

First Friday Noontime Forum Series
“Continuing the Growth and Prosperity of Downtown Lancaster”

Highlights

January 2008 - Lisa Riggs, James T. Improvement District, Keith Orris, Franklin & Marshall College and James Cowhey and David Royer, Lancaster Co. Planning

- ❖ Planned relocation of Norfolk-Southern rail lines—Benefit = 55,000 trucks removed from Pennsylvania highways.
- ❖ Increased property values on Harrisburg Pike increases the demand for the downtown – creating a cascading economic impact.
- ❖ Franklin & Marshall expansion plan allows for growth of the campus over the next 75 years.
- ❖ A street connecting plan increases the growth plan to 100 years. Preliminary plan encompasses connecting Charlotte St. to Clay St. and College Avenue to Liberty St.
- ❖ Lancaster General plan for new nursing school on former Armstrong site—today there are 600 students. New school will increase capacity to 1600-1800 students.
- ❖ Current land use pattern is not optimal for mass-transit to connect the corridor with downtown.