

**DRAFT MEETING NOTES**  
**ROUTE 116 CORRIDOR STUDY: HINESBURG**

Kick off Meeting – June 26, 2013, 4:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Town Office.

Present:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Alex Weinhagen	Hinesburg Town Planner
Andrea Morgante	Hinesburg Selectboard
Dennis Place	Hinesburg Development Review Board
Frank Koss	Hinesburg Police Department
John Roos	
Robert Bast	
Rolf Kiehlman	
Schuyler Jackson	
Joe Colangelo	Hinesburg Town Administrator
Christine Forde	CCRPC
Sai Sarapelli	CCRPC
Lucy Gibson	Dubois & King, Inc.

The meeting began with introductions

Alex – defined the study area and goals of the study:

- Suggest actions, improvements, refinements
- Avoid future problems
  
- Specifics to include:
  - Should town take over?
  - Stormwater – streams that define village need to be considered
  - Traffic – peak hour congestion

Christine – the CCRPC has access to federal funds for studies. The town requested funds with a 20% match. In-kind match can be used, including time for unpaid volunteers .

Process includes 3 public meetings

Sai – explained how the CCRPC travel demand model will be used for this study

Rob – how much to stake or model?

- This study should focus on-walking- is it factored in?

Christine – model can tell us about all modes of travel, and CVU RD – has bike counts.

Alex asked each person to provide their goals and issues for the study.

Rob – the study should focus on walkability of Hinesburg. The new book *Walkable City* provides some guidance and ideas.

Dennis – DRB is always concerned about traffic, and the Westside Road will be his focus . Will it be moving problem from one spot to another? All traffic will funnel to CVU/116 intersection.

- There are two choke points – will new road help?
- Should West Side Road extend to Silver Street?

Rolf – there must be solutions that have worked in other communities.

- Quality of Life to promote living in town, walking, biking –
- Need this to expand village.
- Bypasses are not the answer
- Network of connected streets
- Wants to make village a nice place to live.

Rob - Quality of Life – if we increase throughput, it will fill up.

- We might purposefully limit capacity.
- Roundabout – even mini-roundabouts can work.
- US2/302 works really well now, back-ups eliminated.
- CVU – intersections – could we have series thru town?
- Traffic Furniture – Gateways to reduce speeds

Andrea – need conversation of is RT 116 a Main Street? Or a corridor arterial?

- Land use – density – how do we get the density while protecting water quality? Parking? Fabric? Architectural Styles? Infrastructure needs to define what development would work.
- Lead towards Form Based Code –

Frank – commute – Charlotte light – so few cars get thru.

- Signals don't talk
- CVU Road intersections being worked on –
  - o Roundabout was rejected – but not unanimous
  - o Planned for construction in 2016
- Need bike parking @ bus stations
- Not enough green time on 116.
- Need longer queue, detectors.

John – sidewalks, safety, minutia

- Lack of connectivity of sidewalks.
- Safety @ Silver St, especially in the PM – hard to turn North from Silver St.
- New sidewalk on West side of 116 – how do they cross Silver? How to safely cross Rte. 116?
- Sidewalk at Commerce to go from Bakery to Mobil – need to use 3 crosswalks – northern leg doesn't have crosswalk.
- Exclusive pedestrian phase – not enough time for slower crossers.

- Traffic Divisions to Mechanicsville Road – then courtesy.
- To North Road, on East side – accidents Q lengths on 116 – Ruggs Road – does it need roundabout? Growth? Should that be a roundabout?
- Bike lanes – needed, not safe to ride, need to consider buses.

Schuyler – concerned about planning for access

- We should get ahead of the game by planning
- New roads – need access plans.

Judy (guest)– is impressed by conversation, lives on 116, 5 houses north of Lantmans, white picket fence was knocked down by snow plow, wanted to live where she could walk everywhere, access to stores, restaurants, etc. not realizing how heavy traffic is. Speeding – a problem off peak 4:30 a.m. Sidewalks – concern – washout lands on sidewalk – mud – slippery – she fell once. People avoid sidewalks and divert out to street.

Russell Hill – Soil washing out. Getting worse – (more rainfall) Patching is not working – is not safe for walking – Loves sidewalk on Mechanicsville to CVU Road

Other comments:

Maintenance costs should be evaluated. .

Andrea – concerned about stormwater. There is a report that reviews impervious surface – available from Alex.

Discussion of the role of Steering Committee

- Town and D&K hosts public meetings, not committee
- Committee should make recommendation to the selectboard

Other topics:

- Where is traffic coming from?
- No major development has been proposed to south, so why so much traffic?
- Route 116 is a shortcut – bypass of Route 7 from Addison County
- How should we measure traffic? Delay?
- What is cost of maintaining signals?
- VTrans manages lights – hard to get their attention to re-time lights
- Detectors – need ones that pick up bicycles

Closing comments;

- Let's look for opportunities to get ahead of these issues
- Make most of what the village has

Next meeting: Planned for August to review existing conditions.