

September 20, 2013

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BUREAU OF HIGHWAY DESIGN**

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

**PROJECT:** Walpole-Charlestown 14747  
Reconstruct NH Route 12 from Main Street in North Walpole north  
approximately 3 miles to NH Route 12A in South Charlestown

**DATE OF CONFERENCE:** August 26, 2013

**LOCATION OF CONFERENCE:** Silsby Library Community Room, Charlestown

**ATTENDED BY:**

See attached sign in sheet

**SUBJECT:** Public Advisory Committee Meeting

**NOTES ON CONFERENCE:**

This Public Advisory Committee Meeting was held to provide an update on the project status. N. Miller, Planning Director, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC), opened the meeting by providing an overview of the State's 10-Year Transportation Plan, noting that the Walpole-Charlestown project was still a priority.

D. Lyford, NHDOT Project Manager, provided a brief update of the project. The design has progressed, however due to issues related to railroad coordination the project is approximately 6 months behind schedule. It is anticipated that the project will be constructed as two or three individual contracts, one of which will be to relocate the railroad. This would be above and beyond the Force Account work (with the railroad) to install the track and ballast. This effort may be minimized, as the Railroad has proposed to move the siding from Walpole, NH to Vermont. The Department is still evaluating the proposal and associated cost estimates.

P. Salo, NHDOT, provided a brief presentation of the project and design elements. The project will reconstruct approximately 2.8 miles of NH Route 12 with the majority of the roadway being shifted easterly, away from the Connecticut River. Guardrail is proposed to separate NH Route 12 and the railroad. The project will also involve drainage work, a retaining wall and scenic view areas. P. Salo noted that the updated design is very similar to the design presented at the Public Hearing.

The following items were discussed after the formal presentation:

- The cost of the project has increased since the previous meeting; however the UVLSRPC

has requested additional funding for the project. This is not expected to remove the project from the 10-Year Plan, however it could cause one or more of the Walpole-Charlestown projects to be delayed a few months.

- Can a northbound pull-off for distressed vehicles be considered?
  - The Department will evaluate this request and will consider incorporation into the Contract plans if it is feasible.
- The current design has about 1,200 feet less railroad reconstruction than previously designed. Can this savings in funding be applied to an extension of the project?
  - As the project is already over budget, and funding statewide is so tight, this is not possible.
- Since there have been more frequent and more severe rainfall events in the area, has the Department used different rainfall information for this design?
  - The Department, per the NHDES guidelines, is using the new Extreme Rainfall Data. In addition, the Department is using the new stream crossing rules for culvert sizing.
- Has the Design Consultant been selected?
  - Yes, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. has been selected.
- Can the Department post updates to the project schedule to the website?
  - The Department will post a design schedule and construction/contract breakout schedule (when available) to the website. This will be available at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/walpole14747/index.htm>.
- When will the next meeting be held?
  - The Department anticipates the next formal design submission (the Slope and Drain Submission) in January of 2014. The next meeting will occur after a review of these plans in spring of 2014, most likely in March of 2014.

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