



Route 100 Committee

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Minutes

Committee/Staff Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sarah Boudreau	√	Eydie Pryzant	√	Joe McDonnell	√
Andrea Ferrante	√	Rebecca Grover	√	Steve Melchiskey	-
Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison	√	Lori Legere	√	Jim Thibodeau, LPAC Liaison	-
Theo Holtwijk, Staff	√	Nathan Poore, staff	√	Mark Debowski, FST	√

Others present: Keith Smith, Jamie Mason, Abigail Kelley

The meeting was started at 6:00 PM.

Everyone introduced themselves.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of November 18, 2015 meeting

The draft minutes of the November 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

2. Discuss December 9 Public Forum

Committee members felt that the presentation went well and was easy to follow, there was a good turnout, and that the public seems on board with the proposed plan. Eydie asked about the Mill Road bridge. Evaluating the condition and future of that bridge was not in the committee's scope of work. Lori felt that the committee needed to do a better job in explaining to people how the project's cost will not affect their taxes. Andrea mentioned that a future presentation should incorporate some slides that explain the need for the project. There was a discussion that committee members may want to touch base with those who were involved with the Route 1 project.

Mark noted four forum feedback issues that he suggested the committee discuss as they may affect the design:

- A new crosswalk across Route 100 at Mill Road
- A more visible crosswalk beacon at TD Bank crossing
- Bicycle pavement markings on Leighton Road
- A median in Route 100 near Irving gas station.

The committee discussed each of these ideas. The Mill Road crosswalk would be located on the north side across Route and would involve paint and signage and perhaps also lighting. The committee thought that was a good idea. Andrea wanted to make sure there was enough sight distance for a cross walk. Mark stated that the proposed location met the MaineDOT's standards for a cross walk and added that the striping would consist of reflective paint.

There was much discussion about the existing crossing at TD Bank. The suggestion was made to improve the lights and pavement markings, but also add a refuge island similar to those on Route 1.

The committee felt that any bicycle striping through so-called “sharrows” on Leighton Road should only be considered on a town-wide basis and not only in this location. The citizen concern regarding bicycle safety was further discussed, but the committee felt that pedestrian connectivity was more of a priority for Leighton Road.

The median island at Irving was also discussed. At this location drivers have been observed making illegal and unsafe left turns. This could be prevented with a median island. This island could potentially also be extended and incorporate the refuge island at the TD Bank cross walk. Mark will prepare a few sketches to explore how this situation could be improved.

Jamie Mason and Abby Kelley proposed that the committee extend the south end of the sidewalk on the east side of Route 100 to line up with Roberts Street and to add a cross walk at that location. The committee agreed with extending the sidewalk, but not with the crosswalk as Mark reported that this would not meet the MaineDOT’s standards as there was no sidewalk on the other side of the road and that a landing would not meet that requirement.

Nathan showed an advertisement for a radar speed sign. Such a sign could be located at the Cross Town Trail crossing in the northern section of the corridor. The committee had not considered any further crossing designs for that location following the Concept Plan, but liked the consideration of a speed sign.

3. Preliminary Plan Recommendations for Town Council

It was agreed to delay making an official Council recommendation until all missing pieces could be addressed and a complete plan and complete cost estimate could be presented to the Town Council.

4. Next Meeting

The committee will next meet on January 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM to review Mark’s sketches and any other updated information and is expected to make a Council recommendation at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, December 21, 2015