



Meeting Notes

Place: Hampton Falls Town Hall

Date: May 10, 2021

Notes Taken by: P. Blum

Project #: 52575.07

Re: Hampton Falls Corridor Study #29610
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #2

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Shawn Hanson, Planning Board	Keith Webster, Dodge's Agway	Marty Kennedy, VHB
Mark Lane, Select Board	Beverly Mutrie, Heritage Commission	Philip Blum, VHB
Greg Parish, School Board	Dave Walker, RPC	

Mr. Kennedy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the second Advisory Committee meeting for the Hampton Falls Corridor Study noting that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide the Committee an advanced look at the information that will be presented at the May 20th Public Informational meeting. Mr. Kennedy proceeded to review some of the points from the first Advisory Committee meeting that will be presented again at the public informational meeting including:

- Study purpose
- Study schedule
- Future public meetings
- Study elements

Mr. Kennedy continued with a brief overview and discussion on the traffic volume trends and the results of operational analyses for the existing (2020) and future No Build year (2042) conditions for the Weekday AM, Weekday PM, and Saturday midday time periods. It was noted that the most significant operational problem is that the volume of through traffic on Route 1 in both the northbound and southbound directions exceeds the capacity of the single through lane at the signalized intersections. This capacity constraint results in long vehicle queues along Route 1. The side street approach movements at the two signalized intersections operate with acceptable delays.

Motorists turning left onto Route 1 from Kensington Road (unsignalized operation) experience substantial delay given the lack of acceptable gaps in the traffic stream and the long vehicle queue extending back from the signalized intersection. The Committee proceeded to discuss potential solutions and the impacts that any widening of Route 1 could have on the Town Common, the mature trees, and abutting properties.

Following the discussion, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Walker described a public input on-line tool created by the Rockingham Planning Commission that will be used to gather feedback from the public. The tool, which will be introduced at the public information meeting, will allow the public to share their thoughts on existing deficiencies and once we move to the alternatives phase, their thoughts on potential solutions.

Lastly, the Committee discussed the arrangements for the public informational meeting including how best to get the notice of the meeting out to as many people as possible.

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