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CONFERENCE REPORT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF HIGHWAY DESIGN

PROJECT: Plaistow-Kingston 10044E
NH Route 125

DATE OF CONFERENCE: January 23, 2020

LOCATION OF CONFERENCE: Kingston Town Hall, 163 Main Street, Kingston, NH

ATTENDED:

Kathy Corliss, NHDOT
Maggie Baldwin, NHDOT
Darren Blood, GM2
Seth Hill, GM2
Jennifer Zorn, McFarland Johnson
David Walker, Rockingham Planning Commission
Donald Briggs, Jr., Kingston Police/Selectmen
Glenn Coppelman, Kingston Planning Board
Glenn Greenwood, Kingston Planner
Ellen Faulconer, Kingston Planning Board
Brian Craven, Kingston Collision

SUBJECT: Working Group Meeting #3

NOTES ON CONFERENCE:

D. Blood explained that the purpose of this Working Group meeting was to review the input received from the public at the October 17, 2019 Public Informational Meeting (PIM) and to review the 30% design plans. D. Blood led the discussion and provided a brief overview of the PIM and the comments received from the public. In general, members of the public in attendance at the PIM were in support of the project design. Specific questions and concerns were raised by a few property owners relating to their property (refer to the PIM Conference Report dated October 17, 2019 for a written summary of the meeting).

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D. Blood reviewed the 30% design plans and explained the key design features within the corridor along the mainline Route 125, intersections (including Kingston Road and Granite Road; Diamond Oaks Boulevard; Roadstone Drive and Dorre Road; Colonial Road and Happy Hollow Lane; and Debra Road) as well as the typical section for both the mainline and sideroads.

At this time, the Working Group was engaged for questions or comments on the 30% design. The following questions and comments were received:

- It was stated that East Coast Metal Works plans to construct improvements at the rear of their parcel. However, an application has not yet been received by the Kingston Planning Board. The East Coast Metal Works (Parcel #285) property has a water quality treatment feature proposed in the rear portion of the lot, as part of the redesign of Route 125. D. Blood stated that this location was identified as a potential water quality treatment area on the original 2004 public hearing plans.

A member of the Working Group suggested the area located behind Commerce Park, which appears to be an existing stormwater treatment feature, as an alternative to using the East Coast Metal Works parcel. It was indicated that the lot may be a lot spot. It was mentioned that there may be a conservation easement behind Parcel #284-286. M. Baldwin stated that Commerce Park is likely a privately-owned water quality treatment system, and that it is not typically a NHDOT practice to combine public and private stormwater runoff, mostly due to the maintenance that is required.

A Working Group member stated that a letter from the Town of Kingston would be sent to NHDOT formally requesting the water quality feature be moved off of the East Coast Metal Works parcel to accommodate the proposed improvement. It was also stated that the Town of Kingston wants to keep the existing business in place and active.

D. Blood stated that the design of the overall drainage network needs to be further advanced in order to determine the need, size and location of the treatment areas.

- D. Blood stated that the NHDOT has coordinated with the Town regarding the proposed pedestrian improvements at the Hunt Rd/Newton Junction Road intersection. He further clarified that the NHDOT is waiting for written support from the Town.
- Chief Briggs asked about encroachment agreements. M. Baldwin explained that only the Landscapers Depot has existing encroachment agreement with the NHDOT to use a portion of the Route 125 right-of-way.
- Chief Briggs mentioned past fatal accidents on NH Route 125 in the area of Colonial Road/Happy Hollow Lane where a vertical ledge face is adjacent to the west side of the roadway. D. Blood stated that the design would impact the ledge to a lesser extent than what was previously proposed, but the ledge would be cut back and farther from the roadway in the proposed condition, reducing the risk of impacts.

- A Working Group member inquired whether the project team was aware of the Unitil gas main project. D. Blood stated that yes, the team is aware and in the process of acquiring as-built plans.
- D. Blood concluded the meeting by thanking the members of the Working Group and informing them that no further meetings would likely be required. If there was a need for a 4th Working Group meeting, the members would be informed directly. J. Zorn stated that she would keep the Working Group informed on any future meetings, such as a second Public Informational Meeting or a Public Hearing.

Submitted By:

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