



Community Vision

A visioning session was held on June 7, 2014 with regional stakeholders including community members, Metro, the property owner, Washington University, local business owners, and neighborhood community associations to build on the recent planning efforts and articulate a community vision for reactivating the Wabash station:

- Strong enthusiasm for reactivating the building as the primary entrance to the Delmar MetroLink Station, integration with all modes of transportation including Metrobus, cycling, and the Loop Trolley.
- Desire for making the station an integral part of the neighborhood vision and using it as a catalyst for improving the quality of life for residents in the area.
- Future vision for the station included: Loop Visitors' Center, historic exhibits, restaurant / diner, café/coffee shop, convenience shop / news stand, police substation, bicycle station, event space, local artists gallery, library branch, Museum of Transportation extension.
- Desire to continue involving community members and stakeholders from both sides of Delmar in the



Findings

Findings from a visioning session, steering committee meetings, stakeholder interviews, and online surveys include:

- Improving the quality of life for residents in the area by revitalizing the station as an integral part of the neighborhood vision.
- The access to transit provides significant opportunity for development and partnering with other stakeholders to create a larger plan which adds to synergy in the neighborhood. (See attached map demonstrating area)
- Any plan must incorporate all modes of transit to serve the greater 'plan' site.
- Envision higher and better use for park and ride lot as part of the development.
- Next steps include expansion of the Steering Committee to include adjacent land owners; creation of a larger development vision, mixed-use development plans to begin the conversation, and identifying financing options.

Transit key to re-vision Wabash Station

Why transit matters to revitalizing St. Louis neighborhoods

Communities across the country are realizing the benefits of Transit Oriented Development's ability to create livable, walkable communities. Citizens for Modern Transit and the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council partnered through a grant from Rise St. Louis to focus on the Wabash Station as a potential gateway to transit in the St. Louis region.

The Opportunity

The Wabash Station Building, currently owned by Joe Edwards, sits on the north side of Delmar Ave., south of the Delmar MetroLink Station. The building has been closed for several years. Area stakeholders' seek to revitalize the area and reactivate the streetscape to increase vibrancy of the community. Area plans, which included significant public engagement, have recognized the opportunity this site presents and the transformative effect it would have on the business and residential districts surrounding it.

A way to get there from here

A larger, multi-use, mixed income development plan with the Wabash Station as the focal point

- An inviting, walkable TOD plan
- Link to neighborhoods north and south of station
- Mixed use, mixed income development
- Create regional connectivity
- Access to jobs
- Increased transit options available to site

The Neighborhood

A key planning goal for the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood is to become a sustainable, car-optional neighborhood.

Recently-completed planning studies – including the Skinker DeBaliviere Neighborhood Urban Design & Development Plan and SLDC's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Station Area Plan for the Delmar & Forest Park/DeBaliviere Stations - identify the revitalization of the historic and abandoned Wabash Station as critical to spurring development and increasing ridership.

Renovation of the Wabash Station would increase the access, walkability, and safety of the community, would revitalize this historic transit entrance, would make the area a model for transit oriented development throughout the entire region, and could catalyze other TOD projects within the Delmar-DeBaliviere Transit Corridor.

It would also provide a unique opportunity to involve the West End Neighborhood to the east and north of the station and collaboratively engage the "Delmar Divide" with proper redevelopment and activation efforts.

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