



Meeting Notes

Place: Jaffrey Fire Department

Date: October 24, 2017

Notes Taken by: Jason Hilton

Project #: 52457.00

Re: Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg
#16307

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Jo Anne Carr, Planning/EDC

Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey

Keith Dupuis, Industrial business/trucking

Carolyn Garretson, Conservation Commission

Ed Merrell, Planning Board

David Reilly, Schools

John Peard, Downtown Business(es)

Frank Sterling, Select Board

Randy Heglin, DPW

Bill Oswald, Police

David Chamberlain, Fire

Marty Kennedy, VHB

Jason Hilton, VHB

Victoria Chase, NHDOT

John Butler, NHDOT

Non-committee member attendees

Peggy Ueda, Resident

Carl Querurth, Resident

Tory McCagg, Resident

Mr. Kennedy opened the meeting by first welcoming everyone to the 4th Advisory Committee meeting for the Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg Study. He reminded Committee members of their role and responsibilities and explained that we would spend most of our time at this meeting discussing the public input that was received at the recent public informational meeting.

The Committee then watched a 15-minute video titled "Poynton Regenerated", which presents the before and after condition of an intersection in Poynton, England that was reconstructed to introduce the concept of shared space. Mr. Kennedy noted that a couple of individuals, who had submitted comments, suggested that the project team view the video and consider how the concepts discussed could be relevant to the US 202 project.

Following the viewing of the video the Committee shared their thoughts on the public informational meeting.

It was noted that many of those who spoke at the public meeting spoke in opposition to a roundabout option. It was generally noted by the Committee that it would be better if those who voiced an opinion (in support or against) on any potential solution held-off on forming an opinion until the alternatives evaluation has been conducted and presented. Ms. Garretson noted that she received comments after the meeting from people who were open to the idea of a roundabout, but chose not to speak at the meeting due to the overall negative tone toward roundabouts.

Mr. Kennedy asked the Committee members to remind the public that the team is just now beginning the alternatives evaluation. The team will be conducting the evaluation over the next couple of months. We intend to hold a public workshop sometime after the new year. The workshop will provide the public an opportunity to view the range of alternatives and to better understand the benefits and drawbacks of each. The workshop format will also provide the public an opportunity to informally talk with the project team.

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The Committee discussed options for getting information regarding the alternatives out to the public. It was noted that the next project newsletter will focus on the alternatives. We should consider opportunities to provide a wide distribution of the newsletter. Perhaps the local newspaper could include it as a flyer or insert.

It was noted that many of the Committee members are involved with other groups or associations in town and perhaps the newsletter could be distributed through those group email lists. It was also noted that we are maintaining a project email distribution list. The list includes anyone who signed in at the public meeting and provided their email address. Meeting notices and future newsletters will be distributed through the list.

The evaluation of alternatives will need to consider the responsibilities and costs to the town. For example, the town would be responsible for maintaining any sidewalks. In addition, the town should coordinate any planned utility upgrade projects (water main for example) with the NHDOT project. It would likely be more cost efficient for the town to make the upgrades as part of the project rather than coming back later with a construction project within the new roadway. It was noted that there may be unavoidable impacts to underground utilities due to issues such as roadway drainage modifications, even if the town decided not to upgrade their facilities.

Mr. Kennedy closed the meeting by informing the Committee that, given the holidays, our next meeting will likely be held in January.