

Context Sensitive Solutions Corridor Meeting
Church of Our Father, Bar Harbor
4/19/2011

Attending: Ron Beard, Fred Michaud, Dick Cough, Dean Read, Paul Maquinn, Kim Harty, Lewis Gerrish, Chris Fogg, Stephanie Clement, Bonnie Lyons, Sharon Tate, Edith Milbury, James Blanchard, Anne Kreig

Introduction: Ron Beard

Final Review of the Document
Presentation to Town Council this evening
Presentation at Public Meeting on April 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Page 2: Problem Statement

Funding Cycle: Correction 2012 – 2013

Timeline:

Dick Cough: What do we mean by the timeline? Businesses generally prefer to compress the project into two years if possible. Can we add this as a recommendation?

Can we reduce disruption by diverting traffic onto the park-loop road?

Can they work through the winter?

Paul: If we do get this engineered, we can recommend that the construction be carried out.

Fred: Don't know how many phases there will be. The cost of the project is likely to be too much to cover in one funding cycle.

- The \$1.5 million preliminary engineering funding has been written into the budget.
- Aerial photography will be completed in the next few weeks
- Historical analysis has put together their findings and are looking at the impacts of this project on historic assets.
- Maine Office of Historic Preservation is seeking a mitigation plan
- Engineering should begin in July.
 - The engineering and construction advisory committee will meet in
- Construction might begin in the 2014-2015 (make change in the report)

Suggest that we include a statement about ways to reduce impact of construction on local seasonal businesses and traffic.

Matrix on Pages 3 - 5

No Changes noted

Page 6 – change recommendation to recommendations

Page 7 – no changes

Page 8 – added paragraph

Dean – At what point will the details of intersection improvements be clarified?

Fred – This will come out during the engineering phase

Page 9

Fred – May want to include the section of Route 3 leading up to the park entrance. This would make the construction process more consistent and efficient.

Dean Read – Who has authority over construction in the Bluffs section?

Fred: FHWA has ultimate authority, but they will work with NPS to balance park and highway needs.

Edith: Clarification about the section from Duckbrook into town

Concerned that the design with 5' shoulders, 11' lanes, 2' esplanade and 8 foot shared path will be too wide. Width without slopes would be 42 feet. The right of way is 39 ½ feet we think.

Fred: It is possible that the shoulders can be reduced in width.

Change wording on the recommendation from pedestrian way to combined bicycle pedestrian path.

Page 11:

Dean Read – there is a Safe Routes to School grant for a ramp to Emerson School. Suggest that we include language for coordination with Safe Routes Grant.

Page 12: Change advise to advice

Page 13 – 15 – No Changes

ALL GRAPHICS – Suggest including labels in the graphics indicating travel lanes, shoulders, esplanades, sidewalks, paths, etc.

Next steps

Letters will go out to abutters

Handout – Local Cost Sharing Policy

Fred will discuss this with the Town Council

New sidewalk sections

- Bartons Motel to the Park
- Duckbrook into town

If town wants to build new sidewalk, they will incur costs

Town will need to coordinate their water and sewer project with this construction. Chip will need to provide input.

Traffic Engineers next steps

- Aerial survey
- Traffic study
- Site visits

Stephanie

- What do we know about funding?
 - The legislature and governor will need to act on the recommendations
 - Hope to know something by the end of the legislative session.

Lewis Gerrish

- Are we considering the long term impacts of climate change on this project – specifically Hulls Cove?
- Jim: Looking county-wide at potential impacts of a two-foot rise. Waiting for more specific data on elevations.
- Fred: We need to look at this, but want some construction to occur.
- Ron: Drainage from heavy rains will be considered throughout the corridor.

Chris Fogg:

- How will MaineDOT use this committee for future meetings? This committee can help lend legitimacy to the project.
- Need to have a hand off, but Fred plans to shadow the process to the end.