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# Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority

# St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Stakeholder Engagement Session

**March 31, 2009**

## OVERVIEW

The client group conducted a Stakeholder Engagement Session on Thursday, March 31, 2009 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The intention of the session was two fold:

- To provide participants a general overview of the Port Relocation project and a more specific overview of the potential impacts (opportunities and challenges) of the relocation on the St. Clair Superior Neighborhood
- To provide participants an opportunity to engage by providing input, asking questions, and taking action.

### *Attendees*

The following is a list of attendees:

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| Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority | Pamela Davis<br>Eric Johnson<br>Skip |
| Currere | Sally Breyley Parker<br>Adele DiMarco Kious<br>Tracey Kastelic |
| City of Cleveland | Bob Brown |
| St Clair Superior CDC | Jamie Blackson Baker<br>James Amendola |
| St Clair Superior residents and business owners | Linda Henrichsen |

### *Agenda*

The following was the general agenda for the conversation.

- **Check-In:** *Why are you here & what are you hoping to gain from this session?*
- **History & Context**
- **Questions & Input**
- **Next Step & Check-Out**

## CONCERNS SHARED

The following questions and concerns were shared by those in attendance.

### *What brought you to the meeting? What would you like to know tonight?*

- To learn what's going on
- Want transparency
- Assure that the port benefits St. Clair Superior
- Hear what the community is thinking and be an advocate for them
- Want to be heard
- Want the neighborhood to be renewed – safety
- Want to know where the original idea to move the port came from
- Want to learn more about the port and details
- Concerned about the effect on the environment
- Interested in quality of life
- Want to preserve the neighborhood
- Curiosity – want to see what will happen for future generations

### *What Questions & Concerns Do You Have?*

#### Traffic (vehicular & train)

- Concern about volume increasing right at the access to the port
- How will traffic to/through the neighborhood increase?
- There will need to be rail access built – who will widen and who will pay?
- Right now E55th is the only access to the lake. How will you accommodate people in getting ot the lake without having to go down to 72nd?
- Where will the traffic jams be? E55th St interchange?

#### Traffic (ships)

- Where will the ships come in?
- What will the impact be from the pollution from the ships?

## International Trade District

- Will there be a master plan for the ITD? Will it exist even if the port doesn't move?
- Need more details/to see a master plan for ITD
- What kinds of business will you try and attract to the ITD?
- What will happen to the homes that are in the ITD?
- What will the ITD "look like" and what does that mean?

## Environment & Recreation

- What does this mean for the greening of Cleveland and access to the lakefront for St Clair Superior neighborhood?
- If I'm a fisherman where do I go? Where do I park? The pedestrian bridge from the parking south of the Shoreway should be closer to the parking lot.
- Who will maintain/pay for the maintenance of the greenspace? Its not getting the greenspace that hurts us, it's the maintenance of the space after its been created.
- What will the impact be from the pollution from the ships?
- How will the ship traffic impact fishing on the lake (balliste water)?
- How do you get a green attractive edge to the bikepath if it's along the port's secure and fenced area?
- What will the environmental impact be – both during construction and after (with the ships)

## Why move port?

- Why are you filling in the slips and bays when there are so many empty buildings in the area?
- Telling the public that moving the port will bring new jobs is misleading – can do that now.
- Why can't the port be a "destination" in its current location?

## Safety

- How will this impact the security of the neighborhood? It will bring increased traffic, outsiders, transients, etc

## Financial concerns

- If you look at the "blue part" who will pay for the whole port relocation especially if the Core is only paying for 50% of the dredging

- Who will maintain/pay for the maintenance of the greenspace? Its not getting the greenspace that hurts us, it's the maintenance of the space after its been created.
- What will the ROI be to move the port to the new location
- Will the city use tax abatement to pay for things?
- There are politics and conflicts of interest and no one's is talking about chasing money.

## *Comments regarding General Improvements to Presentation*

- Incorporate transportation plan into presentation (vehicular, bike, walkways, bridges, etc)
- Indicate on map where E55th and St Clair is
- Include what the vision of a successful outcome looks like.