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

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

**PROJECT:** FRANKLIN  
X-A000(737)  
13928A  
US 3 / Industrial Park Drive improvements

**DATE OF CONFERENCE:** January 25, 2011

**LOCATION OF CONFERENCE:** Franklin City Hall

<b>ATTENDED BY:</b> <u>NHDOT</u>	<u>City of Franklin</u>
A. Vogt	Ken Merrifield – Mayor
J. Hebert	Paul Trudel – City Councilor
C. Goodman	Bob Sharon – City Councilor
A. Hanscom	Annette Andreozzi – City Councilor
	Arthur Starkweather – City Councilor
	Brian Colburn – Planning Board Chair
	Dick Lewis – Planning Board
	Royal Smith – Franklin fire department
	Other members of the Public – see attached

**SUBJECT:** Public Informational Meeting

**NOTES ON CONFERENCE:**

A. Vogt gave a brief introduction welcoming everyone to the meeting and introducing Department personnel, and noted that after a brief project hiatus, the Department was moving forward with this project. A preliminary layout has been developed based on the earlier work that was begun by CLD in 2002, and consists of reconstruction from Sta. 102+50, approximately 1000 feet south of Industrial Park Drive to 123+00, approximately 1000 feet north of Industrial Park Drive, including improvements to Industrial Park Drive and reclamation from Sta. 123+00 to 163+00, the intersection of NH 127. The project has received earmark funding of \$3.6 million, which will allow for the desired improvements at Industrial Park Drive as well as rehabilitation of the abutting segments of US 3 north and south of the intersection. The project funding will be a combination of federal, 80%, and state monies, 20%.

C. Goodman reviewed the Departments environmental documentation both cultural and natural for this project. She noted the potential for historic resources, houses that need to be evaluated within the project area. If a property is deemed historic then the property owner has the right to become a consulting party regarding the historic issues.

J. Hebert explained that in the reconstruction portion of the project, the intent of the current design would be to widen US 3 to the west to provide a southbound right turn lane into Industrial Park Drive, and to improve the sight distance looking north from the intersection. The intersection radii would be enlarged to allow for the turning radius of the large trucks using the industrial park. A widened shoulder would be added to allow bypass of northbound vehicles waiting to make left turns at the intersection. The roadway itself will be widened to provide 4-foot shoulders and the existing concrete slab, built in the 1930's, will be removed.

Adjustments to the vertical and horizontal alignment, the addition of curbing, and closed drainage will eliminate the existing water ponding and freezing problems. The addition of curbing will allow for access control on Parcel 12, the former garage now owned by the City of Franklin, consolidating the existing drives. The existing guardrail will be replaced and extended. Existing drainage patterns will be maintained as well as existing outfalls. Treatment of the storm water prior to its outlet into the Merrimack River will be provided through existing and proposed swales and additional detention/retention if required.

Right-of-Way acquisition is required on the west side of US 3. A 4 to 6-foot strip of right-of-way at the southern end of the reconstruction (Parcels 3, 4, 5, 6), a 12-foot strip along the frontage of Parcel 11 (just to the north of Industrial Park Drive) and an 8-foot strip at the north end of the reconstruction along the frontage of Parcels 12, 13, 14. Permanent easements will be needed at the drainage outlet locations

The northern portion of the project, constructed in 1958, consists of 12-foot travel ways and 10-foot shoulders. This portion is in need of pavement preservation and will be reclaimed. Work along this northern section is anticipated to stay within the existing right-of-way. Upgrades to guardrail, bridge rail and drainage is anticipated in this area.

It was noted that underground gas and water are within the project area and that relocation of aerial utilities and poles is anticipated on this project. Alternating one-way traffic control and lane shifts will be needed during construction, which is anticipated to take two construction seasons. Project advertising is anticipated the summer of 2014.

A. Vogt opened the meeting for questions....

#### Betty Tobey

Noted that she was in favor of the project, but concerned that people drive too fast (cars and trucks) and would like to see posted speed reduced due to the historic nature and multiple residences along US Route 3.

Annette Andreozzi

Concerned that the project improvements would increase speed would like to see the speed down posted in this area. A. Vogt noted that the posted speed is based on the geometry of the roadway and other factors. Councilor Andreozzi noted that she would like to have a speed study completed as part of this project.

Stella Noyes

Concerned about runoff from the industrial park, as well as its wastewater treatment and impacts to the Merrimack River. Also feels that, Punch Brook, which runs behind houses at the southern end of the project, may be impaired by activities in the industrial park. A. Vogt noted that our drainage would not be connected to the industrial park drainage and that we would have treatment prior to its outlet to the Merrimack River.

Elizabeth Arsenault, Parcel 5

Noted that there is a septic system between the highway and the trailer. The exact location is unknown.

Submitted by:

Jonathan A. Hebert, EIT.  
Preliminary Design

Attachment

JAH/jah

cc: W. Cass, C. Green, W. Lambert, M. Dugas, A. Hanscom – District 2  
E. Corrow – City Manager, City of Franklin

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MEETING ATTENDANCE

PROJECT Franklin: Improvements to US 3 / Industrial Park Drive  
 LOCATION Franklin City Hall  
 PROJECT NO. X-A000(737) 13928A  
 Federal State

Name	Agency or Address	Comments
Abby Albrecht Elita Chiquero	602 So Main St 265 So Main St	- out this time
Betty Tobey Jack Tobey	913 So. Main 913 S. Main St	yes - comments
Norman Beauchemin Stella Hayes	655 S. Main St. 88 S. Main St.	Tri-State Painting
Arthur Stankiewicz Brian Colvard	316 Central St. 70 Pleasant St.	FRANKLIN QTR council FRANKLIN BOARD CHAIR
Dick Lewis Tim Avery	316 Central St. 30 F BIDC	Planning & zoning PLANNING Shelley @ metprocast.net
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BOB SHARON Mendelberg	918 WINDWARD AVE	FRANKLIN CITY COUNCILOR CITY COUNCILOR

Date 11/25/11