

WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES

Date: 4/30/19

Time: 4:00-5:30PM

Location: Hyde Park Town Office

1. Welcome

In Attendance:

- a. Susan Bartlett
 - b. Jim Fontaine
 - c. Ken McPhearson
 - d. Paul Trudell
 - e. Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator
 - f. Robert Moore, LCPC
 - g. Jackie Cassino, VTrans
 - h. Robert Amore, ACCD
 - i. Chirs Sargent, D&K
 - j. Julia Ursaki, D&K
2. Preliminary Transportation Alternatives (Julia Ursaki, D&K)
- a. Class I discussion for reclassification of VT15: initially, this was not well-received by the Selectboard. That is not a definitive “no,” D&K will still provide the Town with costs for taking over the road. Ron points out that there is culvert at the Johnson St Ext/VT15 intersection but no others in the vicinity, so ending the limits before Johnson St Ext will be prudent.
 - b. Black Farm Road access management: this is a high crash segment, has high U-Turn volumes, and we have count data – reasonable to move forward with VTrans to narrow curb cuts
 - c. Though there is a call for traffic control at LUHS, the volumes don’t meet signal warrants. The community is not interested in a mini-roundabout, but would like to pursue a “people-powered” traffic control scenario where there is a sheriff or trained person directing traffic when school lets out and/or starts. More observational counts by the committee will help determine when traffic control is required, i.e. AM, PM, or both.

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- d. While there is a 35 MPH school zone *when lights are flashing* along VT15 at LUHS, the road is not designed to reinforce the 35 MPH driving. “Speed harmonization” is a concept where the posted speed of the road matches the speed that people are actually driving – which can be achieved through design (traffic calming), and some enforcement. Traffic calming is a main focus of these alternatives.
 - e. Discussion about alternative routes to and from LUHS: there was a previous study that looked at alternatives for emergency access (secondary) to LUHS. Also consider an alternate route for people leaving LUHS and going NB via Cricket Hill Road (though there are safety concerns with this because of the sharp “s” curves). Ron will send study to D&K which will be included in the alternatives.
 - f. Speed radar feedback signs: shown to be effective at first but people (especially commuters, people driving through every day) stop paying attention to them with time. Effective method for traffic control include—mobile speed limit signs placed in unexpected and new locations. It is key to slow down traffic on VT15 coming by LUHS to 35 MPH in the school zone.
 - g. The Village is installing speed feedback signs on Depot Street and Church Street
 - h. The committee would like to see an alternative with bike lanes on Main Street, even if that means losing parking. D&K will include in alternatives.
 - i. Village parking: previous study documenting existing parking lots and available spaces. Ron will send to D&K. Parking discussions (options for municipal lots, management strategies, need) will be included in the report.
 - j. Speed humps: concerns about noise (vehicles going over them, especially farm equipment) though they would slow down traffic and deter through traffic. D&K will consider speed humps at key places within the Village.
 - k. The committee would like to see options for bicycle connectivity to Route 100 for cyclists headed NB including a crossing of VT15. D&K will include in alternatives.
 - l. Reconstruction project of Johnson St Ext is only half the street. Possibility for a pedestrian connection between LUHS and Village along this road. Ron will send D&K construction plans for Johnson St Ext.
3. Placemaking: Opportunities and Destinations
4. Other Business

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- a. Business Roundtable #2 (Tonight @ 6:00PM)
 - b. Pop-Up Exercise
 - c. Summer Event/Milestone Schedule
 - i. Pop-Up Exercise Event (6/15)
 - ii. Transportation Field Visit (Mid to late June)
 - iii. Alternatives Presentation, Ice Cream Social (7/15)
 - iv. August Draft Presentation (Mid August)
 - v. September Engagement, Home Day
5. Adjourn