

Bar Harbor Route 3 Gateway Project
 Summary of Concerns and Context Sensitive Solutions

Concerns	Ireson Hill	Hulls Cove	Acadia Entrance / Bluffs	Duck Brook to Town
1. Safe, efficient auto, truck bus traffic	Improve safety without increasing speed (35 mph)	Address congestion, intersections	Clear priority for this area, better separation of traffic entering Acadia	Address congestion, intersections and access issues while maintaining flow of traffic
2. Safe pedestrian use of corridor	Explore pedestrian and bicycle options within road corridor, with possible off-road pedestrian walking routes, to connect commercial and residential uses to Hulls Cove	Sidewalks and walkways can connect to other neighborhoods, and to Acadia	Pedestrian linkages from Hulls Cove to Acadia National Park, loop road and carriage roads	Explore pedestrian walkways from Duck Brook/Sonogee into town, possibly using paths outside of and parallel to of travel corridor
3. Safe bicycle use of corridor	Include bikeway within road corridor where practical, open to off- road options	Explore off-road bike-path connections along the corridor to the village and ANP.	Include bikeway within road corridor	Provide bikeway within travel corridor
4. Providing for Island Explorer	Explore additional spots for pick-up and drop off of passengers—top and bottom of Ireson Hill and at Barton’s Motel	Enhance bus pull-offs	This is a pass-through area for Island Explorer	Enhance opportunities for regular bus pull-offs, for safety and passenger convenience
5. Preserving access for water dependent uses	Not applicable in this section	Possible recreational uses... future small boats access?	Not applicable in this section	Preserve option for return of ferry service or alternate water use
6. Keeping the welcoming, tree-lined feel to the corridor	Really important consideration for this section of the corridor	Important to keep the rural feeling while improving safety and traffic flow	This segment has high scenic values... important to maintain, enhance	Important consideration, especially from College of the Atlantic into town

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7. Protecting the scenic views of ocean, harbor, fields and mountains	Some views of fields and distant hills are part of the “feel” of this section	Very important views of the cove and Frenchman Bay	Provide safe scenic overlook at the Bluffs for northbound cars and buses	View of Duck Brook Bridge and reflecting pool between Sonogee and hotel can be enhanced
8. Providing good buffers between residences and travel corridor	There are many residences in this section, buffering will be important	Many homes close to road, good buffers essential	Provide buffers for the residences in this section	Critical concern for residences in this section of corridor
9. Providing access to commercial uses within the corridor	Good sight lines and road width provide good access for most commercial use	Hulls Cove is attractive mini-commercial center... improve safety of this access	Not applicable in this section	Hotels and restaurants in this section need safe access to Route 3
10. Showcasing historic buildings and landscapes	Not a high priority for this section	Not an obvious priority for this section	Not a high priority for this section	There may be some specific concerns to be addressed
11. Solving drainage and erosion problems	Problem areas include from Sea Breeze Motel to Barton’s Motel	There are drainage problems to be solved, including in front of Colony Motel	Stormwater management and stability of ledge, ice hazards	Drainage concerns for road and pedestrian walkways from College of the Atlantic into town
12. Addressing visual impacts of signs and utilities	Not an obvious problem for this section	Careful attention to details will preserve the scenic qualities of the village	Minimize signs and visual impact of utilities in this section	Address need for improved signage without impact on scenic values
13. Addressing environmental impacts during and after construction	Drainage for storm water will be important	Several streams cross corridor, close proximity to Hulls Cove shoreline demands careful attention	Roadway is within Acadia for much of this section... need to address any environmental impacts	Bridges over Duck Brook and other streams may be of concern

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14. Providing opportunities for further economic development	This section is mostly zoned for residential, but town water and sewer will increase residential construction and potential congestion	The corridor through Hulls Cove is already well developed, the intersection with Crooked Road an important feature for future development	Not applicable for this section	This is a mix of commercial and residential uses... note desire to preserve water dependent uses at ferry terminal
15. Improving lighting without reducing our “dark skies” assets	Not an obvious problem in this section	Opportunities to address dark skies goals by both public and private action	No street lights should be added in this section	Work to address dark skies goals by both public and private action within corridor
16. Addressing traffic flow and safety issues without increasing average speed	Important consideration for any redesign	Important that new design does not tend to increase speed through village. Preserve current low speeds or lower them further.	Important consideration, with speed reduced at entrance to Acadia and bluffs	Intersections and crosswalks need to be carefully designed to avoid bottlenecks. Preserve current low speeds or lower them further.
17. Addressing possible impacts of climate change, sea level rise, storm intensity	Stormwater drainage may be critical issue	Town utilities and roadway will be threatened by sea level rise... culverts need to handle storm water	Storm water considerations should be addressed	Increased stormwater drainage needs should be considered