



# Route 100 Committee

## Wednesday, January 14, 2015

### Minutes

#### Committee/Staff Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sarah Boudreau	√	Eydie Pryzant	√	Joe McDonnell	√
Joe Cooper	√	Rebecca Grover	√	Steve Melchiskey	√
Andrea Ferrante	√	Lori Legere	√	Jim Thibodeau, LPAC Liaison	-
Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison	√	Anne Theriault, FEIC Liaison	-		
Theo Holtwijk, Staff	√				

**Others present:** Tom Farmer, Nathan Poore, Tom Errico, John Edgerton

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### 1. Committee membership

Andrea noted that Chuck Gerry had resigned from the committee due to his busy work schedule. The Council has appointed Eydie Pryzant to replace Dave Libby who had resigned earlier.

#### 2. Review of Draft Minutes of December 17, 2014 meeting

The draft minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

#### 3. Review Draft Infrastructure Report

Theo gave a brief overview. He noted that the consultants had produced two draft reports, which had been reviewed by Town staff. Revised reports had been issued in response to staff comments. The purpose of the review tonight is to become informed of the report's major conclusions and as any questions of the consultants.

Tom Farmer reviewed the findings of the infrastructure report, including a map that showed areas that could be sewerred in the future. Steve asked if any sewer work that may be planned should occur before any repaving. This is generally a good idea as there typically is a 5-year prohibition on cutting into new pavement. There was discussion about the cost to connect to public sewer and if sewerred lots affected their assessed value. Possibilities for sewerred the Portland North Business Park were discussed.

#### 4. Review Draft Traffic Report

Tom Errico reviewed the traffic report. He noted that the intersections functioned reasonably well, with the exception of some turning movements. He mentioned that the alignment of Route 100 complicates its capacity to handle traffic. He stated that traffic signal performance was much dependent on the detection systems working well. He noted that per MDOT criteria

there were no safety problems. He explained how Critical Rate Factor was calculated and that the ones for Route 100 were relatively low.

Joe McD. stated that he was surprised by the numbers as the public's feedback had been to the contrary. Tom said that it is not uncommon for personal experiences to affect how people perceive a road is functioning. Nathan noted that the silver lining of that may be that those people pay more attention when driving that road.

Traffic growth numbers were also discussed. Tom noted that MDOT looks specifically at traffic capacity and safety when evaluating the need for road improvements. Tom noted a 15 to 20% increase in traffic in 2035, which is less than 1% per year. He then reviewed the impact of that on the functioning of the intersections and reviewed where problems could be anticipated. One is the Leighton Road intersection. Even with the planned MDOT improvements some turns would result in 2035 in E and F ratings. The Mountain Road intersection is expected to work reasonably well in 2035. Sarah noted the need for the alignment at that intersection to be fixed. Nathan said that perhaps a 10-15 year solution could be pursued.

Tom then reviewed the speed data. No radar data was obtained, but consultant drove the corridor during the commuting period. The committee discussed where speed seemed to be an issue and how hard it was to calm traffic on a rural highway. Nathan mentioned the power of strict enforcement that he has noticed in a community such as Biddeford. Eydie suggested narrowing traffic lanes and building closer to the street. Lane widths do have an impact on speed, Tom said as does the perception of a narrower road through vegetation or buildings, and the inclusion of a sidewalk. Andrea wondered what improvements fit within the 60 feet wide right-of-way.

## **5. Other Business**

Theo handed out a chart that summarized where the zoning district lines fall along Route 100 and what suggestions he had heard thus far on each area pertaining to land use. He asked all committee members to think about what type of uses make most sense where and send that to him, so an upcoming committee discussion can expand on that.

## **6. Next Steps**

Theo suggested that the consultant team and staff prepare a series of options for consideration by the committee. These options could then be refined and more limited in number. These then could be tested in Public Forum 2. He suggested cancelling the next meeting and not meeting again until 2/11 to give enough time to prepare the options and send them out ahead of the next meeting. The committee agreed with this suggestion.

The committee was requested to submit to Theo any specific spots where there are concerns.

## **7. Next Meeting**

Next meeting is February 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, January 22, 2015