

**Route 3 Context Sensitive Design
Bar Harbor Town Office Auditorium
8/3/2010**

Agenda

Introductions

- Review Scope
- Roles
- Ground Rules
- Dates for meetings
- Preliminary discussion of problems, needs, opportunities
- Next Steps
- Quick evaluation

Question to answer: When I drive, bike or walk portions of Route 3, I think about ...

Attending:

- Dean Read:
 - BCM, YMCA
 - Concerned for everyone's safety.
 - Bonnie Lyons:
 - Resident
 - Concerned about bikers, walkers and drivers
- Sharon Tate
 - Resident on Crooked Road
 - Jackson Laboratory
 - Narrow and dark
- Jim Blanchard
 - Business Owner
 - Route 3 needs to be resurfaced
- Francis Russell
 - Retired
 - Road needs to be rebuilt
- Stephanie Clement
 - FOA,
 - Bike Pedestrian
 - Safety
- Joe Minutolo
 - Bike shop owner
 - Safety
 - Condition, presence
- Lewis Gerrish
 - Business – Cottages
 - Concerned about cyclists on Route 3 – safety
- Elsie Fleming
 - Legislator

- Healthy Communities Work
 - Want to encourage health and safety
 - Safety
 - Damage to tires
- Kim Harty
 - Healthy Communities
 - Health
- Dick Cough
 - Hulls Cove – Hotels
 - Village improvement
 - Aesthetics
- Paul MacQuinn
 - Hulls Cove Resident
 - Own Convenience store
 - Harold MacQuinns construction
 - Safety and condition of the road
- Edith Milbury
 - Resident on Route 3
 - Mindful of drainage issues
 - Causing damage to the road
- Kyle Johnson
 - Business on route 3
 - Live on route 3
 - Safety, inability to walk and bike
- Anne Krieg
 - Town Planner
 - Think about the poor condition of the road
- Terri Needham
 - Chart Room restaurant
 - Close Calls with crashes
- Millard Dority
 - COA
 - Walked from hillside to COA – beautiful walk
 - Concerned about visitor that try to walk and are discouraged by condition of the road
- Fred Michaud
 - MaineDOT
 - Tough piece of road to drive
 - Narrow, lack of separation

CSS Process overview

 - MaineDOT Process – different in this case
 - Want to have local input
- Jim Fergusen, MaineDOT Project Manager
 - Look at the road from an engineering perspective
 - There are engineering solutions, but need to work these out with
- Jim Fisher
 - Hancock County Planning Commission

- Taking notes and providing technical assistance

Committee members not able to attend today

- Deb Dyer
- John Kelly
- Chris Fogg

Core Principles of CSS

- Strive for shared stakeholder framing of the problems and vision to provide a basis for decisions
- Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of contexts
- Foster continuing communication and collaboration to achieve consensus
- Exercise flexibility and creativity to shape effective transportation solutions while preserving and enhancing community and natural environments

Role of the project advisory committee

- Statement about the problems associated with the road
- List criteria for success so that we know when we have come up with a solution
- Recommendations for solutions

Ground rules

- Share the airtime
- Share information, experience and feelings
- Look beyond positions to interests
- Explain why, ask why
- Respect and gentle humor help
- Attend to time and topic
- Listen Hard
- Wait until there is a group decision before going to the public – don't post notes from meetings before they are reviewed.
- Respect all opinions – no idea is a bad idea

Types of decision making

- Prefer not to resort to voting
- Levels of Consensus
 - Unambiguous yes
 - Decision perfectly acceptable
 - I can live with this. I won't block the decisions.
 - I do not support the decisions and need to stand in the way of this decision being accepted
 - I feel no sense of unity of the group. Need more work before consensus can be reached

Scheduling

- August 23, 25, 26
- August 23rd Afternoon – tentative preference

Future Meetings

- We will use an online voting process to set the dates for future meetings
- We will strive for a set date/time for regular monthly meetings

Time Line

- July – establishing committee process

- July/August – First PAC Meeting and Field visit to develop list of problems, needs and opportunities
- September

Review of Concerns

- Is there any reason not to extend this project to the intersection with Route 233?
- Sidewalks, bikeways don't feel safe
 - Local cyclists
 - Visitors – long distance cyclists
- Efficiency, not speed
- Historic districts
- Runoff and Drainage
- Island Explorer needs
- Access during construction
- Mix of vehicular users
- Utilities – poles and wires
- Falling rocks and ice
- Local public works
- Variable scale
- Lighting
- more

New concerns from committee

- Plan for maintenance of current road until this project is implemented – more than just cold patch
- Waves and wind in Hulls Cove – rising sea level
- Land use changes along the corridor
- Different sections along the road
 - Scheduling phases of construction
- Projects of usage of the road
- Economic Development Opportunities
 - Pull off parking at Hulls Cove might increase local business activity
- Directing people to alternative corridors
- Time of year for construction
- Town extending utilities during construction fees
- Aesthetics of design are important
- Historic roads and trails that might be revived
- What is going on with the ferry service
- Environmental impacts of decisions – full range – air, water, noise, erosion
- Alternative corridors
- Impacts of Historic Designation on road reconstruction

Next meeting

We will take these concerns and turn them into a draft problem statement

- Ann Krieg, Stephanie Clement, Joe Minutolo will work on a draft statement
- Anne – will review language in the Bar Harbor Comprehensive Plan

What are MaineDOT requirements?

- Standards for construction can be negotiated using this process, particularly for scenic byways
- What are the standards?
 - Horizontal and vertical alignment
 - Stopping distance
 - Travel way – minimum 11', for large vehicles 12' is preferred
 - Shoulders – minimum 2', wider is preferred
 - Lighting
 - Drainage
 - Asking Jim Ferguson to prepare a hand out showing the current schedule for maintenance
- Cost sharing for reconstruction
 - MaineDOT has a shortage of funding
 - Planning is preparing for funding opportunities
- What is the current right of way?
 - Lewis Gerrish has a plan for the right of way for the Cement Road – Otter Creek to Ellsworth

Other Notes

Bar Harbor will retain their Route 3 Committee

- This committee will check in with them regularly

Next meeting:

- August 23rd, 1:00 - 3:30 PM – Possibly at COA – verify with Millard Dority
 - Classroom session
 - Field Trip – Kim Hardy and Dick Cough both offered buses for the tour

Wrap-up

- What worked well today?
 - People felt like they could participate
 - People were articulate and brief – helpful to be clear and quick
 - Helpful to have concerns from previous meetings listed
 - Note taking
 - Marching orders
- What other information do you need?
- What improvements would you suggest for future meetings
 - Start wide and narrow the focus – avoid getting bogged down in details initially
 - Should we rate these points to set priorities

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 PM