

Alton-Gilford 40634

NH Route 11 Planning Study – Corridor Advisory Committee Meeting #4

September 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Project Representatives in Attendance:

Tobey Reynolds, NHDT
Trent Zanes, NHDOT
Hans Weber, NHDOT

Darren Blood, GM2

Jeff Santacruce, Weston & Sampson

Russ Wilder, Alton Conservation Commission Member

Sean Chamberlin, Lakes Region Planning Commission Principal Planner

Meghan Theriault, Gilford DPW Director

The meeting was led by Tobey Reynolds using the attached agenda as a guide.

1. Hans provided a project summary via power point reviewing the progress to date and the highlights of the draft Planning Study. The following discussion ensued:

Scenic Drive Build alternatives:

2. Meghan asked about space for queued vehicles at Scenic Drive pulling into Ellacoya State Park from the realigned “T” intersection alternative. A suggestion to consider increasing the distance between Route 11 and the park entrance was also mentioned.
3. Tobey stated that outreach to the NH State Parks staff is planned before the public meeting.
4. Meghan asked about controlling access/providing accommodations for Lake Shore Park Road just east of Ellacoya/Scenic Drive. Darren/Jeff stated that Lake Shore Park Road was evaluated and didn’t meet any warrants.

NH 11A/11 alternatives:

5. Russ noted that the wetland on the westbound approach appears to be impacted. Tobey noted that avoidance, walls, and slope steepening would be further investigated during later design phases.
6. Russ also noted that both alternatives need to be cognizant of a parking area for the West Alton Marina that exists shortly down the drive. In particular, the roundabout

alternative looks like it may cause impacts. Tobey responded that the concept produced to date are just 2-dimensional, and those sorts of impacts would be designed for during the future project.

7. Russ recommended that the draft study alternatives be presented to the public officials prior to a full public information meeting to solicit feedback.

Cost Estimates:

8. Hans presented an overview of the costs associated with the widening of the Route 11 by segment.
9. Meghan noted that it would be helpful to have a cost estimate in the planning study for the “infeasible” section of the project where the corridor is significantly constrained even if it only includes full box reconstruction in-place and drainage improvements without and roadway widening.
10. Meghan asked when the road was paved last? Jeff noted that it appeared to be 2017 based on NHDOT TDMS website. State roads are typically paved on an 8-10 year cycle.
11. Meghan asked if some of the short-term improvements could be accelerated outside the normal RPC process.
12. Tobey noted that the draft study has been sent to the NHDOT maintenance section for review and that some of the improvements may be achievable through joint efforts of the towns and NHDOT maintenance through future collaborations. An example discussed was tree clearing within the right of way to improve sight distances in certain areas. However, it was noted that removal of fences and other obstruction to increase sight distance may require more effort to complete.
13. It was noted that pavement markings and stop bars for side roads are the Town’s responsibility.
14. Meghan asked if HSIP funding is available. A demonstrated cost/benefit analysis and evidence of crash history is usually necessary to qualify for that type of funding.
15. Meghan indicated she would consider Road Safety Audits to get this information together.

Project Schedule:

- Meet with public officials in Gilford and Alton October/November.
- Consideration of Joint Alton/Gilford Public Informational Meeting in December/January
- Final Planning Study - February

Action Items:

- Revised draft Planning Study posted to the NHDOT project website
- Meeting Minutes posted to the project website and the link provided to the Committee
- DOT to meet with public officials
- DOT to set up the Public Informational Meeting

AGENDA

NH Route 11 Alton - Gilford

State Project No. 40634

Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting #4

September 13, 2022

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

1. Project Purpose:

To improve safety and mobility for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians throughout the length of the project with modifications to lane/shoulder widths and to major and minor intersections to allow for safer turning movements. These changes should balance impacts to important environmental and cultural resources and private property.

2. Project Summary

3. DRAFT Planning Study Comments

4. Public Informational Meeting