



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Town Council Sub-committee)

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Re: Route One Infrastructure Plan Update

Dear Route One Area Residents and Business Owners:

In June, Falmouth voters approved expenditures for improvements to Route One between the Turnpike Spur and Route 88. This is an update on what has happened since and what is expected to occur during the next few months.

Since this vote, the Town issued a Request for Proposals for the Route One Infrastructure Project for Construction Document Preparation Services. Six proposals were received and, after review by staff and the Community Development Committee (CDC), Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FST) of South Portland was selected. The Town found FST to be very thorough in its proposal and approach and understanding of what the Town hopes to accomplish.

On August 12, the CDC conducted a site walk of Route One to review the Preliminary Plan. This plan includes underground power and communications lines, curb cut modifications, center islands, and sidewalk lighting and landscaping. Full-scale plans have been posted at Town Hall and the Falmouth Memorial Library. Project staff will be on-site next week.

The Town's goal is to have construction documents finalized this fall. Construction bidding is to occur this winter with actual construction to start in spring 2014. The Maine Department of Transportation will repave this section of Route One in 2015. Emphasis will be placed on minimizing disruption to businesses during construction.

Extensive outreach to property owners and the public will be part of this effort. The Town will meet with property owners to discuss possible on and off-site changes. The Town will also conduct two public meetings at the Falmouth Memorial Library to gather feedback. The first meeting (to review design options) is scheduled Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM. The second public meeting (to present a draft final plan) is scheduled for Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 PM.

Please visit the Town's website at www.town.falmouth.me.us for regular updates to this project or call Theo Holtwijk, Director of Long Range Planning, at 699-5340 or tholtwijk@town.falmouth.me.us.

Thank you for your interest.

Russell Anderson
Chairman, Community Development Committee