

COMMENTS FROM AUGUST 5, 2003 PUBLIC MEETING
BAUM/CENTRE PLANNING INITIATIVE

At the public meeting of August 5, 2003, the planning team reported back on the SWOT analysis, themes and the summaries of the topic table discussions. The following comments were recorded:

- Does Baum/Centre really need 24-hour activity?
- There seems to be opposing opinions on traffic. Some believe that it needs to be facilitated with signal timing, removal or parking, etc. while others feel traffic calming is necessary to insure pedestrian safety.
- Won't increased development increase traffic, which seems congested now? The auto queues at Whole Foods seem to bear this out. Additionally, some pretty complicated intersections such as Centre/Negley/Roup may only get worse with more development.
- Are there good benchmarking examples from other cities for the incorporation of green space for such activities as sitting and dog walking?
- There seems to be two types of traffic on the corridors. One is destination traffic while the other is pass through traffic.
- Please explain the public approval process for developments.
- It seems likely that there will be more opportunity for high density residential on the two corridors, as they become more attractive places.
- When you present draft recommendations, please provide a series of alternatives for controversial issues.
- It is important that the draft recommendations seek balance throughout the corridor. For example, what is right for a portion of the corridor may not be the right treatment for another portion of the corridor.
- Perhaps the best way to insure pedestrian safety is the introduction of exclusive pedestrian phase intersections throughout.