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MEETING NOTES

MEETING DATE: 22 Oct 2014

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ATTENDEES: See attached sign in sheet

RECORDED BY: Hillary King – FST
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SUBJECT: Wellfleet, MA
Intersection Improvements & Related Work at Route 6 & Main Street
MassDOT Project File No. 607397
0% Design Forum

This meeting was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Senior Center, in Wellfleet, MA to provide the community with an overview of the project and to solicit comments and questions prior to undertaking project design.

The following is a brief overview of the meeting and a list of comments from the audience:

General:

- Wellfleet Community Forum President Kurt Felix opened the meeting.
- Harry Terkanian, Town Administrator, introduced the project and consulting team.
- Doug Prentiss described the project purpose & need.
- Hillary King pointed out the environmental resources which will inform the design and require permitting.
- The hearing was then opened for questions and comments.

Questions and Concerns of the Community:

- Neighbors and business owners on Main Street very concerned, wanting to know how their property will be affected
 - Response: meetings will take place and input will be solicited throughout the design process and no one should be left out or surprised at the preliminary or final design
- Hoping that plan will address speed along the corridor – curious if speed could be reduced to 30 MPH

- Response: Speed study required, probably will not happen. Traffic speeds will be managed through project design.
- Wanting to know if sidewalks will connect all the way along Main Street, and be provided on both sides of Route 6
 - Response: MassDOT project will end about 600 feet from the intersection, sidewalk connections beyond that will be the responsibility of the town. The intersection project is one phase. The sidewalk project connecting to Town center could be Phase 2 Analysis will occur to determine what side a sidewalk should be (if one side) or if sidewalk should be on both sides
- Question about whether the project can determine where curb cuts are located
 - Response: Project may make recommendations, but will not decide on any closures, relocation, etc.
- Comment that serious constraints at the intersection include the number of curb cuts and how the lanes on Route 6 quickly go from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, and quickly back down to 2 lanes after the lights. Recommendation restricting southbound traffic to have left turn lane for Cahoons Hollow Road, PJs, Cumberland Farms, etc. and a through lane.
 - Response: taper north and south will be investigated as well as managing traffic along the project area
- Question of the extent of project limits
- Important to have better signage to let people know where to turn for Town so they don't use residential driveways for turning around
- On the other hand, there is a concern that the intersection will be made to look "Super Suburban" with too much signage and wide lanes
- Question whether a rotary or round-about might make sense in the area
 - Response: FST has not developed any alternatives prior to receiving survey, but initial sense is that without property takings, a rotary/round-about will not likely fit at this intersection
- Concern with existing culvert between Duck Creek and pond (under Main Street). This is a known black eel run & culvert may be undersized
 - Response: Culvert will be analyzed as part of the project
- (jokingly) is there opportunity for a toll booth
- Way to prevent left turns for vehicles exiting Cumberland Farms/Cahoons Hollow Road – create u-turn or jughandle near light?
 - Response: These alternatives can be explored
- Town in court with Cumberland Farms regarding expansion of business on site – concern with how FST will look at future development for traffic management, and whether it would affect court case.
 - Response: Future development is looked at more in a regional sense. Expansion of one commercial business along roadway not likely to make a big difference in design recommendations
- Need for pedestrian crossing at Cahoons Hollow Road.
 - Response: Will be analyzed.
- Someone had visited Westport, which had warning tracks along white and yellow pavement markings in town, thought it was a good, tactile way to keep drivers in their

- lanes and warn of an approaching intersection
- Possibility for a pedestrian/bicycle bridge?
 - Response: Will need to meet certain MassDOT criteria to be part of project
- Can't gauge current bicycle demand by what you see out there now. Avid bikers will avoid this area and Route 6 in general because it is so unsafe.
- Demand for connection from bike trail to town center – doesn't seem to be any good way to go about it.
 - Response: NPS with DOT looking at an outer Cape bike connection study
- Question on design schedule – want to know when more information will be provided for further public comment.
 - Response: 25% design submission beginning of 2015, also subsequent 75% and 100% submissions – intended to not have any surprises.
- Desire to see alternatives prior to 25% hearing.
 - Response: an alternative analysis will be conducted and Town will decide what is preferred
- Can the project address burying utilities in the area?
 - Response: Town would be responsible. Approximate cost of \$1 Million/Mile
- Jughandle by the Pharmacy?
 - Response: Can be analyzed
- There is a delivery truck to PJs that double parks on the road, blocking one of the NB lanes.
- Curious if “multiple coordinated” traffic signals would be allowed in this area, like to see a signal at Cahoons Hollow Road too
 - Response: Has to meet State/Federal criteria (Signal Warrant).
- Note that Wellfleet is really “Two Towns” – one in summer, one the other 10 mo of the year
- One suggestion to re-route Cahoons Hollow Road behind (east) the cemeteries to meet the intersection at the Pharmacy with Route 6
 - Response: Will be looked at
- Coming from Main Street, many visitors aren't aware one can go right on red and restrict flow
- Recognition of narrow constraints on Main St for a sidewalk or bike lane. Could a bike bridge be constructed?
 - Response: while design has not occurred, it may be possible to build a boardwalk or a retaining wall with cantilevered section to accommodate users
- Intersection being looked at due to the antiquated traffic signals, not necessarily traffic issues – there is frustration in town that interim fix ideas are being ignored because the town doesn't meet certain criteria (right turn on red signs, sensors for right turn from Main)
 - Response: This project and input from this meeting is a good opportunity to revisit request to MassDOT and send a letter requesting interim improvements.