

Public Meeting Notes

Rt. 116 Corridor Study

Hinesburg Town Hall 2/11/14

- Introduction by Alex Wienhagen, Director of Planning and Zoning
- Presentation by Lucy Gibson , Dubois and King
 - Questions and comments welcome during the presentation
 - Open forum after presentation
- Comments during presentation:
 - Traffic Modeling: Do traffic forecasts assume continuation of existing behavior?
 - Discussion on modeling process, which does account for transit, bicycling and walking, but is also based in part on past observed travel behavior, and may not account for significant demographic shifts. Current trends show decline in traffic volumes in many locations.
- Bridge Options: The following options were presented for consideration, and attendees asked to voice their preference.
 - 1.) Build both bridges for all traffic – **8 votes**
 - 2.) Build Patrick Creek bridge for bike/pedestrians, Build canal bridge for all traffic – **No votes**
 - 3.) Build both bridges for bike/pedestrians only – **2 votes**
 - 4.) No bridges – **6 votes**
 - Depends largely on both cost and environmental impact
 - 2nd option: shouldn't it be bike/ped connection to the south and bridge for traffic to the north?
 - Opportunity to integrate a larger bridge and floodway into this project
- Reclassification
 - Revenue to town should nearly offset additional annual expenses
 - More autonomy for design and priorities but more responsibility for maintenance, traffic signals, bridges/culverts, pavement markings
 - VTrans Design Constraints make it difficult for traffic calming measures, mid-block crosswalks, lane and shoulder widths, on street parking, posted speed limits
 - VTrans starting to integrate smart growth designs but have legitimate concerns regarding maintenance, will likely encourage town ownership of 116 so they do not have to make comprehensive policy changes
 - We need to be careful of using federal money in the event of takeover, will run into regulatory obstacles to desired changes
 - Town takeover will not necessitate extra staff, but may require overtime and an additional vehicle
 - Danville Project: was difficult to have progressive changes implemented, town has not taken over ownership of roadway
- Mechanicsville Road
 - Was Mechanicsville looked at being made a one way?

- Yes, but not a lot of support for this idea and was not pursued
- Mechanicsville is LOS F during peak hours, but better most hours of the day it is fine.
- Traffic analysis indicated that a signal or roundabout here would create an additional point of queuing that would interfere with upstream intersections.
- Allowing to remain unsignalized is mitigated by the alternate route available via Commerce St.

- Silver Street Roundabout
 - Town owns considerable amount of land at Silver/116 intersection
 - A lot of room to work with in terms of design
 - Is it advisable to build a roundabout close to a traffic signal (ie Silver and Charlotte) – should have some distance between the two
 - Silver St. intersection is dangerous, always close calls, drivers not always on the same page
 - Roundabout at Silver Street may worsen traffic moving north in the morning

- General
 - Was school traffic considered in this study?
 - School is clearly the problem – there is no traffic when school is not in session
 - We should encourage more walking to school, remote pick up and drop off etc.
 - Money invested in Hinesburg’s transportation infrastructure will undoubtedly benefit people from other towns, i.e. commuters, thus we need to balance cost of improvements with who will be seeing the benefits

- Corridor Plan
 - The following summarizes the comments received on the corridor plan.

Corridor Recommendations - Public Input Dot Exercise			
	Support	Oppose	Comments
CVU to Riggs			
CVU Road Vtrans Project - New Signal and Turning Lanes	5	1	
Set aside 20 feet of right-of-way for shared use path	9	0	Should be one path on each side of road instead of one extra wide path on one side For walkability we need sidewalks down Richmond Road
Mini Roundabouts for neighborhood traffic calming	4	1	
Roundabout at Riggs Rd.	7	3	
Riggs to Commerce			
Address under-sized culvert	5	0	
Mini Roundabouts for neighborhood traffic calming	4	1	
Raised textured intersection at Commerce Street	3	1	Theres a pedestrian bridge planned by the developer of Kinney drugs, how will this impact planning?
Northbound lane diet and bioswale with sidewalk	6	5	
Curb extensions for traffic calming and stormwater	0	0	
Commerce to Mechanicsville			
Access Management and Sidewalk (west side of 116)	6	0	Tiny bit of sidewalk needed at southern terminus
Sidewalk and Stormwater Swale (east side of 116)	7	0	Consider no left turn at peak hours
Enhanced Crosswalks	9	0	Island at center?
Local Street Bridge (northwest of Cheese Factory)	3	3	
Street Connection (Cheese Factory)	4	1	
Charlotte to Silver			
Raised textured intersection at Charlotte Rd.	5	3	
Roundabout or Signal at Silver St.	18	3	Consider metered entry to intersection during peak hours instead of changing elevations
Silver to Buck Hill			
Raised textured crosswalks	7	0	
Shared Use path or new street connection	5	0	
Extend Sidewalk to BuckHill Rd.	7	0	Show sidewalk south of school on south side of Route 116
Mini roundabout or other gateway for traffic calming	9	4	Visual cue? Line of trees south of intersection

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