



Andover 40392 – Public Officials Meeting

May 20, 2019

Town of Andover Offices

Report of Meeting

Attendees:

Bob Landry, NHDOT

Tom Levins, GM2

Mike Licciardi, NHDOT

Town of Andover Selectmen

Town of Andover Police Chief

Town of Andover Road Agent

The meeting purpose was to introduce the project to the Selectmen and Staff and describe the work and traffic control alternatives. Mike L. presented the project.

1. The proposed bridge typical section is 11-foot lanes and 5-foot shoulders for all alternatives. The preliminary proposed bridge span is 100 feet.
2. There were three alternatives discussed:
 1. Bridge replacement using Accelerated Bridge Construction (28-day closure) and detour on state routes (16 miles)
 2. Bridge replacement using conventional construction (3-4 month closure) and detour on state routes (16 miles)
 3. Bridge replacement using conventional construction and a temporary on-site diversion upstream (north side) with temporary bridge to maintain alternating two-way traffic with signals (construction duration 4-5 months)
3. The bridge is classified as “Not eligible for the register of historic places” so full bridge replacement versus rehabilitation is an acceptable solution.
4. The state detour for alternatives 1 & 2 would have vehicles travel on NH Route 127 to US Route 3 to NH Route 3A to NH Route 11.
5. The local detour for alternatives 1 & 2 would not be signed and vehicles would take Plains Road. It was noted that the local roads seem narrow (from Google Earth).
6. It was noted 3 bar bridge rail will be used to provide additional height for bicyclists that use this road.
7. The entire project area is within a Zone A Floodplain and GM2 will be performing a full hydraulic study for the proposed bridge opening.



Items needing input from Town Officials:

1. Traffic Control Alternative preferred by Town: All in attendance preferred the 28-day closure.
2. Bus Routes: School buses do use this route, but using local roads during a closure would not be a problem. Relatively small impact.
3. Pedestrian Usage on US Route 4: There is some use but Officials couldn't accurately quantify.
4. Bike Usage on US Route 4: There is some use but Officials couldn't accurately quantify.
5. Local events that impact traffic or bring more traffic to US Route 4: There are no local events anticipated. There is a parade on US Route 4 in Town on July 4, but the Officials didn't think that would be major concern. Bob L. stated that the closure can be done after July 4.
6. Emergency Response: The Police Chief felt there was no issue with the closure.
7. Preferred closure time, if ABC used (Spring, Summer or Fall): The Officials preferred having the closure occur during the Summer to avoid school bus issues, even though the closure would be a minor inconvenience to bus routes.
8. Flooding History: Flooding occurs over US Route 4 generally in the Spring and Fall. Very seldom in the Summer. US Route 4 west of the bridge floods first.
9. Other Concerns or Comments: The Lawrence Street bridge may be under construction at the same time. The Officials were not sure on the schedule, but did not anticipate concurrent construction being a significant issue.

Bob L. mentioned that if the ABC 28-day closure was implemented, the ROW process may not be so intensive and the project may be advertised sooner than Winter 2021.

A Public Informational meeting should be scheduled for mid-July. The existing ROW needs to be determined/confirmed prior to scheduling the meeting.