

Warrensville/Van Aken Plan Update Public Workshop #3—February 27, 2008

The third and final public workshop for the plan was held in February. More than 60 residents were in attendance—many for the first time in the process. They reviewed the preferred alternative for redeveloping the intersection. This alternative was developed based on analysis by the consultants over the past five months and feedback from the first two public workshops.

Key elements of the proposed, preferred alternative include:

- Changing the six-way intersection at Chagrin and Warrensville into a standard four-way intersection;
- Reconfiguring Van Aken to extend straight east between Farnsleigh and Warrensville;
- Reconfiguring Northfield to connect with Warrensville near the Post Office;
- Maintaining the rapid transit line in its current diagonal configuration; and
- Extending the rapid transit line through the Chagrin/Warrensville intersection to a new transit/bus terminal near the University Hospitals Administrative building.

New development parcels for retail, office, housing and community uses would be created along a grid of internal streets extending from Lomond and Winslow. Existing and new businesses would benefit from added on-street parking and parking garages. The entire area would be pedestrian-friendly and walkable, and include a central green space.

Participants reviewed the proposed alternative and provided feedback on the road pattern, public space, buildings, transit and pedestrian access. Feedback was also requested on neighborhood traffic concerns. As a closing exercise, groups were asked to write a headline that might appear in the local paper in 2015 celebrating the opening of the new development.

The final draft plan will be presented to City Planning Commission and City Council in April.