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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BUREAU OF HIGHWAY DESIGN**

CONFERENCE REPORT

PROJECT: Farmington, X-A001(192), 16212
Construct NH 11 two-way left turn lane

DATE OF CONFERENCE: June 24, 2014, 7:00 PM

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: Farmington High School, 40 Thayer Drive
Farmington, NH

ATTENDED BY:

Thomas Tatarczuch	Commission Chairman
Dale Sprague	Commission Member
Robert Watson	Commission Member
Donald Lyford	NHDOT, Project Manager
Chuck Schmidt	NHDOT, Bureau of Right-of-Way
Cathy Goodman	NHDOT, Bureau of Environment
Laura Rebolledo	NHDOT, Bureau of Right-of-Way
Nancy Spaulding	NHDOT, Bureau of Highway Design

Public with questions/comments

Thomas Aubert, 5 Gary Drive, Rochester, NH, Parcels 14 &15

Written testimony submitted

Robert Jacobs, 409 Route 11 Family Trust, 18 Lawton Street, Haverhill, MA
Parcel 1

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for the construction of a two-way left turn lane on NH 11 easterly of the NH 153 intersection and installation of a centerline rumble strip from the limits of the two-way left turn lane easterly to the Rochester city line.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE:

In accordance with RSA 230:14 and the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987, the duly appointed Commission of Thomas Tatarczuch (Chairman), Dale Sprague and Robert Watson convened a Public Hearing to gather testimony regarding the proposed NH project. The Chairman noted the purpose of the hearing is to determine if there is a necessity for the occasion of the layout of the project based on testimony heard and written testimony submitted within ten days of the hearing. The project will reconstruct a segment of NH 11 to improve safety by adding a two-way left turn lane and installing a centerline rumble strip. The width needed for the proposed two-way left turn lane will be gained by narrowing the existing wide shoulders and undertaking minor widening of the roadway. The proposed NH 11 improvements will begin approximately 900 feet east of the NH 153 intersection and extend east approximately 3,300 feet. This project will also install a centerline rumble strip beginning at the easterly limit of the proposed two-way left turn lane and extending 1.5 miles east to the Rochester city line. The Commission asked the NHDOT to present the proposed layout in a formal manner.

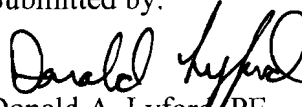
The NHDOT described the proposed roadway project in detail, described the Right-of-Way process and property owner rights as well as the environmental aspects of the project. The Department noted the project is in the Ten Year Transportation Plan and should there be a finding of necessity for the project it is currently anticipated construction would begin in late 2016 and be substantially completed by the end of 2017. The project is funded with 90% Federal funds and appropriate matching funds. No Town funds are currently anticipated for the project. The Department concluded by asking the Commission to find necessity for the project layout as presented.

The Chairman opened the meeting to questions/comments from the public in attendance.

Thomas Aubert, owner of parcels 14 & 15 as shown on the Public Hearing plan, expressed concern regarding his access points. He wanted to be sure 2 points of access he currently has will be available in the future, they are vaguely depicted on the Public Hearing Plan. He expressed concern with pedestrians crossing the road from the proposed bus stops and asked if a crosswalk could be installed. He also was concerned with the acquisition of property for the construction of the bus stop area. He does not want to lose any frontage rights with that acquisition and wondered what funds are being used to purchase the needed property rights. The Department will investigate the potential of a pedestrian crossing as the project continues. The Department explained that the property will still have frontage rights after new roadway right-of-way is purchased. Funding for the project, including purchase of right-of-way is 90% Federal funds and 10% matching funds.

Robert Jacobs, 409 Route 11 Family Trust, owner of parcel 1 as shown on the Public Hearing plan, sent in written testimony expressing safety concern regarding traffic moving closer to the house on the property and would like some type of barrier, other than guard rail, installed to divert errant vehicles. We also would like modifications made to the rear of their lot so they can walk to the lower piece or property. The Department responded to the letter noting there will be ongoing development of the project details and additional coordination with the owner will be required.

Submitted by:


Donald A. Lyford, PE
Project Manager

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