



Route 100 Committee

Wednesday, April 15, 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	-	Jon Edgerton, Wright-Pierce	-
Theo Holtwijk, Staff	√	Nathan Poore, staff	-	Tom Farmer, Wright-Pierce	√

Others present: -

The meeting was started at 6:07 PM.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of March 25, 2015 meeting

The draft minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

2. Discuss April 8 Forum Feedback

Theo reviewed the Feedback handout. Forum notes had been compiled by Tom and Rebecca. Various e-mail communications followed that. They pertain to the Libby Bridge, comments from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, and comments from Andrea pertaining to right of way width and hotel info.

Theo noted that he had included a sidewalk extension from Robert's Road to Leighton Road as that was shown on the cross section and the plans. That came at an additional cost and he wanted to make sure that the committee was comfortable with that. This sidewalk would be on the east side of Route 100 as that is where existing sections are located. That side also avoids having to cross the traffic lanes at the Turnpike exit 53 exit/entrance. The committee felt that was a good addition. It will allow, for example, workers from Southworth to safely walk to the Hannaford complex.

Sarah wondered if the sidewalk between Leighton and Mountain Roads should also be located on the east side versus the west side where it is currently proposed. Most developable land is located on the west side of Route 100 and the committee was comfortable leaving it there. Tom noted that the east side has some utility pole interference as well.

Eydie wondered if eminent domain would be required for some of the improvements. Theo noted that eminent domain is something the Town will try to avoid at all cost. He stated that the Town would want to keep all proposed infrastructure inside the right of way and that the next engineering phase would examine that more closely. That work may be augmented by a

property survey, if needed. Temporary construction easements may be needed as they are on Route 1.

Tom noted that there was also extra cost budgeted for 27 pedestrian lights along the new sidewalk from Robert's Road to Leighton Road. The committee wondered if that many lights were needed there. Theo suggested leaving that number as a placeholder for now as it will be revisited in next engineering phase.

3. Decide on Vision recommendations

Steve felt that the current vision could be perceived as gold plated, and asked the group if it should recommend just the \$10M vision or if it should be scaled back, or if the Council should be given options. Upon discussion, the group felt comfortable with presenting just the vision and leaving it to the Council to cut it back, if that was felt necessary. The group felt that the recommended improvements were quite basic and that no one spoke at the Forum that it was too much. Theo suggested that at its next meeting the group may want to think of some items that could potentially be postponed, in case that question gets asked by the Council.

The group discussed the capital improvements costs which would be paid in part from TIF revenues, and the operational maintenance expenses with new infrastructure, which would be paid with general revenues. The maintenance costs may be offset by taxes from new developments in the area.

The group also discussed who would oversee the next phase of the project. It felt that some continuity of thinking about the vision was important. Theo said that this would be decided by the Council, and that it could be the Community Development Committee (as was the case with Route 1) or it could be the Route 100 committee in some form.

Steve felt that it was important for the Town to make the Route 100 area equally good as the Route 1 area, and that the west side should not be portrayed as the poor area that gets neglected and is now looking for a handout.

4. Next Steps

Theo gave a quick review how the final report could be set up. He suggested that it follow the order of Forum presentation, with several attachments, such as the Existing Conditions report, Traffic report, Forum results, etc. He did not envision a long report, but one that would incorporate the various illustrations and maps. The committee was OK with this approach.

The group agreed to meet again on 5/6 as various people could not make 4/29. This will also give Tom an extra week to get the report ready. A draft will be available on 4/29. The hope is that the committee can bless the final report on 5/6, so it can be presented to the Town Council on 5/27 (or maybe even 5/11, although that seems unlikely).

The presentation on 5/27 would follow the Forum presentation.

5. Other Business

There was a discussion if the group wanted to propose a future sidewalk on the east side of Leighton Road. The committee decided against that as there were few homes that would be served by such a sidewalk.

Joe sought clarification if his parking flexibility request at Portland North Business Park was included in the list of recommendations. The committee said it was and Joe stated his appreciation.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be May 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, April 16, 2015