



Meeting Notes

Attendees: See Attached List

Date/Time: June 13, 2002 7:00 PM

Project No.: 51272
Plaistow-Kingston 10044-B

Place: Kingston Town Hall

Re: NH 125 Plaistow-Kingston
Public Informational Meeting
Access Management

Notes taken by: Marty Kennedy

Presentation

Chris Waszczuk welcomed everyone to the NH 125 Corridor Wide Introductory Access Management Meeting and explained that this is an initial access management meeting with several other public meetings to follow. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what access management is, explain the benefits of access management, and describe what access management tools are available. The meeting also will include a presentation on the NH 125 corridor and project goals, the project development process, and a schedule of the targeted upcoming meetings. Upon conclusion of the Department's presentation, the meeting will be opened up for questions and comments.

The presentation included:

- A discussion of Corridor and Project Goals (Chris Waszczuk)
- Access Management Statewide Initiative (Bill Cass)
- Access Management Video
- Access Management Considerations for NH 125 (Marty Kennedy)
- Project Development Process & Upcoming Meetings (Chris Waszczuk)

The PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Comments/Questions

Comment – Several parties expressed a desire to see the Hunt Road/Newton Junction Road improvement plans prior to the 6/27/02 Public Informational Meeting. C. Waszczuk stated that interested affected parties could contact him after the meeting to arrange obtaining excerpts of the conceptual plan along their properties.

Comment – A concerned citizen stated that the access management actions are just a Band-Aid solution. The Department should be planning long-term and considering a by-pass to address the traffic problems along the corridor.

C. Waszczuk explained that in addition to the access management items being considered for the corridor, the Department would also be pursuing physical improvements to NH 125 to address safety and capacity issues.

Comment – A concerned citizen questioned whether the traffic signals along NH 125 will be coordinated.

C. Waszczuk affirmed that as part of the project, coordination of the traffic signals would be investigated.

Comment - A concerned citizen questioned whether frontage, service, or connector roads would be paid for and included in the project.

C. Waszczuk explained that inclusion of such elements would need to show a benefit to the function of the highway. Thus, if driveways accessing NH 125 could be eliminated resulting in a safety benefit, then a frontage road could be constructed as part of the project. Each circumstance would need to be investigated on a case-by-case, parcel specific basis.

Comment – A concerned citizen stated that speeds along the corridor are a problem.

NOTED BY: C. Waszczuk, M. Dugas

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