

**Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy**  
*Charrette and Process Orientation Meeting - January 12, 2018*  
*at Lee Center*  
**Community Questions and Comments**

The following questions and comments were raised and addressed at the Charrette and Process Orientation Meeting. The video can be seen [here](#).

- What is the time/layout of the core team meetings?
- Clarify the scope of this effort. Is it about design/planning or a market analysis?
- Can we get background on ownership of affordable housing blocks as well as project based voucher contract expiration?
- What happens when the HUD affordability contracts expire?
- Will the owners of the affordable housing properties be participating in the charrette?
- What are the evening meetings for?
- How does the Affordability Strategy fit in with Small Area Plans and development projects?
- What's the long-term goal for affordable housing on these blocks? What does success look like with affordable housing preservation?
- Is there an immediate threat of redevelopment?
- What are the topics for the charrette?
- What about issues on Franklin Street?
- What about the gas stations?
- There's a major traffic flow problem caused by the beltway and increased traffic.
- Concerned about all the traffic that goes through the neighborhood
- Concerned about increased traffic that may come from additional density if properties redevelop.
- Need another light at the Franklin intersection because people coming into Old Town don't make it to Duke Street... they turn down Franklin and speed through.
- Is VDOT going to be involved in this process?
- Incorporate an entry feature or raised pedestrian crossing at Franklin and Route 1
- There are dilapidated commercial properties on Franklin and Route 1
- Of the 344 units, how many are accessible?
- Can we try to get more affordable units in redevelopment over and above replacing the existing units? There is a real lack of affordable housing in the City.
- How can we get a full planning solution if we focus only on one topic – affordable housing?
- Will you be looking at streetscape on Route 1?
- The timeframe for this process seems compressed.
- Will AEDP be involved to examine the redevelopment sites?
- What about a pedestrian overpass to solve the pedestrian safety problem?

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- Will you be using the City's Complete Streets Guidelines?
- It would be helpful to prime the community with precedent images. Members of the community could provide ideas for precedents as well.
- How does this plan fit with SAP and DSUP and rezoning?
- Will members of the community have access to raw data?
- How will you report out on online engagement?