

**Alternative Screening Criteria**

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**Walpole-Charlestown, 14747 NH Route 12 Context Sensitive Solutions**

<b>Access - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative provide efficient vehicular access to residences along Route 12?				X	
Would the alternative provide efficient vehicular access to businesses along Route 12?				X	
Would the alternative improve pedestrian and cyclist access to the Connecticut River for recreational purposes?				X	
Would the alternative improve vehicular access to the Connecticut River for recreational purposes? (e.g. parking)				X	
Would the alternative enhance access to local schools for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists?				X	
<b>Aesthetics - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative result in an aesthetically-pleasing corridor?				X	
Would the alternative complement the road's status as a National Scenic Byway?				X	
Would the alternative preserve views of the Connecticut River Valley?				X	
<b>Economic Vitality - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative minimize impacts to local businesses during the short-term (e.g. during construction)?				X	
Would the alternative benefit local businesses in the long-term?				X	

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<b>Environment - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative mitigate stability issues along the banks of the Connecticut River?				X	
Would the alternative minimize impacts to the waters, aquifers, wetlands, and floodplains of the Connecticut River?				X	
Would the alternative minimize impacts to the habitat of endangered, threatened, or special concern wildlife species in the Connecticut River basin?				X	
Would the alternative minimize impacts to historic resources in the area?			X		
Would the alternative minimize impacts to archeological resources in the area?			X		
Would the alternative minimize impacts to the habitat of endangered, threatened, or special concern plant species in the Connecticut River basin?				X	
Would the alternative minimize impacts to unfragmented forest lands, existing farmlands, and prime agricultural soils in South Charlestown and North Walpole?				X	
<b>Implementation - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Is the alternative feasible given the budget for the project?			X		
How feasible is the timeframe for this alternative?			X		
How well does this alternative lend itself to phasing?				X	
Would the alternative minimize impacts to abutting properties?			X		

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<b>Mobility - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative improve the mobility of passenger vehicles between Charlestown and Walpole?				X	
Would the alternative improve the mobility of commercial vehicles between Charlestown and Walpole?				X	
Would the alternative facilitate commercial rail travel along the New England Central Railroad?				X	
Would the alternative improve the mobility of cyclists and pedestrians between Charlestown and Walpole?				X	
<b>Quality of Life - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, and recreate along the Route 12 Corridor in South Charlestown and North Walpole?				X	
<b>Safety - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Adequate</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Would the alternative improve safety for automobiles traveling Route 12?				X	
Would the alternative improve safety for commercial vehicles traveling Route 12?				X	
Would the alternative improve safety for pedestrians traveling Route 12?				X	
Would the alternative improve safety for bicyclists traveling Route 12?				X	
Would the alternative reduce conflicts between different modes of transportation?				X	
<b>Overall - Opt #323 - Shift RR South &amp; North</b>	<b>Unreasonable</b>			<b>Reasonable</b>	
Would the alternative address the problems identified in the Problem Statement and reflect the long-term vision outlined in the Vision Statement?				X	