

Walpole - Charlestown

NH 12 Improvement Project

Public Workshop

December 12, 2007



Agenda

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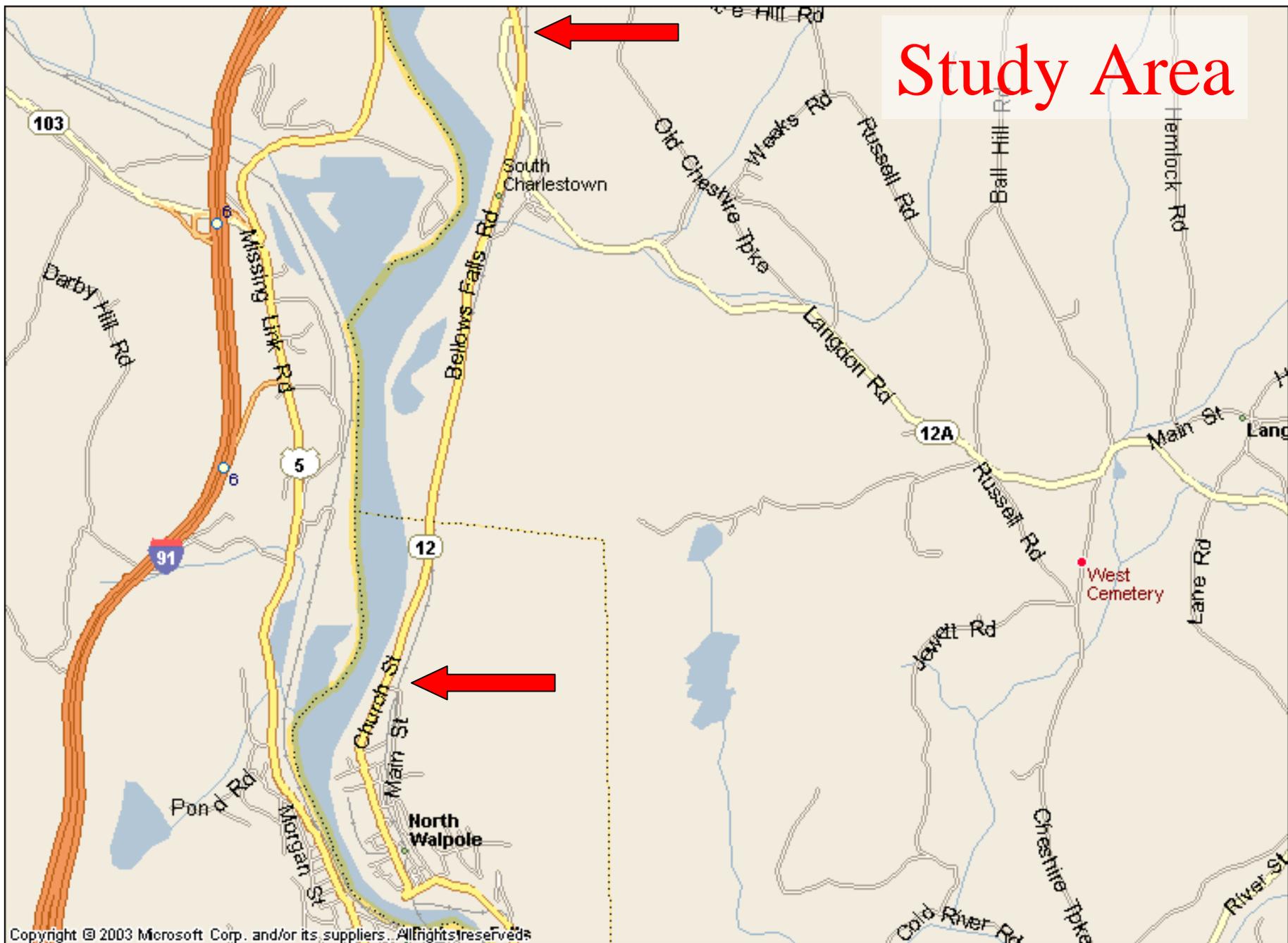
Introductions

- Design Team
- Project Advisory Committee

Project Overview

- Study Area:
 - Main Street in North Walpole to NH12A in Charlestown
- Description:
 - Remove concrete base, add shoulders, upgrade drainage.

Study Area



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 2010 & 2013

What is CSS ???

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

Durham NH 108 2000



Durham NH 108 2005



Fracestown NH 47 2000



Francestown NH 47 2005



Easton-Woodstock NH 112 2000



Easton-Woodstock NH 112

2005



Transportation Context, Community, Environment



Context Sensitive Solutions

How to Look at a Place:

Seeing Context, Defining the Right Problem



Transportation Context

- A different way of thinking and looking at transportation
- Facilitating an understanding with communities by identifying the right problems from the beginning



What Makes a Great Place?

From: Projects for Public Spaces

Intangibles

Measurements

street life
evening use
volunteerism

business ownership
property values
land-use patterns
Fun retail sales
Active Vital

Welcoming
Cooperative
Neighorly

Special Real

sociability

uses & activities

PLACE

access & linkages

comfort & image

Connected
Walkable
Convenient
Accessible

Safe Scenic
Charm Clean
Attractive
Historic

transit usage
pedestrian activity
parking usage patterns

crime stats
sanitation rating
building conditions
environmental data



Uses & Activities

Signs of success:

good place for business,
active - lots of people
walking, opportunities
for active recreation



Signs of problems:

empty spaces,
underutilized buildings,
security problems.



Comfort & Image

Signs of success:
attractive, fits its
surroundings, historic,
feels safe.



Signs of problems:
unattractive, poor
environmental quality,
poorly maintained,
unsafe.



Access & Linkages

Signs of success:

connected, continuous,
legible, walkable,
accessible.



Signs of problems:

automobiles dominate,
poorly-marked
crosswalks, poor
signage, few pedestrians
or bicycles



Sociability

Signs of success:
neighborliness,
opportunities to gather,
diverse population.



Signs of problems:
empty spaces,
isolation



The Exercise Audit

What Makes a Great Place?

In evaluating over 1,000 public spaces around the world, Project for Public Spaces (PPS) has found that successful ones have four key qualities: they are accessible; people are engaged in activities there; the space is comfortable and has a good image;

and finally it is a sociable place: one where people meet each other and take people when they come to visit. PPS developed The Place Diagram as a tool to help people in judging any place, good or bad:



Imagine that the center circle on the diagram is a specific place that you know: a street corner, a playground, a plaza outside a building. You can evaluate that place according to four criteria in the red ring. In the ring outside these main criteria

are a number of intangible or qualitative aspects by which to judge a place; the next outer ring shows the quantitative aspects that can be measured by statistics or research.

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Placemaking through Transportation



Place Audit

Jamaica Transportation Center

This exercise is intended to be used as a tool to Jamaica's streets and adjacent land uses are perfect identify opportunities for enhancing them in the

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©2005 Project for Public Spaces, Inc. The Place without formal, written permission from PPS. If full credit must be given to PPS on all written descriptions of the game.

LOCATION: _____ ROUTE NUMBER: _____

EVALUATE THE PLACE

After you have walked the entire assigned route, select one site along the route to study. Put yourself in the shoes of someone who lives or works in the area, and evaluate how well this site performs as a place.

ACCESS, LINKAGES & INFORMATION

Pedestrians can easily walk to and through the place. 1 2 3 4

Pedestrian access is safe and convenient:

- Sidewalks connect to adjacent areas; 1 2 3 4

- Crosswalks are well marked; 1 2 3 4

- Crossing distances are minimal. 1 2 3 4

Taking transit is easy:

- Stops and stations are easy to find; 1 2 3 4

- Stops and stations are easy to get to on foot; 1 2 3 4

- Maps and schedules are readily available. 1 2 3 4

Bicycling is easy:

- Routes are safe and convenient; 1 2 3 4

- Routes are well marked; 1 2 3 4

- Storage is adequate. 1 2 3 4

Automobiles do not detract from the pedestrian experience. 1 2 3 4

There is adequate directional signage, maps and location information. 1 2 3 4

SUM of ANSWERS =

AVERAGE ANSWER (Sum: _____ /12) =

COMFORT & IMAGE

From a distance, the place projects a positive image. 1 2 3 4

There are choices of places to sit, both in sun and shade. 1 2 3 4

The place is well managed:

- It is in a state of good repair; 1 2 3 4

- It is neat and clean; 1 2 3 4

- It feels safe; 1 2 3 4

- It is well lighted; 1 2 3 4

- Retail space is leased to the best uses. 1 2 3 4

Amenities are operable, well located and consistent in design:

- Telephones; 1 2 3 4

- Waste receptacles; 1 2 3 4

- Lighting fixtures; 1 2 3 4

- Seating; 1 2 3 4

High levels of goods and services are available, including:

- Restrooms; 1 2 3 4

- Newsstand; 1 2 3 4

- Food and beverages 1 2 3 4

SUM of ANSWERS =

AVERAGE ANSWER (Sum: _____ /14) =

Public Workshop Exercise



Exercise

- Have One Person from Each Group Write Down Scores and Information.
- Complete Section A and B
- Problem Statement is completed later during the exercise
- Don't over think the questions.

Exercise

- Summarize Ratings (on Flip Chart)
- Page 1 Average Ratings:
 - Access & Linkages = ??
 - Comfort & Image = ??
 - Uses & Activities = ??
 - Average Answer = ??
- Page 2 List Section B Information
- Complete in 30 minutes

Exercise

- Problem Statement (on Flip Chart)
- What goes into a good Problem Statement
 - It is stated in terms of underlying causes
 - It relates the transportation, community, and environmental components to one another
 - It reflects customer focus
 - It does not include or pre-figure solutions
 - It is not mode specific
- Complete in 15 Minutes

Exercise

- Group Reporting
- Have One Person From Each Group BRIEFLY Report on the Groups Findings.
 - Summarize Ratings
 - Go Over Opportunities
 - Problem Statement
- Each Group will have 5 minutes

What Happens Next

- Working Group Meeting –
 - Wednesday Feb 13th, 2008
 - Using Placemaking Information Develop Project Problem Statement

Stakeholder Outreach

- Public Involvement Plan
 - Introduction
 - Project Background
 - Project Team
 - Project Process
 - Project Advisory Committee
 - Communication

The screenshot shows the NHDOT Public Interest website. The header includes 'NHDOT home | search | help' and 'NEW HAMPSHIRE'. The main content area is titled 'Public Interest' and features a sidebar with navigation links 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 displays 'NHDOT Public Interest' and 'Public Information - Walpole-Charlestown 14747'. It includes a warning about large file downloads and a note that documents are for informational purposes only. The project details are as follows:

- Project:** Walpole-Charlestown 14747 (NH Route 12)
- Scope of Work:** Road improvements from NH12A in Charlestown south approximately 2.7 miles to Main Street in Walpole.
- Contact:** Donald A Lyford, P.E., Telephone: (603) 271-2165
- Available Files:** Public Involvement Plan

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

Thank You

Questions ???