



City of Columbus Thoroughfare Plan

Outline

- Why a new Thoroughfare Plan?
- Goals & roals of the new plan
- Land use, character, and functional class integration
- Adoption process and lessons learned

Why a new Thoroughfare Plan?

- 2003 plan was a good step in the right direction but...
- New areas of growth
- Broader view of the role of streets

Goals & Roles

- One size does not fit all – beyond functional class for cross sections
 - Adjacent land use
 - Area character
 - Flexibility for developers
- Account for SW residential developments
- Further align the local functional class language with FHWA functional class
- Clear division of policies between subdivision control ordinance, zoning ordinance, and Thoroughfare Plan
- Reinforce the implementation of future road alignments and connections via Plan Commission actions
- Further institutionalize the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities

A more context sensitive approach

- Design matrixes based upon:
 - Functional class
 - Character class
 - Adjacent land use
- Mixture of design elements possible in order to create your cross section

Lessons learned & observations

- Our local newspaper is probably not as informed about process as we thought
- We carried more weight than expected from our consulting team
- No one cared about the new cross sections, complete focus was on the map
- All day open house was an eleven hour talking marathon
- Choose your city staff carefully, no one else will be in the weeds