Walpole - Charlestown
NH 12 Improvement Project
Public Workshop
December 12, 2007
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- What is CSS?
- “Placemaking” Presentation
- Group Exercise
- Group Reports
- Next Steps
- Question and Answer
Introductions

• Design Team

• Project Advisory Committee
Project Overview

• Study Area:
  – Main Street in North Walpole to NH12A in Charlestown

• Description:
  – Remove concrete base, add shoulders, upgrade drainage.
Study Area
Project Timeline

- **Preliminary Design (2007-2008)**
  - Public Workshop
  - Problem/Vision/Goals
  - Alternatives Development
  - Public Hearing

- **Final Design (2008-2009)**
  - Detailed Design
  - Purchase Right of Way
  - Secure Permits

- **Begin Construction 2010 & 2013**
What is CSS ???
Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

“A collaborative interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.”
Safety
Uniformity
Mobility

Historical and Community Values and Environment
Safety Uniformity Mobility

Historical and Community Values and Environment

CSS Defined
CSS Relies On:

- Sound Engineering and Design
- Effective Community Outreach and Stakeholder Involvement
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Transportation
Context, Community, Environment
Context Sensitive Solutions

How to Look at a Place:
Seeing Context, Defining the Right Problem
Transportation Context

• A different way of thinking and looking at transportation
• Facilitating an understanding with communities by identifying the right problems from the beginning
What Makes a Great Place?
From: Projects for Public Spaces

- Welcoming
- Walkable
- Convenient
- Accessible
- Charm
- Clean
- Attractive
- Historic
- Safe
- Scenic
- Fun
- Active
- Vital
- Special
- Real

**Intangibles**
- Sociability
- Access & linkages
- Uses & activities
- Comfort & image

**Measurements**
- Street life
- Evening use
- Volunteerism
- Business ownership
- Property values
- Land-use patterns
- Fun
- Retail sales
- Active
- Vital
- Special
- Real

**PLACE**
- Connected
- Walkable
- Convenient
- Accessible
- Transited usage
- Pedestrian activity
- Parking usage patterns
- Crime stats
- Sanitation rating
- Building conditions
- Environmental data
Uses & Activities

Signs of success:
- good place for business,
- active - lots of people walking,
- opportunities for active recreation

Signs of problems:
- empty spaces,
- underutilized buildings,
- security problems.
Comfort & Image

Signs of success: attractive, fits its surroundings, historic, feels safe.

Signs of problems: unattractive, poor environmental quality, poorly maintained, unsafe.
Access & Linkages

Signs of success: connected, continuous, legible, walkable, accessible.

Signs of problems: automobiles dominate, poorly-marked crosswalks, poor signage, few pedestrians or bicycles.
Sociability

Signs of success: neighborliness, opportunities to gather, diverse population.

Signs of problems: empty spaces, isolation
The Exercise Audit

What Makes a Great Place?

1. Evaluating over 1,000 public spaces around the world, Project for Public Spaces (PPS) has found that successful spaces have four key qualities that are measurable:

   a. People are engaged, involved, and welcome in the space;
   b. The space is well designed and planned;
   c. The space is comfortable and has a good image;
   d. The space is a suitable place for when people meet each other and take people

   Here is a suitable place for when people meet each other and take people

   through Transportation

   Placemaking through Transportation

   This connection is intended to be used as a tool to

   Jamaica Transportation Center

   Areas are open, well designed and planned;

   LOCATIONS FOR THE USE

   a. Evaluate the Place

   After you have analyzed the site, the next step is to

   a. Access, Linkages, & Information

   b. Facilities available at the site

   c. Pedestrian access is safe and comfortable:

   d. Cycling distance are optimal:

   e. Traffic lanes are easy:

   f. Change and stations are easy to find:

   g. Map and schedule are easy to use:

   h. Automated do not detract from the pedestrian experience:

   SUM OF ANSWERS:

   AVERAGE ANSWER (Sum: 14/14) =

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Public Workshop Exercise
Exercise

• Have One Person from Each Group Write Down Scores and Information.
• Complete Section A and B
• Problem Statement is completed later during the exercise
• Don’t over think the questions.
Exercise

• Summarize Ratings (on Flip Chart)
• Page 1 Average Ratings:
  – Access & Linkages = ??
  – Comfort & Image = ??
  – Uses & Activities = ??
  – Average Answer = ??
• Page 2 List Section B Information
• Complete in 30 minutes
Exercise

• Problem Statement (on Flip Chart)

• What goes into a good Problem Statement
  – It is stated in terms of underlying causes
  – It relates the transportation, community, and environmental components to one another
  – It reflects customer focus
  – It does not include or pre-figure solutions
  – It is not mode specific

• Complete in 15 Minutes
Exercise

• Group Reporting
• Have One Person From Each Group BRIEFLY Report on the Groups Findings.
  – Summarize Ratings
  – Go Over Opportunities
  – Problem Statement

• Each Group will have 5 minutes
What Happens Next

• Working Group Meeting –
  – Wednesday Feb 13th, 2008
  – Using Placemaking Information Develop Project Problem Statement
Stakeholder Outreach

- Public Involvement Plan
  - Introduction
  - Project Background
  - Project Team
  - Project Process
  - Project Advisory Committee
  - Communication

- Project Website
Thank You

Questions ???