



**Town of Tamworth, N.H.
NH Route 113 Bridge over the Bearcamp River
Improvement Project
NHDOT Project #16239
Federal Project #X-A001(205)**

**Public Informational Meeting No. 2
April 22, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

A second public informational meeting regarding the proposed rehabilitation or replacement of the NH Route 113 Bridge over the Bearcamp River was held on April 22, 2014 at the Tamworth Town House. An open house was held between 6:30 and 7:00 PM. A PowerPoint presentation was made starting at 7:00 PM and was followed by a question and answer period.

Project Team Attendees:

- Bob Landry, NHDOT
- Joe Adams, NHDOT
- Phil Brogan, NHDOT
- Christine Perron, NHDOT
- Evan Detrick, DuBois & King, Inc.
- Ryan Barnes, DuBois & King, Inc.

Bob Landry opened the meeting by providing an overview of the problems with the bridge, and the goals that NHDOT has for the project. Bob stated the purpose of holding a second public informational meeting was to present the alternatives that were investigated in detail based on feedback from the first public informational meeting, and to provide a recommended alternative and receive input on that alternative.

Joe Adams gave a PowerPoint presentation consisting of an overview of the bridge condition, an update of historic and natural resource findings, and the outcomes of the first public information meeting. The presentation followed with a summary of the alternatives investigated, the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative, and concluded with a recommendation of an alternative. The recommended alternative was alternative 2 – complete replacement using accelerated bridge construction techniques. It was noted that the rating of the substructure has been upgraded to 7, rather than 4 shown in the presentation due to recent repair work on the piers.

Several attendees had comments and/or questions that were brought up during and after the presentation was completed. Questions are shown on the next page, with answers or responses from the design team shown in bold if any were provided:

- Attendee asked what “scour critical” meant – **Joe stated that it meant that the substructures were susceptible to damage or instability from undermining during high flow events.**
- Attendee had an objection to the finding that the former Amos Webster houses (13 and 20 Bryant Road) were not found to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places – **Christine agreed to discuss the finding with the attendee following the meeting. During the discussion that took place after the meeting, it was clarified that the attendee believed the mill site in particular was an important historic resource, and she provided photographs showing the mill. Christine assured her that the site would not be impacted by the project.**
- Attendee asked who will pay for costs to maintain emergency services while the bridge is closed (specific to alternative 2) – **Bob stated that the project would bear the costs, within limits. Using phased construction to maintain traffic is typically estimated at a 25% increase in project costs, this could be used as a maximum. Bob stated that discussions need to take place with emergency services as to the most practical method to maintain services. He stated that an effective communication plan and implementation of detour notification is necessary. He stated that through traffic would utilize a signed detour on state routes, although local traffic could use local roads at their discretion. It was suggested by attendee that contractors typically use a pedestrian bridge or similar means for their workers to cross the river, and it’s possible this could serve that purpose for emergency service personnel also.**
- Attendee asked about the total construction durations (not just bridge closure) for alternatives 1 and 2 – **The total construction time for alternative 1 is approximately 1 construction season, and 2 to 3 months for alternative 2.**
- **Bob stated that construction is currently slated for 2022, although this date could be moved forward if alternative funding becomes available or there becomes an emergency situation, so it is best to have design plans complete far sooner than the slated construction date.**
- Attendee asked if construction will take place when school is out – **Joe stated that ideally and most likely it would take place when school is out.**
- Attendee stated concern about trucks turning onto the bridge with only one lane open.
- Attendee asked what the hours of operation would be with alternative 2 – **Bob stated that with accelerated bridge construction, the hours are typically 7am to 7pm, 6 days a week. It is anticipated that construction of the drilled shafts would take place only during daylight hours with use of flaggers and not a temporary signal.**
- Attendee asked how much space and construction equipment will be used compared to the recent repair work – **Bob stated that it’s likely at least as much, if not more space will be used compared to the recent repair work. Contractor will stay within existing right-of-way, unless an agreement is made with adjacent landowners.**
- Attendee asked if the existing rail could be repainted – **Joe stated that this is something that bridge maintenance would need to address.**
- There was general agreement among attendees that alternative 2 is the best compromise between costs and impacts to the travelling public and abutting properties.

Attendance
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