

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10AM by Joyce Stille

PLACE: Yeoman's Hall - Columbia

ROLL CALL: Joyce Stille (Town Administrator – Town of Bolton); Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Jana Butts (WINCOG/Planner – Town of Columbia); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Anna Bergeron (CT-DOT); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Jeff Parker (CHA); Rob Aloise (CRCOG)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vance and seconded by Buchardt to adopt the June 6, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Englert abstaining.

A motion was made by Pagini and seconded by Trott to adopt the August 15, 2011 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously with Englert abstaining.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

It was agreed that there were no further comments on the Future Conditions Report that was prepared by CHA and it will be placed on the CRCOG website.

Jeff Parker reviewed the continued analysis of the preliminary concepts.

**COLUMBIA:**

Concept A – signalized intersection with a 35% reduction of pavement and removal of 'slip' lanes will improve the overall level of service.

Concept B – 2 lane roundabout with entrances and exits will result in more potential development area. The roundabout needed to be moved to the north and still results in an improved level of service.

Concept C – 2 land roundabout with additional 'village' development area and boulevard. Some development would occur in an already disturbed floodplain area. Other layouts could be created to avoid the 'cut through' the village area. This concept meets the vision of the REDC.

**BOLTON:**

Concept A – Traditional intersection with an eastbound RTE 6 bypass.

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Concept B - Not to be pursued.

Concept C – Traditional signalized intersection with cul de sac of Notch Road is not to be pursued.

Concept D – Roundabout with 2 lanes and improved Notch Road intersection. Route 44 west and Route 6 east would be separate from the roundabout. A level of service would be improved but traffic impacts to Quarry Road remain a concern.

Concept C.2 – Traditional intersection with RTE 6 eastbound bypass was evaluated.

Concept E.1 – Notch Road/44 connect with RTE 6 flyover and Notch Road connector would have an impact to the post office plaza. This is a high impact and expensive option.

Concept E.2 – This option will also have an impact to the post office plaza and is very expensive. It may be possible to move the road behind the plaza.

It was agreed that the priorities are an improved Notch Road intersection and RTE 6/44 interchange. Concept E.1/2 should be further evaluated with the condition of avoiding impacts to the plaza.

**ANDOVER:**

Concept C – Split RTE 6 in a one-way fashion with village style improvements. One house will need to be taken with this option. Approximately 100,000 sf of new development area would be created. There would need to be a large amount of filling required to accommodate the development area. It is important to lower the trail elevation to create more function and provide a trailhead.

**COVENTRY:**

This option is still being evaluated and more information will be provided at the next meeting.

The next steps involve a matrix summary being developed that analyzes the various options. A sample was distributed.

The Hop River Trail signage was briefly discussed.

The next phase of public meetings was discussed. Two separate meetings are to be held.

The Zoning Subcommittee continues to meet and review the draft regulations. The Committee is about 2/3 of the way through the text and it is going well. A legal review of the regulations and how they fit in the individual Town regulations would be very helpful. John agreed to get an estimate from Mark Branse. The cost could be shared between the Towns.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary