



I-95 RAMPS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? The proposed massive on-off ramp system of a major interstate highway which will feed directly into Queen Village - Society Hill neighborhoods.
2. HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU? A total disruption of your present way of life will occur, offering no advantages in return. Imagine what thousands of additional cars and trucks dumped daily into our communities would do!
3. WILL THESE RAMPS AFFECT OUR ENVIRONMENT? Air pollution levels will soar beyond maximum safe livable levels. Noise levels will be intolerable. Vibration from traffic will seriously undermine all structures, with severest damage occurring to our historical landmarks.
4. WILL IT LOWER PROPERTY VALUES? Bernard Meltzer, Chairman of the City Planning Commission states property values will diminish by millions of dollars. Mortgage money will be difficult to get. Federal Guaranteed Loans for homes will be impossible to obtain.
5. WHAT PURPOSE WOULD THE RAMPS SERVE? They were designed to tie in with the now defunct Crosstown Expressway. There will be no Crosstown. There must be no ramps!
6. WON'T THE STATE'S NEWLY PROPOSED BARRIER ON FRONT STREET PROTECT US IF THERE ARE RAMPS? In response to citizen outrage, the State's proposal is merely a smoke screen to cover a planning error. It is no solution. Traffic would be thrown back to Delaware Avenue to find other east-west outlets, such as Spruce or Walnut Streets to the north or neighborhood streets below Bainbridge to the south. What's more, concrete barriers can be torn down overnight!! The presence of these costly ramps poses a constant threat to our neighborhoods.
RAMPS ARE NOT BUILT TO BE CLOSED OFF
7. WHAT IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COALITION? Fourteen area civic associations and other interested groups have joined together to oppose any ramps between Vine Street and the Walt Whitman Bridge. Immediate legal action, public outcry and political pressure will be used by the Coalition to stop these ramps.
8. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO TRAFFIC TRAVELING TO AREAS BETWEEN VINE STREET AND THE WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE? Delaware Avenue will be the main feeder highway between these areas. It will be resurfaced as an eight-lane highway with a single rail line down the center. This will provide excellent service to these areas.
9. HOW IS THE COALITION SUPPORTED? Funds are needed to fund the activities of the Coalition. This money is not tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to your civic association but marked "For I-95 Fund".
10. WHAT WILL LEGAL ACTION COST? The first phase of litigation will cost \$15,000. More will be required if we have to appeal. Funds for legal fees will be tax deductible if checks are made payable to the Society Hill Fund (a special fund set up to protect all neighborhood interests in this area) and "I-95 Legal Costs" noted at bottom of check. These checks should be sent to your civic association and will be forwarded to the Fund.
11. WHEN CAN I MAKE A CONTRIBUTION? On April 8th, a door-to-door fund raising drive is kicking off throughout your community. Give generously when your neighbor calls on you for a donation. Your own property, your health, your peace of mind and the future of the neighborhood are at stake!

I-95: A TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE?

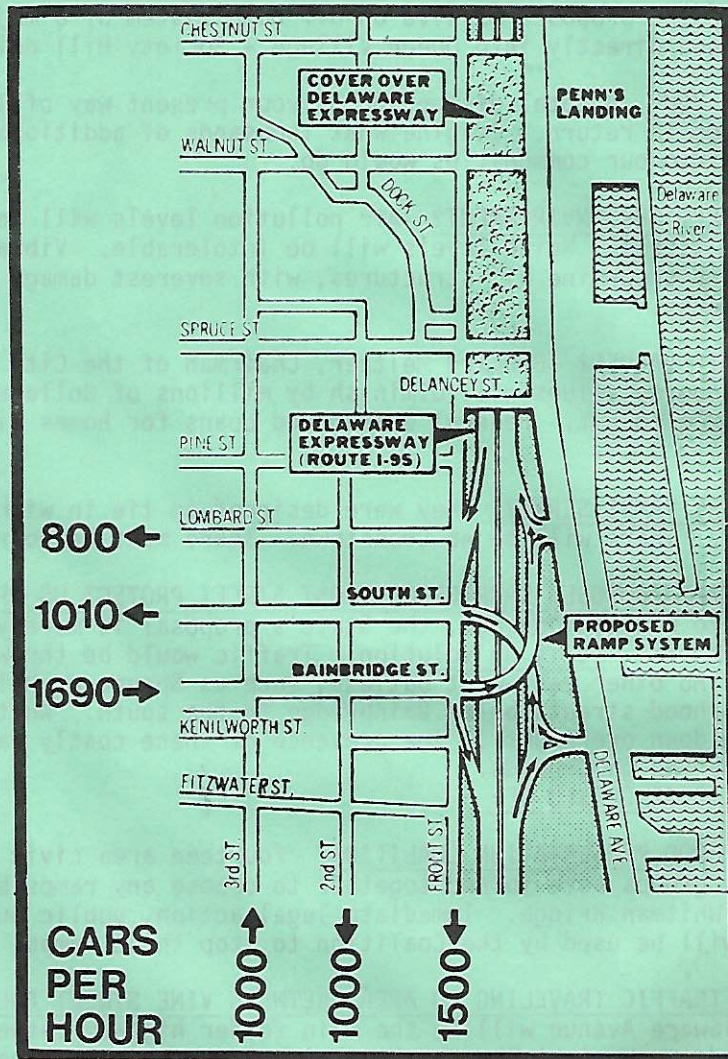


Chart is based on the City Planning Commission's estimates of traffic (cars per hour) to be generated by ramps off I-95 at Lombard and South Streets.

These figures would mean eliminating all curb parking. They would also mean bumper-to-bumper flows on all lanes of affected streets during peak hours. (The rest of the neighborhood would almost certainly clog up as drivers struggle to get out of tie-ups.)

Past experience has shown that planners almost invariably underestimate traffic flows on new highways.