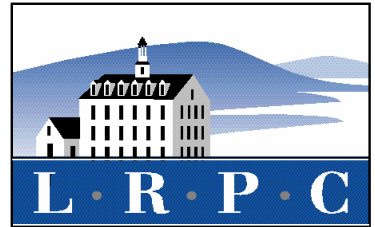


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Minutes of June 25, 2009 NH Route 28 Corridor Safety Audit Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

PRESENT:

Alton

Kenneth Roberts, Highway Agent

Barnstead

David Kerr, Selectman
David Murley, Planning Board
Bill Evans, Health Officer

Chichester

No representatives present

Pittsfield

Gary Johnson, Fire Department
Edward Vien, Selectman

Epsom

Betsy Bosiak, Planning Board

NH DOT

G. Stuart Thompson, Highway Safety Engineer
Trent Zanes, Preliminary Design

Regional Planning Commissions

Rodrigo Marion, Principal Transportation Planner, CNHRPC
Craig Tufts, Transportation/GIS Planner, CNHRPC
Evan Aird, Assistant Planner, CNHRPC
Michael IZard, Principal Planner, LRPC
Adam Hlasny, Assistant Planner, LRPC

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB)

Greg Bakos, Senior Highway Engineer
Robin Bousa, Project Manager

Others

Paul Bartolomucci, PMHS Superintendent
Mark Riedel, Buckeyz Blasting Corp.
Jan & Lorraine Scott, Alton
Bill DeLong, Alton
Jeff St. Cyr, State Representative
Bruce Reynolds, Epsom
Edna & William Quint, Barnstead
Roger Nelson, Barnstead
John Wood, Barnstead
Harold Sebellanza, Epsom
David Fossett, Pittsfield
Ruth A. Messier, Alton
Brendan Berube, Reporter, *The Baysider*

1. Call to Order

Michael IZard of Lakes Region Planning Commission called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 pm. All in attendance were provided the opportunity to introduce themselves.

2. **Preliminary Road Safety Audit Process and Results**

M. Izard re-introduced the concept of a road safety audit/assessment to all in attendance. He explained that the Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC) had identified 17 priority sites for study along the corridor at the February 10, 2009 meeting. Of these locations, 16 were appropriate for Road Safety Audit study, while the 17th (town line curve) was targeted for NH DOT staff review. He explained that, with the input of the Road Safety Audit Team, a draft "Top 10" list had been established to better guide the efforts of the study, and specifically the efforts of VHB, the contracted engineering firm. He said that the final report is due by the end of August, at which time it will be presented to the Boards of Selectmen in each of the five towns in the study area.

M. Izard and R. Marion then summarized the 16 RSA locations, and gave a brief overview of recurring themes and issues throughout the corridor. These recurring issues were pavement edge drop-offs, structures in the clear zone, street name/intersection warning signs, run off road crashes, lack of illumination, passing zones through intersections, overgrown vegetation, end treatment on guardrails, pavement markings on side streets, and signal adjustments/updates.

In addition to the 16 locations, "Town Line Curve" was mentioned for its slope issues and road alignment. Also, the "King's Grant" Retirement Community and a development north of King's Grant were discussed as dangerous locations with several accidents and many near-misses. Based on extensive public comment, it was recommended by M. Izard that this location be the focus of further review.

3. **PAC Consensus on Corridor-wide Safety Priorities**

M. Izard presented the "Top 10" list of safety priorities as follows, and explained that these projects are not necessarily in order of importance, but rather they were rated as the 10 locations which VHB will provide additional detail:

- 1) Peacham/White Oak Rd
- 2) North Barnstead/North Rd
- 3) Stockbridge Rd
- 4) Main Street Chichester
- 5) Epsom Traffic Circle
- 6) Prospect Mountain/Dudley Rd
- 7) Leavitt Rd
- 8) NH 107
- 9) NH 126
- 10) Maple Street Barnstead

After committee discussion, it was decided and agreed upon that Kelly Corner or Concord Hill Road should replace Leavitt Road, since Leavitt has other funding sources (DOT, SRtS). Further, it was decided that the section of NH 28 between Kelly Corner and Concord Hill Roads should serve as a study section included in the top 10, suitable for study by VHB.

4. **Project Progress Update**

M. Izard reported that Stephanie Alexander, Principal Planner from CNHRPC has been working on an overview of future land use corridor-wide. Her work will be presented at the

July meeting. An essential part of this analysis is an examination of land use regulations throughout the corridor to help determine towns' attitudes and approach to future development. This examination will also allow an opportunity to reflect on future appearance and functionality of the corridor. In general, it is known, the increased curb cuts create additional conflict points, increasing the potential for accidents. As such this component of the study is important for a rounded view of potential future safety concerns.

5. Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) Project Involvement Overview

Robin Bousa, VHB Project Manager, introduced herself and VHB's involvement with the NH 28 Corridor Study. She described the history of the company, and her expertise in the areas of mobility and functionality. Greg Bakos, Senior Highway Engineer, then introduced himself and his background and involvement. Bousa and Bakos also described the involvement of a third VHB staff member, Frank Rose, of the Virginia office, who is involved in Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and Crash Reduction Factors. Their six-step scope of work includes reviewing crash data, interviewing safety personnel and residents in the towns along the corridor, conducting a field review, making design and cost recommendations, providing a technical memo (by the end of July), and presenting these findings at a public meeting in August. The work by this engineering firm complements and builds on the Road Safety Audit work done by the Road Safety Audit Team with the assistance of CNHRPC, LRPC and NH DOT.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 30 from 2:00-4:00 pm at a location to be determined somewhere within the NH 28 Corridor study area.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 pm.