and out of businesses.

I hope you'll be able to join us on July 26th to hear about these roadway design options, ask questions, and provide your thoughts, experiences and comments. A website is available (DelawareAveCompleteStreets.com) for those who wish to learn more about the study prior to the meeting. For additional information or questions please contact Robert Leslie, Director of Planning at 439-4955 x1157 or email at DelawareAveStudy@cmellp.com. If you are planning to attend please RSVP to Robin Nagengast at RNagengast@townofbethlehem.org or 439-4955 x1164 no later than July 24th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Clarkson".

John Clarkson
Town Supervisor

Study Area:

