



# Working Group Meeting #2

December 21, 2006

# Meeting Agenda

- Introduction (Chris)
- Review Placemaking Results (Chris)
- Draft Problem Statement Discussion (Kerrie)
  - Consensus
- Discuss Public Involvement Plan (Chris)
- Discuss Vision Statement (Kerrie)
- Assignments (Kerrie/Chris)

# Project Development Process for Pelham

- Preliminary Design (2006-2007)
  - Placemaking
  - Problem/Vision/Goals
  - Alternatives
  - Public Hearing
- Final Design (2008-2009)
  - Detailed Design
  - Purchase Right of Way
  - Secure Permits
- Begin Construction (2010)



# Context Sensitive Solutions

“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.”

# Working Group

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

# Consensus

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

# CSS Steps

Public Hearing

Preferred Alternative

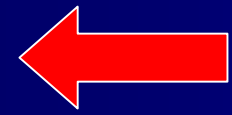
Screen Alternatives

Brainstorm Alternatives

Screening Criteria

Vision Statement

Problem Statement

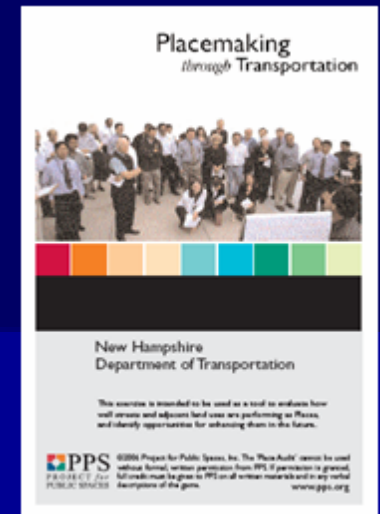


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Placemaking Workshop



# Placemaking Workshop



## Placemaking Workshop

Help make travel through Pelham better for everyone !










**How:** Attend the Placemaking Workshop and help Create a vision for the future of the Town Center

**Why:** The NH DOT is embarking on a transportation study to alleviate congestion through the Pelham Town Center. Local and regional citizen involvement is desired to develop a transportation solution that improves the traffic operation, while maintaining or enhancing the character of the area.

**Who:** **YOU**  
Residents, Business Owners  
Community Leaders, Local Officials  
Neighborhood Groups

**Where:** St. Patrick's Church  
12 Main Street

**When:** Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
4 pm to 8 pm

**RSVP:** So we have enough seating and **REFRESHMENTS** please contact either Pelham Planning Office 635-7811 or via e-mail : [planning@pelhamweb.com](mailto:planning@pelhamweb.com)



**Public Welcome**



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# Problem Statement

What are the problems in the Town Center?



# 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

# Problem Statement

## ■ 7 Problem Statements from Placemaking Workshop

November 7, 2006

### Belham Placemaking Problem Statements from the October 19 Meeting

#### Group 1

There is a **traffic problem** and there is **no sense of place**. No direction that this is the center of town.

#### Group 2

Main Street and the common areas **lack destinations and activities that attract pedestrians and groups of people**. Inadequate (**safe**) pedestrian features, the lack of bicycle routes and on-street parking and poor lighting are not conducive of a typical town center. Enhanced **gateway features**, as well as improved connectivity to recreation areas (signage & landscaping) are needed to **help identify the town center and calm traffic**.

#### Group 3

No **safe walking bicycling lighting roadway** not inviting to the town center, highway spending area, roadway too wide. No **definition marking entrance into town to slow people down** (such as landscaping, sidewalks, narrower lanes, or bridge treatment)

#### Group 4

There are **multiple intersections** with too many curb cuts, too close together that are unable to handle the traffic, which detract from the historical character of the town center. This area is **not pedestrian friendly and lacks connectivity, adequate signage and lighting**.

#### Group 5

This area of Belham **lacks pedestrian connectivity**, because it has no sidewalks, benches, lighting, landscaping or other pedestrian amenities. The roadway **lacks any demarcation telling drivers they are entering a Town Center** resulting in high speeds and hazardous conditions for vehicles and pedestrians.

#### Group 6

The area of the intersection of Gilson Road and the Village Green is **not pedestrian/bicycle friendly**, what with the lack of crosswalks, lighting, **high traffic flow and speeds**, nor does it inform people of the facilities location on the village green, the **historic nature of the stone foundation**, or any meaningful direction of where the road leads to particularly Route 38.

#### Group 7

Our task should be to ease **traffic congestion and speed**, create a more **pedestrian friendly** walking area and make a more visible roadway for motorists.

# Problem Statement

“The Pelham Town Center is made up of multiple intersections containing high volumes and speeds of traffic that negatively affect safety and detract from the historic character and setting of the Town Center. No “sense of place” exists that encourages activities that attract pedestrians and groups of people to gather. This area lacks 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, on-street parking, signage, and lighting that is needed to create the sense of a Town Center and a place of destination.”

# Public Participation

## ■ Public Involvement Plan

- Introduction
- Project Background
- Project Team
- Project Process
- Working Group
- Communication

## ■ Project Website

- [www.nh.gov/dot/projects/pelham14491/index.htm](http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/pelham14491/index.htm)

## ■ Schedule



# Vision Statement

A statement of desired characteristics of a place at a specific time. This statement should address transportation goals and may include other community and environmental goals related to the transportation corridor as well.



# Developing a Vision

- Include Transportation Needs
- Include Community Values or Aspirations
- Include Scenic, Aesthetic, Historic and Environmental Values and Goals



# Visions Statement Examples

Meredith's village and rural settings will be enhanced by the US 3 /NH 25 corridor, which will allow easy access to village destinations while moving traffic through in a slow, steady, safe and efficient manner. Peak congestion in Meredith and the Region will be mitigated by managing pedestrian flow, educating the public about alternate traffic routes and providing for various modes of transportation. People will feel comfortable walking or cycling on the corridor which will promote the town's social life, recreational offerings, historic features, and economic vitality. Long term viability of the corridor and stewardship of the natural environment and cultural assets will remain a steadfast priority.

Meredith US3/NH 25 Transportation Project



# Visions Statement Examples

"Loudon Road will be an attractive, safe corridor that visually and physically connects at a human scale destinations east and west of the turnpike. It will be uniquely Concord place that functions well for all modes of transportation and integrates Concord history, aesthetics and environment."

Concord, Loudon Road (NHDOT CSS Training Course Example)

# Vision Statement Examples

“Implement transportation improvements along historic Philadelphia Pike that will help transform it into a revitalized Claymont with a discernable center. A functional and attractive transportation system will allow people to safely and conveniently walk, bicycle, drive and ride transit to places where people live, work, shop, worship and recreate in a vibrant compact mixed-use community.”

Claymont, Delaware

# Vision Statement

- What is your vision for Pelham's Town Center?



# Next Meeting & Assignment

## Working Group Meeting # 3

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Pelham Town Hall

## Assignments

1. E-Mail Draft Vision Statements to Chris or send to Jeff Gowan.
2. Think about what potential low cost short-term improvements could be implemented.