

Walpole - Charlestown

NH 12 Improvement Project

Kick-off Meeting

August 1, 2007



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Why are we here? What is CSS?
- Overview of the Project
- What Happens Next
 - Project Timeline
 - Meeting Schedule
 - Stakeholder Outreach
 - Project Advisory Committee Meetings

Why Are We Here?

- “Context Sensitive Solutions” Approach
- Project Advisory Committee

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

“A collaborative interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.”

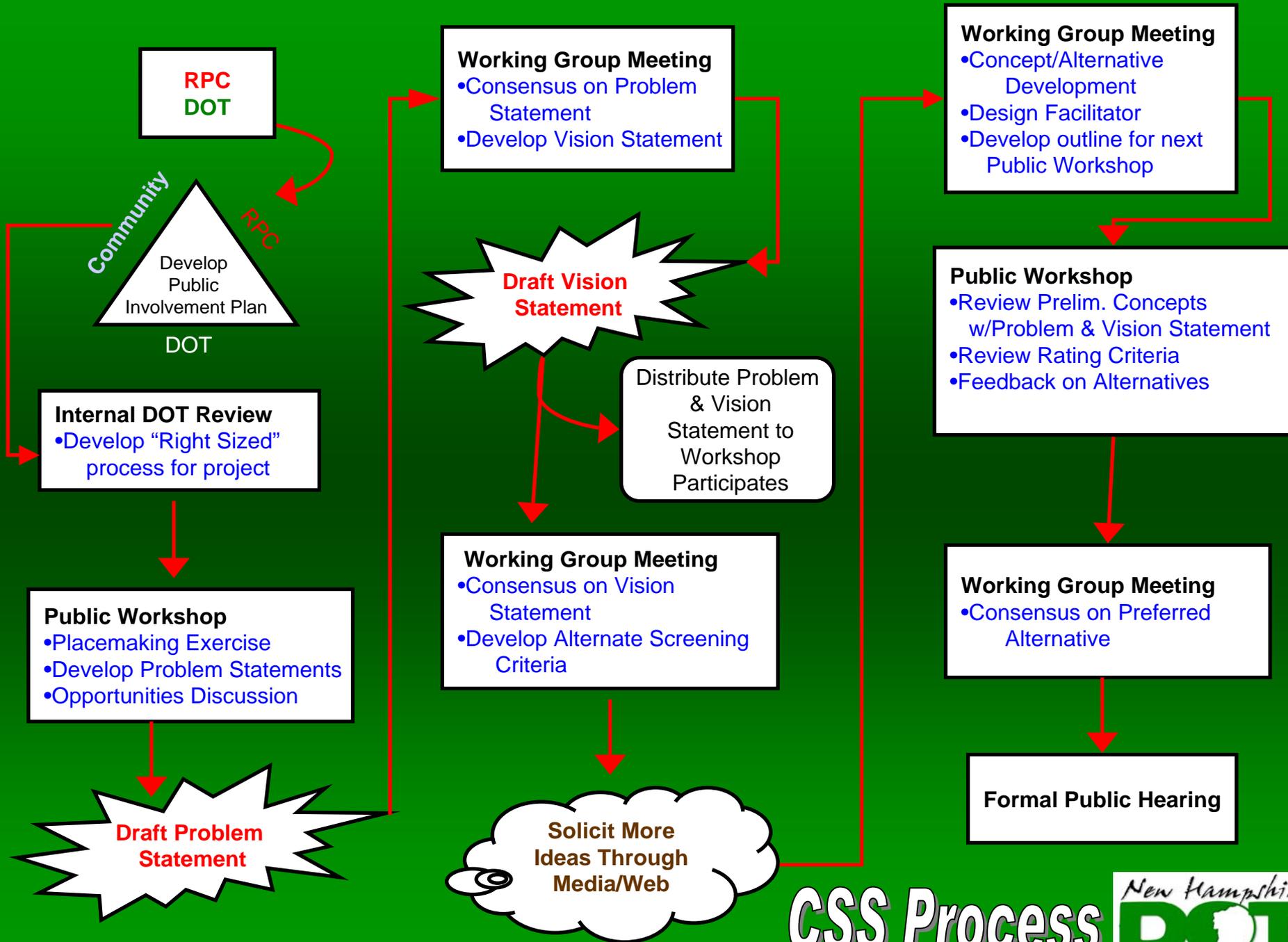




CSS Defined

CSS Relies On:

- Sound Engineering and Design
- Effective Community Outreach and Stakeholder Involvement



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Community
Develop Public Involvement Plan
DOT

Internal DOT Review
•Develop "Right Sized" process for project

Public Workshop
•Placemaking Exercise
•Develop Problem Statements
•Opportunities Discussion

Draft Problem Statement

Working Group Meeting
•Consensus on Problem Statement
•Develop Vision Statement

Draft Vision Statement

Distribute Problem & Vision Statement to Workshop Participants

Working Group Meeting
•Consensus on Vision Statement
•Develop Alternate Screening Criteria

Solicit More Ideas Through Media/Web

Working Group Meeting
•Concept/Alternative Development
•Design Facilitator
•Develop outline for next Public Workshop

Public Workshop
•Review Prelim. Concepts w/Problem & Vision Statement
•Review Rating Criteria
•Feedback on Alternatives

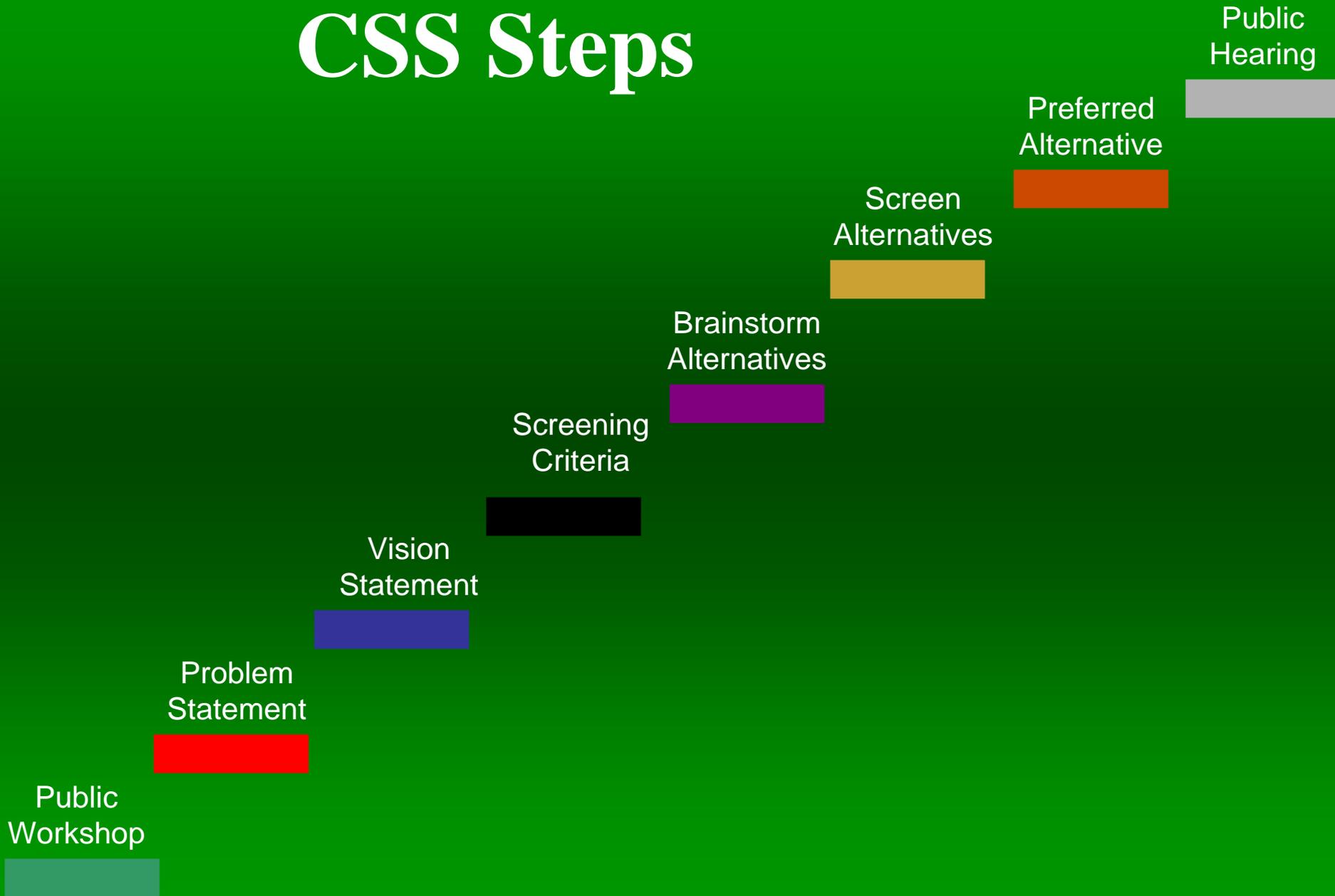
Working Group Meeting
•Consensus on Preferred Alternative

Formal Public Hearing

CSS Process



CSS Steps



Project Overview

- Study Area:
 - Main Street in Walpole to NH12A in Charlestown
- Description:
 - Remove concrete base, add shoulders, upgrade drainage.
- Concerns we have:
 - Proximity to the Railroad
 - Proximity to the River
 - Possible River Slope Stability Issues







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What Happens Next?

- Project Timeline
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Project Timeline

- Preliminary Design (2007-2008)
 - Public Workshop
 - Problem/Vision/Goals
 - Alternatives Development
 - Public Hearing
- Final Design (2008-2009)
 - Detailed Design
 - Purchase Right of Way
 - Secure Permits
- Begin Construction with RR Relocation (2010)
- Begin Roadway Construction (2013)

Stakeholder Outreach

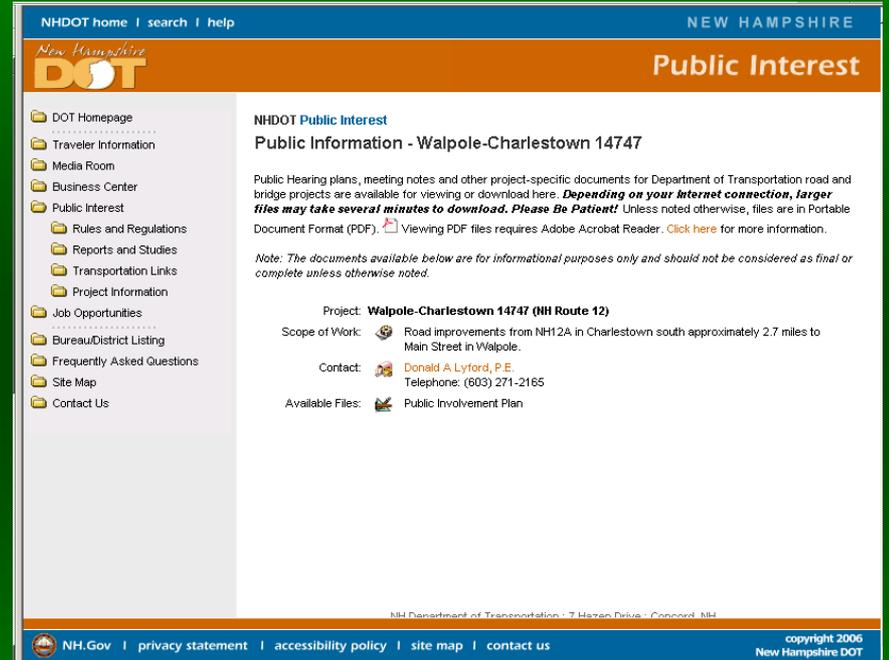
- Public Involvement Plan

- Introduction
- Project Background
- Project Team
- Project Process
- Working Group (PAC)
- Communication

- Project Website

- www.nh.gov/dot/projects/walpole-charlestown14747/index.htm

- Schedule



The screenshot shows the NHDOT Public Interest website. The header includes "NHDOT home | search | help" and "NEW HAMPSHIRE". The main navigation menu on the left lists various categories such as DOT Homepage, Traveler Information, Media Room, Business Center, Public Interest, Rules and Regulations, Reports and Studies, Transportation Links, Project Information, Job Opportunities, Bureau/District Listing, Frequently Asked Questions, Site Map, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "NHDOT Public Interest" and "Public Information - Walpole-Charlestown 14747". It contains a notice about public hearing plans and documents, a note about download times, and project details for "Walpole-Charlestown 14747 (NH Route 12)". The project details include the scope of work (road improvements from NH12A), contact information for Donald A. Lyford, P.E., and a list of available files including the Public Involvement Plan. The footer includes "NH.Gov | privacy statement | accessibility policy | site map | contact us" and "copyright 2006 New Hampshire DOT".

Next Steps: Stakeholder Outreach

Building the Project Advisory Committee

- Project Advisory Committee will include a wide variety of stakeholders
 - Public Officials
 - Resource Agencies
 - Citizen Representatives
 - Business Representatives
 - Other Interests

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Building the Project Advisory Committee

Building a successful PAC will require communication:

- Close coordination between UVLSRPC, NHDOT, Town of Charlestown, and Town of Walpole
 - Media
 - Flyers
- “Personal Contact” with Public Officials, Resource Agencies, Citizen and Business Representatives
 - Telephone Calls
 - Letters
 - E-mail

Next Steps: Initial Stakeholder Group (PAC) Meeting

The first PAC meeting will occur when stakeholders have been identified and invited to participate in the process.

Tentative Schedule: September 2007

Tentative Agenda Items:

Overview of Context Sensitive Solutions Approach and Process

Discuss Public Workshop

Discuss PAC Roles and Responsibilities

Next Steps: Stakeholder Group Meeting Schedule

- Schedule
 - Meet every 2-3 months
 - Anticipate 6-8 meetings
 - Public Hearing Target Dec. '08
- Meet at a fixed location or alternate between Towns

Thank You

Questions ???