

New Ipswich 14465

NH 123 / NH 124 Bridge Over Souhegan River

"Highbridge"

Project Advisory Committee

Meeting #1

May 20, 2009



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Why are we here? What is CSS?
- Project Overview
- Public Involvement Plan
- Problem Statement Development

Introductions

- Design Team
- Project Advisory Committee

Why Are We Here?

- Project History and Intent
- Public Involvement

Why Are We Here?



What is CSS?

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

"A collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility."

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

- Involve Stakeholders
- Identify Problem(s)
- Create a Vision
- Develop Range of Alternatives
- Determine Preferred Alternative

Consensus

Consensus does not mean that everyone agrees, but that the principal groups and individuals can live with a proposal.

Context Sensitive Solutions



Context Sensitive Solutions



CSS Defined

CSS Relies On:

- Sound Engineering and Design
- Effective Community Outreach and Stakeholder Involvement

CSS Steps

Public
Hearing

Preferred
Alternative

Screen
Alternatives

Brainstorm
Alternatives

Screening
Criteria

Vision
Statement

Problem
Statement

Placemaking
Workshop



Study Area



Project Overview

- Study Area: NH 123 / NH 124 from River Road to Highbridge Road
- Description:
 - Replace the 1950s era bridge structure
 - Retain and preserve the stone arch bridge
- Concerns we have:
 - Long-term stability of bridges
 - Maintaining traffic during construction
 - Environmental impacts

Public Involvement Plan

- Working rules for project development
 - Purpose
 - Committee Roles and Responsibilities
 - Project Schedule
 - Meeting Schedule and Logistics
 - Outreach to Stakeholders
- Project Webpage
 - www.nh.gov/dot/projects/specifics.htm

Role of the Project Advisory Committee

- Represent the Community
- Be a Liaison to the Community
- Provide Guidance to the Design Team
- Recommend Preferred Alternative

Role of the Project Advisory Committee

- Guidelines and Procedures
 - How we treat each other
 - How we make decisions
 - How we communicate

Outreach to Stakeholders

- Public informational meetings
- Public hearing
- Project Communications
 - Email
 - Internet
 - Newspapers

= > ***Identify and involve stakeholders***

Project Schedule

- Preliminary Design – 2009
 - Problem / Vision / Goals
 - Alternatives Development
 - Public Hearing – 2010
- Final Design – 2010
 - Detailed Design
 - Purchase Right of Way
 - Secure Permits
- Begin Construction - 2012

Problem Statement

What does a good Problem Statement look like?

- It is stated in terms of underlying causes
- It is linked to travel markets
- It relates the transportation, community, and environmental components to one another
- It reflects customer focus
- It does not include or pre-figure solutions
- It is not mode specific

Sample Problem Statements

- Winchester: NH 12 bridge replacement
- Dublin: NH 101 traffic calming
- Meredith: US 3 corridor improvements

Next PAC Meeting

- Set Meeting Schedule
 - Meet every 1-2 months
 - Anticipate 6-8 meetings prior to Public Hearing
 - Public Hearing target 2010
- Contact Information
- *Homework Assignment*
 1. *Think of additional problems that you see with the bridge area.*
 2. *Contact others to find out what they see.*
 3. *Review Public Involvement Plan*

Thank You

Questions?