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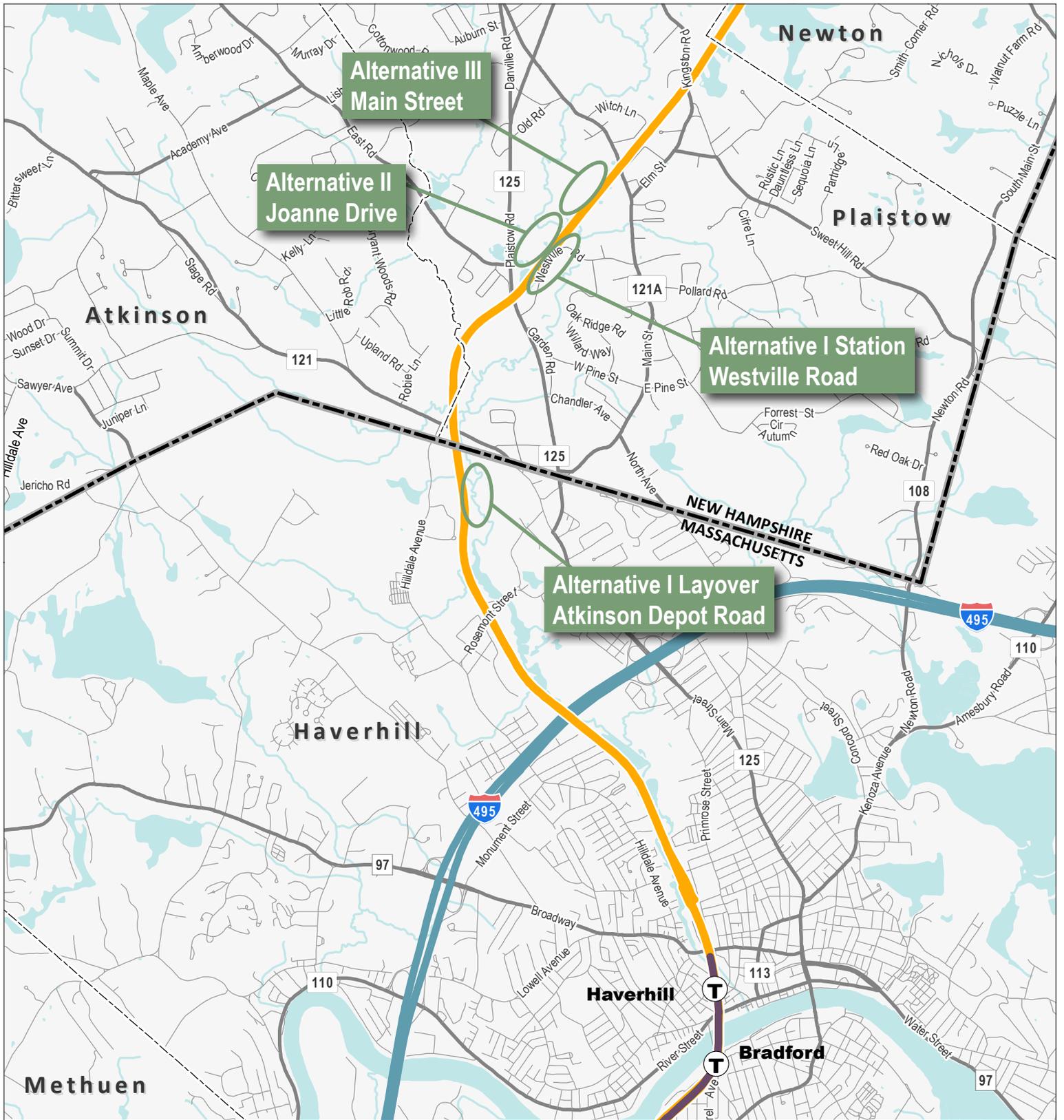
The Plaistow Commuter Rail Extension Study will hold its second Public Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm at Plaistow Town Hall to review refined site alternatives for a possible station and layover facility. Based on comments received at a Public Informational Meeting in May and the input of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC), an initial list of nine layover sites and seven station locations has been reduced to the following three alternatives, which have been advanced for further consideration:

1. Alternative 1:
 - Layover facility site is located in Haverhill, Massachusetts adjacent to the New Hampshire state boundary just south of Atkinson Depot Road.
 - Station site is located in Plaistow, NH at the existing park-and-ride parking lot on Westville Road just north of Route 125.
2. Alternative 2:
 - Station and layover facility site co-exist and are located on Joanne Drive just off Route 125 (Plaistow Road) in Plaistow, NH.
3. Alternative 3:
 - Station and layover facility site co-exist and are located in Plaistow, NH off Route 121A (Main Street) just west of Plaistow Village.

Each alternative has undergone further review with regard to a variety of potential impacts including noise and vibration, environmental, operational, cost, and prospective support for economic opportunities. During the public meeting, the results of the preliminary analysis will be reviewed for each of the alternatives and based on feedback from this public meeting, and additional input from the Project Advisory Committee, one alternative will be selected for further evaluation by the project team.

The study is funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), managed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDT), and led by the consultant team of HDR Engineering, Inc. The NHDT-HDR team has managed the study in partnership with town officials from Plaistow, Atkinson, and the Rockingham Planning Commission, with participation from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), City of Haverhill, Merrimack Valley Regional Commission, and the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority. Members from each of these stakeholder agencies participate on the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) and meet regularly to provide input to the NHDT-HDR team.

Additional information about the project schedule, including future Project Advisory Committee and Public Informational Meetings, can be found on the project website www.plaistowstudy.org.



Overview Map - Alternative Sites



Plaistow Commuter Rail Extension Study

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-  Main Line Track
-  Commuter Rail - Haverhill Line
-  Existing Commuter Rail Station
-  Waterbody

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