

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.

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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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.
- Evaluate the costs to the Town.

Comments:

Category Score

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VP	P	N	G	VG

Mobility

- Evaluate the effectiveness to provide mobility for commuters traveling through the Town Center 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 through the Town Center.
- Evaluate the effectiveness to provide mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Comments:

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Score				
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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 surface waters, aquifers, wetlands, floodplains, and riparian areas.

Comments:

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Public Health

Evaluate the effect on air quality during construction (i.e., traffic jams, construction equipment, detours, etc) and after construction.

Evaluate the effect on walkable communities.

Evaluate the effect on drinking water quality and quantity.

Comments:

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Score				
VP	P	N	G	VG

Quality of Life

Evaluate the effect on the Quality of Life for those living in Pelham.

Evaluate the effect on the Quality of Life for those working in Pelham.

Evaluate the effect on noise levels.

Comments:

Category Score

Score				
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Residential Neighborhoods

Evaluate the effect on existing residential neighborhoods.

Evaluate the effect on planned or developing residential neighborhoods.

Comments:

Category Score

Score				
VP	P	N	G	VG

Safety

Evaluate the effectiveness to improve safety in the Town Center.

Evaluate the effectiveness to improve safety on local streets.

Evaluate the effectiveness to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Evaluate the effectiveness for emergency vehicle response.

Comments:

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Support

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Evaluate the support from the Town officials in Pelham.

Evaluate the support from the public at large.

Evaluate the support from the business community whose livelihood is dependent upon travel through the Town Center.

Evaluate the support from the civic groups (churches, schools, etc.) in Pelham.

Evaluate the support from resource agencies.

Comments:

Category Score

Transportation Choice

Evaluate the effectiveness to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the region.

Evaluate the effectiveness to integrate all modes of transportation.

Comments:

Category Score

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