



Meeting Notes

Attendees: See Below

Date/Time: March 25, 2004 6:30 PM

Project No.: 51272

Place: Kingston Town Hall

Re: NH 125 Plaistow-Kingston 10044-B
Advisory Task Force Meeting #14

Notes taken by: Marty Kennedy (Amended on 6/25/04)

Attendees

ATF Committee:

Glenn Greenwood, RPC
Chris Waszczuk, NHDOT
Ellen Faulconer, Kingston
Tim Moore, Plaistow
Leslie Hume, Kingston
Don Briggs, Kingston
Mark Heitz, Kingston
Leigh Komornick, Plaistow

Others:

Marty Kennedy, VHB
Mike Dugas, NHDOT

Committee Business

Glenn Greenwood opened the meeting and welcomed all of the Committee members to the fourteenth ATF meeting. Glenn dispensed with a review of the meeting rules and proceeded to ask for a motion to adopt the 2/26/04 ATF meeting notes. The motion was moved, seconded, with discussion.

E. Faulconer and L. Hume noted that the meeting notes should reflect the strong objection that the Committee raised in response to the Department's position that the NHDOT would not plow the emergency median openings. *Specifically, the Committee questioned the liability to the State if the emergency access openings were not plowed and also questioned the legality of the town expending funds on a state highway.*¹ After some discussion, it was agreed that the 2/26/04 meeting notes would be amended to clearly state that the towns did not support the Department's position that the towns would need to provide winter maintenance (plowing) of

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the emergency median openings and widened shoulder areas. C. Waszczuk stated that he would speak again with the Director of Operations and get back to the Committee with a written position on the issue. The Committee agreed to accept the 2/26/04 notes with the noted modifications.

Project Segmentation/Prioritization

C. Waszczuk distributed handouts to the Committee, which included project breakouts, construction costs, and a schedule for two scenarios. One scenario had the Danville Road/Jesse George Road/ NH 121A intersection as the highest priority, while the other scenario had the Old County Road intersection as the highest priority. Also provided to the Committee was a page from the 10-Year Plan, which summarized the funding for the NH 125 project as adopted by the House Public Works & Highway Committee on February 17, 2004.

C. Waszczuk reviewed the funding with the Committee, noting that grand total cost for the project has been modified slightly and is now at \$33,802,619. The updated total reflects the latest Hunt Road/Newton Junction Road construction and ROW costs. Of this total \$2,246,369 has been authorized for the construction of the Hunt Road/Newton Junction Road intersection. As for the remainder of the corridor, approximately \$1.7 million has been authorized for Preliminary Engineering (PE) with an additional \$500,000 programmed for PE in each of the years 2004 and 2005. As for right-of-way, nearly \$2.4 million has been authorized with an additional \$2.4 million programmed for 2005 and \$2 million programmed for 2006. Following the Public Hearing, the Department will be able to initiate the final design and property acquisition process.

C. Waszczuk went on to explain that the construction funding is programmed in the current draft 10-Year Plan as follows:

\$4,000,000 (2006) [shown as two - \$2 million projects]
\$300,000 (2007)
\$2,500,000 (2009)
\$2,700,000 (2010)
\$7,500,000 (2011)
\$5,000,000 (2012)

Chris noted that he had tried to break out the projects in a similar fashion to how the priorities were identified in the Corridor Feasibility Study (Danville Road/Jesse George Road/NH 121A - high priority) and fit them as best he could to the 10-year funding program. An alternative priority plan, which the Committee had suggested at a prior ATF meeting, was to show the Old County Road intersection as the highest priority. The reasoning for the Old County Road intersection being the highest priority was because of the Superfund site and the resulting high number of trucks that would be entering NH 125 at this location. The discussion continued as to the timing of the Superfund project and specifically whether it still made sense to show Old County Road as the highest priority. It was suggested that the Superfund project could be operational before the NHDOT project for the Old County Road intersection would be constructed. If so, the development site would need to include a traffic control plan, which may include police officer control.

L. Hume raised a concern that if intersections were constructed first, the corridor would have long sections of roadway without the median and without other access management elements. Committee members also expressed concern with upgrading the intersections in such a manor that the corridor would be segmented with some sections improved and other sections not. Chris reminded the Committee that, as desirable as it would be to construct the entire project at one time, the funding schedule dictates that the work be segmented. E. Faulconer asked that the section between Roadstone Drive and Hunt Road be constructed early with the Roadstone Drive intersection project so that there is not a gap between the two projects. Ellen also suggested pulling out Meeks Road as a separate intersection project from the work on the final segment north of Hunt Road. There was also a lengthy discussion on which segments in Plaistow should be constructed first.

After much discussion the Committee suggested an alternative priority plan. The Committee's suggested phasing is as follows:

- 1st – Danville Rd/Jesse George Rd./NH 121A.
- 2nd – Segment between Roadstone Dr. and Hunt Rd./Newton Junction Rd.
- 3rd – Roadstone Dr. intersection including Kingston Rd. Ext.
- 4th – Segment from 121A to Roadstone Dr. including Old County Rd. intersection.
- 5th – Segment from East Rd to Old Rd. including the connector road.
- 6th – Meeks Rd. intersection.
- 7th – Segment north of Hunt Rd./Newton Junction Rd.

L. Hume asked if the preliminary engineering and the ROW acquisition could be handled as a single project and not be broken out project by project. C. Waszczuk stated that we would need to focus on the first project immediately after the Public Hearing in order to have construction documents ready to go out to bid for a 2006 project. Chris also reminded the Committee that there are some areas where it would simply not make sense to do the engineering and ROW acquisition too far in advance of the expected construction in the event that conditions change.

L. Hume asked that the notes reflect that the project discussion was based on a funding plan where the I-93 project would not be bonded.²

Questions and Comments

The Town has sent out the notices for the April 7th meeting at the Kingston Town Hall with property owners. There will be two sessions: 1:00 – 4:00 PM and 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

L. Hume requested that Kingston's 100' setback line be shown on the plans for the April 7th meeting. M. Kennedy stated that we would add it to the plan.

G. Greenwood stated that we would postpone the discussion on choosing a new Committee Chairman until the next ATF meeting.

Scheduled Next ATF Meeting

² At the 6/10/04 ATF meeting, the Committee asked that the 3/25/04 meeting notes be amended to include the italicized text.

The next ATF meeting is scheduled for May 13th at 6:30 PM at the Plaistow Library.

Motion to adjourn.

Cc: J. Brillhart