MAYOR'S OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES AND UTILITIES

The Pedestrian Plaza Program represents a unique partnership between the City of Philadelphia and community groups across the City. The Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities (MOTU), in conjunction with the Commerce and Streets Departments will help the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corp. (OARC), the South Street Head House District (SSHD) and the University City District (UCD) transform under-utilized road segments in to pedestrian plazas. The City will work closely with OARC, SSHD and UCD and their respective communities to bring pedestrian amenities to their neighborhoods. Pedestrian Plazas use planters, benches and other features to create places for Philadelphians to relax and enjoy their City in spaces that were once the exclusively of cars. In early 2012, the City and its partners will reach out to their respective communities to discuss these projects and gain neighborhood feedback. By early summer 2012, the City expects that Philadelphians from South Street to Stenton Avenue will be using pedestrian plazas.

OGONTZ AVENUE REVITALIZATION CORPORATION (OARC) Washington Lane and Stenton Avenue

OARC has a demonstrated capacity to maintain the plaza and the support of the community, having worked with Streets Department and Commerce Department. The segment has been schedule for closure for a number of years and will ultimately provide opportunity for greening and stormwater management.



SOUTH STREET HEADHOUSE DISTRICT (SSHD) Passyunk Avenue at South Street



SSHD has a demonstrated capacity for programming community spaces and that the location has significant potential for success. The City and the applicant will work together and with area businesses to finalize a layout that does not block access to a nearby alley way, parking lot and driveway.

UNIVERSITY CITY DISTRICT (UCD)

48th Street, Baltimore Avenue and Florence Street & 42nd Street and Woodland Ave UCD has demonstrated capacity for maintenance and programming. 48th Street provides an innovative design intervention to reduce pedestrian crossing distances at an intersection with five corners. UCD will work with local carpenters and fabricators to create benches from reclaimed logs from Woodland Cemetery, recycling materials while making a connection to one of University City's greatest and least heralded open spaces.



