

Walpole - Charlestown

NH 12 Improvement Project

Project Advisory Committee Meeting #4



April 9th, 2008



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Low Cost Improvements Update
- Where We Are To Date
- Confirm Problem Statement
- Discuss Vision Statement
- Next Steps & Assignment

Low Cost Improvements

Workshop Results
Walpole-Charlestown
October 10th, 2007

Possible Low-Cost Short-Term Improvements

What few things could be done now at low cost to improve this place?

Group 1:

Upgrade with scenically sensitive guardrail, add more pull offs, and add scenic byway signage.

Group 2:

Improve guardrail

Group 3:

Improve and add guardrail; improve drainage to prevent puddles in summer and ice spots in winter.

Group 4:

Improve signage to Fall Mountain Regional High School

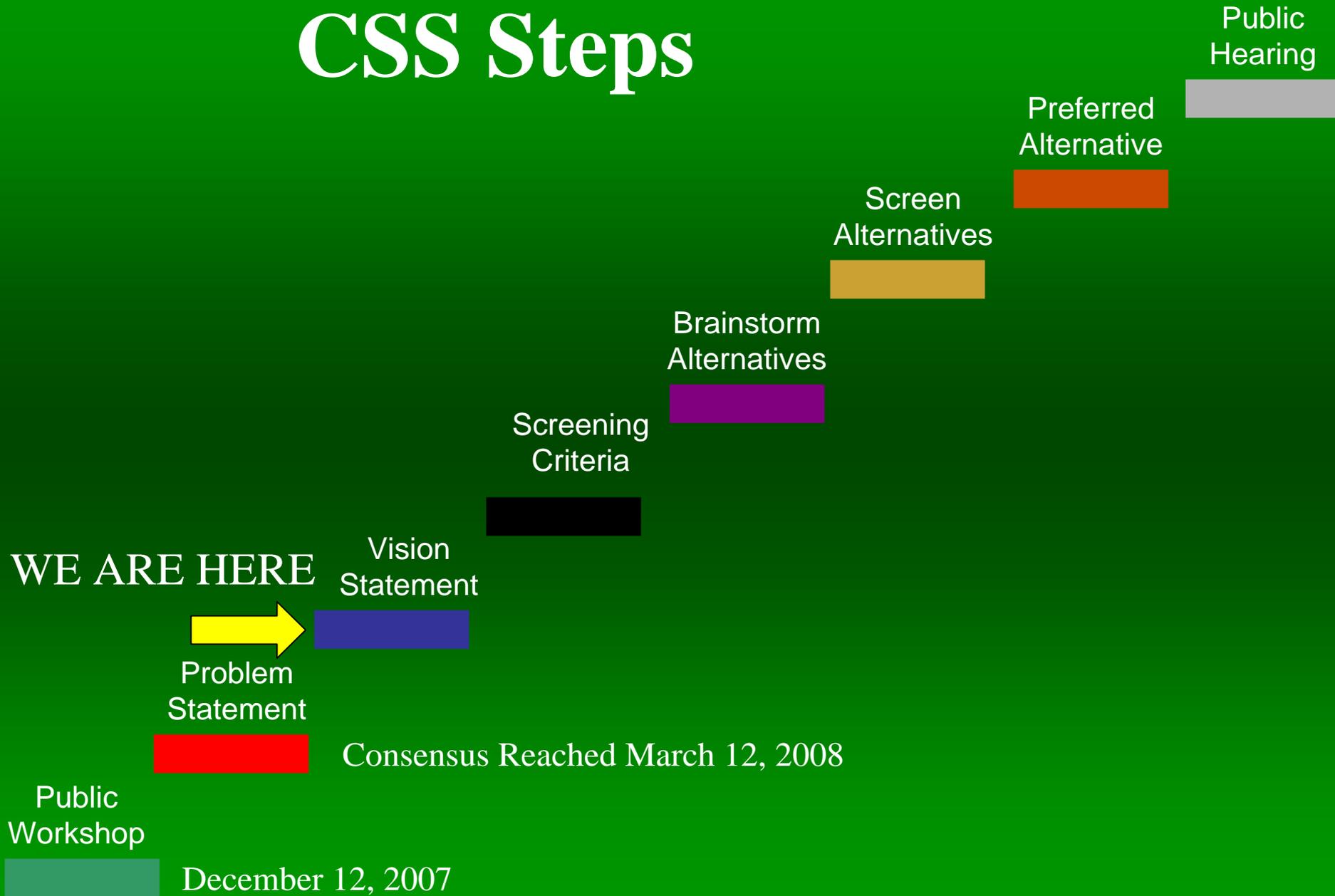
Group 5:

Install new guardrail, shin pavement, and improve shoulders.

Guardrail Types



CSS Steps



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.”

Consensus

“Consensus does not mean that everyone agrees, but that the principal groups and individuals can live with a proposal.”

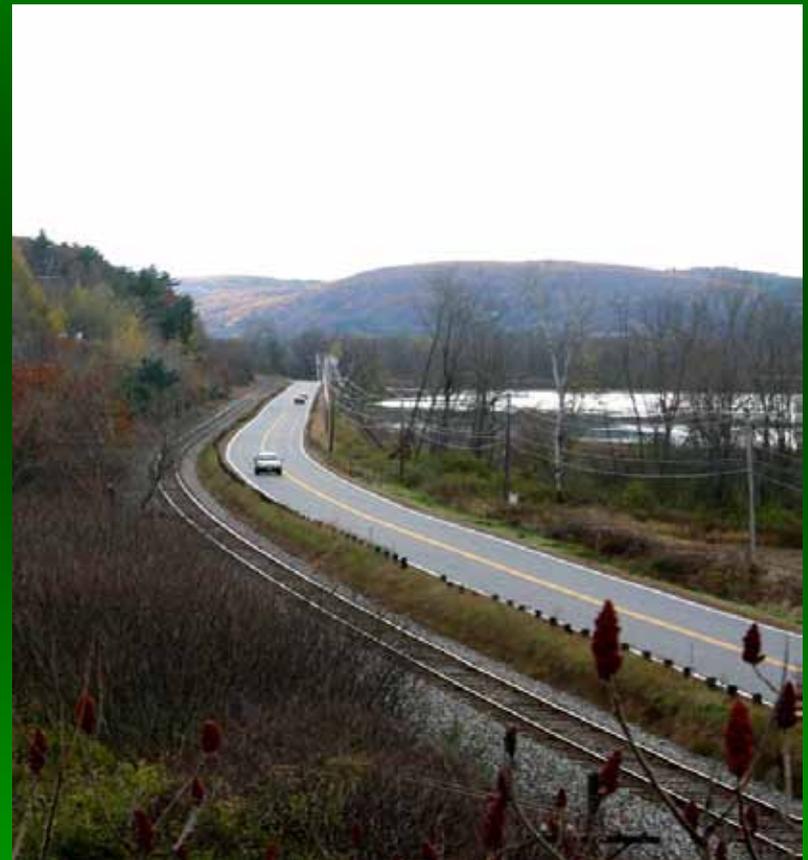
Problem Statement

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“Route 12, the only highway between North Walpole and Charlestown, is too narrow, without shoulders and adequate guardrails. The highway's location, squeezed between the Connecticut River and the active New England Central rail line, and the roadway's aging infrastructure present serious and unique safety concerns. The instability of the bank of the Connecticut River is a serious and immediate safety and environmental concern that threatens the roadway itself and the regional economy. Poor pavement condition and lack of sufficient roadway drainage cause hazardous and unsafe driving conditions. The combination of these factors hinders the ability of vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians to safely and efficiently travel the corridor, and detracts from residents' ability to access the river and enjoy the scenic beauty of the Connecticut River Valley”.

Vision Statement

A statement of desired characteristics of a place at a specific time. This statement should address transportation goals and may include other community and environmental goals related to the transportation corridor as well.



Vision Statement

- Include Transportation Needs
- Include Community Values or Aspirations
- Include Scenic, Aesthetic, Historic and Environmental Values and Goals



Sample Vision Statements

Meredith's village and rural settings will be enhanced by the US 3 /NH 25 corridor, which will allow easy access to village destinations while moving traffic through in a slow, steady, safe and efficient manner.

Peak congestion in Meredith and the Region will be mitigated by managing pedestrian flow, educating the public about alternate traffic routes and providing for various modes of transportation. People will feel comfortable walking or cycling on the corridor which will promote the town's social life, recreational offerings, historic features, and economic vitality. Long term viability of the corridor and stewardship of the natural environment and cultural assets will remain a steadfast priority.

Meredith US3/NH 25 Transportation Project

Sample Vision Statements

“Loudon Road will be an attractive, safe corridor that visually and physically connects at a human scale destinations east and west of the turnpike. It will be uniquely Concord place that functions well for all modes of transportation and integrates Concord history, aesthetics and environment.”

Concord, Loudon Road (NHDOT CSS Training Course Example)

Sample Vision Statements

The Pelham town center will be enhanced by changes to multiple intersections, which will make the town center safer and more welcoming to drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. These changes will enhance and preserve the small town character, historic setting and community aesthetics. Traffic movement for all approaches through the Pelham Town center will flow at a slow, steady, safe, and efficient manner for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles.

Gateway treatments will provide an announcement to drivers that they are entering the Pelham Town center. The Town center will become a focal point that has connectivity and amenities, which contribute to a sense of “place”, history, and pride.

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Vision Statement

What is your vision for NH 12?



Vision Statement would address items in the Problem Statement:

- No roadway shoulders
- Narrow roadway squeezed between railroad & river
- Lack of adequate guardrail
- Slope instability
- Aging drainage and pavement
- Corridor hinders safe and efficient travel
- Corridor detracts for scenery and access to river

Screening Alternatives

- Cost
- Feasibility
- Environmental Impacts
- Multi-Modal
- Right-of-Way
- Etc.....

Next PAC Meeting

PAC Meeting # 5

Wednesday, June 11th, 2008

Silsby Library/Municipal Building

Community Room

Assignments

1. E-Mail Screening Criteria to Don or Nate.
2. Think about Alternatives.

Thank You

Questions ???

