

Ossipee Open House

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Here's What We Heard

(Comments are listed randomly, not in a particular order)

NHDOT 10431

1. NH 16/ NH 28

- At the NH 28 intersection what options are being looked at? Backups on weekends are bad.
- Currently cars go off the road at the NH 28 free right from NH 16 due to the fast merge. The modification of the ramp is a benefit.
- Install a “check your turn signal” sign heading south on NH 28 from NH 16 at ramp merge.
- The NH 171 intersection has seen 4 accidents since this spring. Turn signals stay on as they approach the NH 171 intersection.
- Can temporary improvements be made to the existing signals? Will there be pre-emption on the signals? There currently isn't.
- A right turn slip lane into Ocean State would help remove vehicles from the intersection.
- An extra light at the Hannaford or Irving entrance would improve Safety.

2. Access Management

- Sunny Villa drive opening is proposed very large; can't it be reduced with curbing in front?

3. Project impacts

- Impacts to the “Copp” parcel, the proximity of impacts to the existing building, and the steepness of the slope adjacent to the roadway. Can retaining wall be built?
- Widening will take tree screen from properties; can noise/privacy fences be provided?
- Concern expressed about environmental impacts, including the clearing of trees and potential impacts to the habitats of the wood turtle and bats.
- Station 132+00, Lt. existing driveway not shown. Can one be added across from Island Path?
- Where will the utility poles go?
- Concerns regarding historic and cultural resources, the stone house and Polly's Crossing.

4. Safety/Speed

- Is there a road safety audit planned for Mt. Shaw Road? *Yes.*
- The widening will give this a wide highway look such as in Wakefield.
- This widening will speed up the feel of the road, people will go 65 mph.
- A bottleneck is created at the top of the truck lane as cars fight to merge
- Can't get out of Elm St. is difficult; they just don't let you out! Signal needed at Elm Street.
- Road rage is caused by the inability of left turning vehicles onto NH 16 to find gaps.

5. Pavement condition

- Up through last year the pavement was horrible!
- The pavement looks good out there now, why reconstruct?

6. Construction/Traffic Control

- Impressed with concern about traffic during construction; agree that construction during low volumes will have the least impact to businesses.
- Will there be a smart work zone on this project, like we see in Salem – Manchester?

7. Rumble Strips

- Rumble strips on NH 28 are awful, will rumble stripes be part of this project?

8. Scope of Work

- Are you adding through lanes on NH 16 at the NH 28 intersection? *No.*
- The 4 foot shoulder being added within the widened section is not enough to be able to slow down and make a right turn without stopping traffic.
- Bypass is a better option, a better way of spending the money.
- The most dangerous intersection is Pine River Road, something should be done there.
- Can a center turn lane be put in front of the Stone House?

9. General Comments

- Thissell Rd was Route 16 until the 1930's when Route 16 was re-routed.
- Conservation land on project; glad only resurfacing is proposed near Thissell Road.
- Great format. Liked the interaction with the DOT and the ability to ask questions and make comments.