

Pelham Town Center Project

SCREENING SUMMARY

Project Problem Statement

The Pelham Town Center is divided by multiple intersections containing high volumes and speeds of local and regional commuter traffic, creating congestion that negatively affects safety resulting in unacceptable delays. This detracts from the historic character and setting of the Town Center. No “sense of place” exists that promotes community pride or encourages activities that attract pedestrians and groups of people to gather. This area lacks alternative routes, gateway, and traffic calming features that introduce and highlight the historic character of the town center. The area is marked by inadequate pedestrian/ bicycle connectivity and amenities, and a complete lack of on-street parking, descriptive signage, and lighting.

Draft Project Vision Statement

The Pelham town center will be enhanced by changes to multiple intersections, which will make the town center safer and more welcoming to drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. These changes will enhance and preserve the rural character, historic setting and community aesthetics. Traffic movement for all approaches through the Town center will flow at a slow, steady, safe, and efficient manner for all modes of travel. Gateway treatments will provide an announcement to drivers that they are entering the Town center. These combined with the changes to the intersections, will create a catalyst for other changes, that contribute to the sense of a Town center and destination that will be the pride of the community, and encourage activities that attract pedestrians and groups of people.

Category	Score				
	VP	P	N	G	VG
Access					
Aesthetics					
Community Resources					
Economic Vitality					
Historic and Archeological Resources					
Implementation					
Mobility					
Natural Environment					
Public Health					
Quality of Life					
Residential Neighborhoods					
Safety					
Support					
Transportation Choice					

The concept satisfies all element of the Project Vision Statement	Unreasonable	Reasonable
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SCREENING CRITERIA

The purpose of screening is to evaluate whether a concept is effective in addressing the problems and goals defined for the project. The following criteria will be used during the planning phase to determine if a concept is reasonable and should be included in the range of reasonable alternatives. The criteria are arranged into fourteen categories that are summarized on the previous page.

Scoring Criteria				
(VP) – Very Poor	(P) - Poor	(N) - Neutral	(G) - Good	(VG) – Very Good
Fatal Flaw Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral	Benefit	Substantial Benefit
Serious Degradation	Degradation	Not Applicable	Improvement	Substantial Improvement
Unreasonable	Opposition	No Impact	Enhancement	Reasonable
Strong Opposition			Support	Strong Support

Access

- Evaluate the access provided to and from Businesses.
- Evaluate the access provided to and from Town Services.
- Evaluate the access provided to and from Residents.
- Evaluate the access provided to and from Commuters.

Comments:

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Aesthetics

- Evaluate the views of the adjacent residential areas.
- Evaluate the views of Town Center from the adjacent residential areas.
- Evaluate the views from the Town Center.
- Evaluate whether the unique character of the Town Center is complemented.

Comments:

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Implementation

Evaluate the cost.
 Evaluate the ability to implement in phases over a period of time.
 Evaluate the ability to maintain mobility and access during construction.

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Mobility

Evaluate the effectiveness to provide mobility for commuters to and from the region during peak periods.
 Evaluate the effectiveness to provide mobility for local traffic movement during peak periods.
 Evaluate the effectiveness to provide for the movement of goods and services in the region.
 Evaluate the effectiveness to provide mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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Natural Environment

Evaluate the effect on known or potential habitat for endangered, threatened or special concern plant species based upon NH Natural Heritage Bureau mapping.
 Evaluate the effect on large forest blocks, existing agricultural farms and prime soils for forest land and agriculture.
 Evaluate the effect on surface waters, aquifers, wetlands, floodplains, and riparian areas.

Comments:

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