

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 9:10AM by Carmen Vance

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Jana Butts (WINCOG/Planner – Town of Columbia); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Jeff Parker (CHA); Molly Parsons (DOT); Anna Bergeron (DOT)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The adoption of minutes was tabled due to the fact that there was no quorum.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Jeff Parker reviewed the continued analysis of the preliminary concepts and the feedback that was gained through the public input sessions.

ANDOVER:

The elevation of the trail was discussed at length. It was agreed to leave it as it exists, but to add a concept the future as a possible option. Environmental, stormwater quality impacts during construction will also be addressed.

COLUMBIA:

The questions and concerns that were raised by the public about roundabouts were discussed at length. Due to CT's limited experience with roundabouts, it is perceived that it is not a functional option. The computer simulation was viewed to demonstrate the anticipated traffic flow. The level of service is projected to improve with the use of a roundabout and will make the traffic operations much safer. It was agreed that some discussion of an option of a signalized intersection option, although not the priority, is still feasible.

BOLTON:

The 'squaw cave' location was reviewed and its relevance to the design of the priority option. It is expected that it will not be impacted by the construction activities.

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John asked if it was possible to provide additional parking to the east of the intersection for trail access. Jeff indicated he would explore this option.

A question was raised by the public regarding the potential of incorporating a truck climbing lane on the RTE 6 westbound lane. Jeff indicated that it was not feasible.

It was agreed that concept E is the preferred option.

COVENTRY:

No public comments were received on the design option.

Next steps – Jeff and Lia will be appearing on the Bolton 'Community Voice' public access program to discuss the transportation project.

Lia provided a status report on the project to the CROCOG Transportation Committee and they were very impressed by the work.

A brief discussion was held on the on the options for text, renderings and layout of the report.

It will be necessary to pursue individual town endorsements of the Transportation Plan soon. It was suggested that Joyce, as Chairman, prepare a letter on behalf of the Council to send to the towns. In April or May, presentations can be made to the governing body about the design options.

The consultant is to return on February 27.

RTE 6 PROJECT:

Work continues on the preparation of the regulations with the subcommittee. John anticipates that the work that Bolton is doing on the RTE 44 corridor with the consultant, that there can be a sharing of ideas with the Council.

A discussion was held about possible projects that the Council could move on to create visibility in the communities. The gateway sign is one option that could be pursued.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary