

Tuesday, June 14—Falmouth Referendum Facts about Question One Route 100 Reconstruction and Improvement Project

Route 100 Safety Road Pavement Reconstruction Infrastructure Improvements



Proposed Route 100 Streetscape near Cumberland County Credit Union

What is Question One?

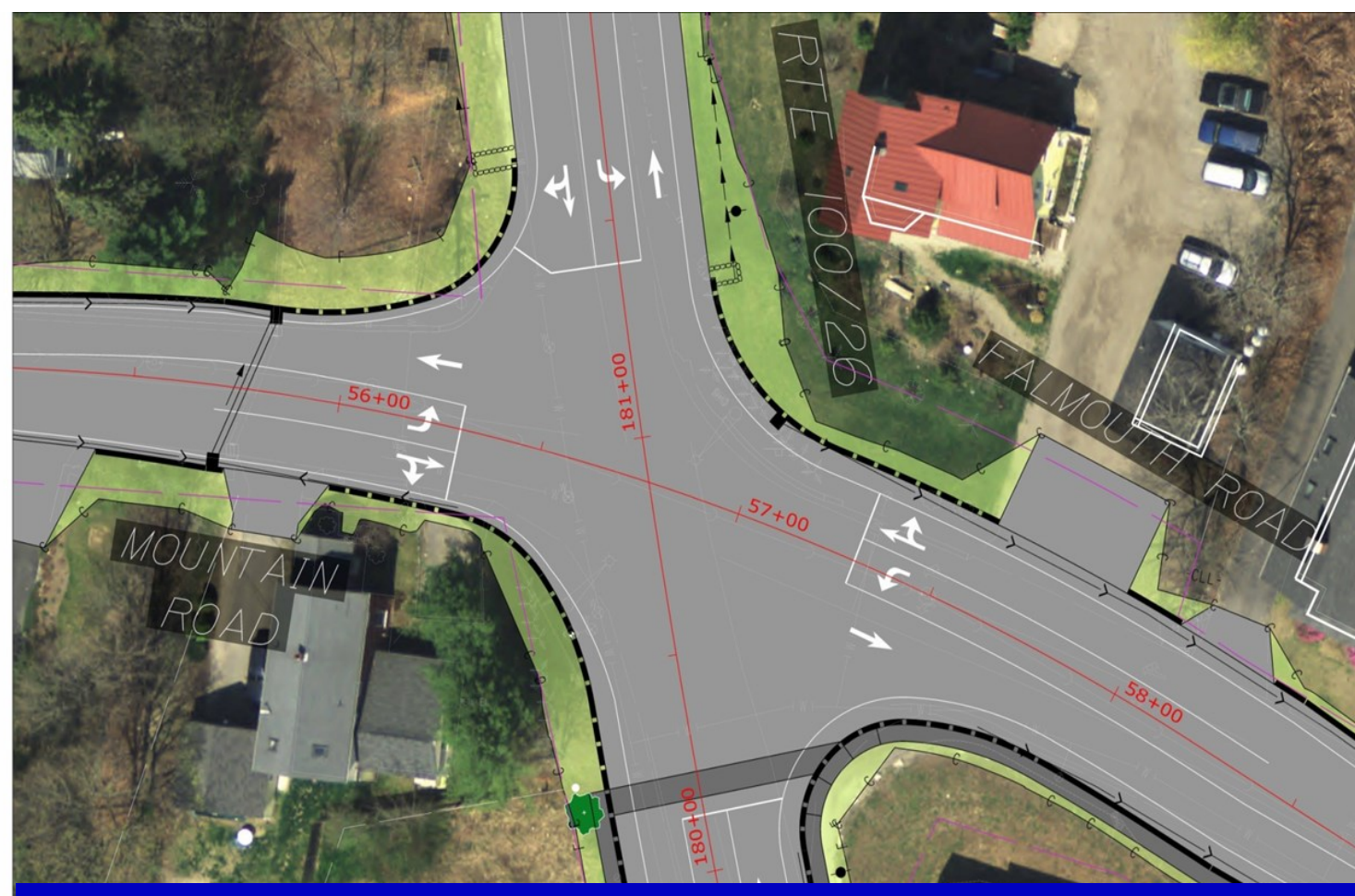
On Tuesday, June 14 Falmouth voters will decide whether or not to approve a proposal to fund major infrastructure improvements along Route 100. This proposal will improve the roadway, drainage, intersections, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks. The project is expected to receive major funding support from the Maine Department of Transportation. The municipal portion of the costs will be funded through the West Falmouth Crossing Tax Increment Financing District.

What is included in the Route 100 Project?

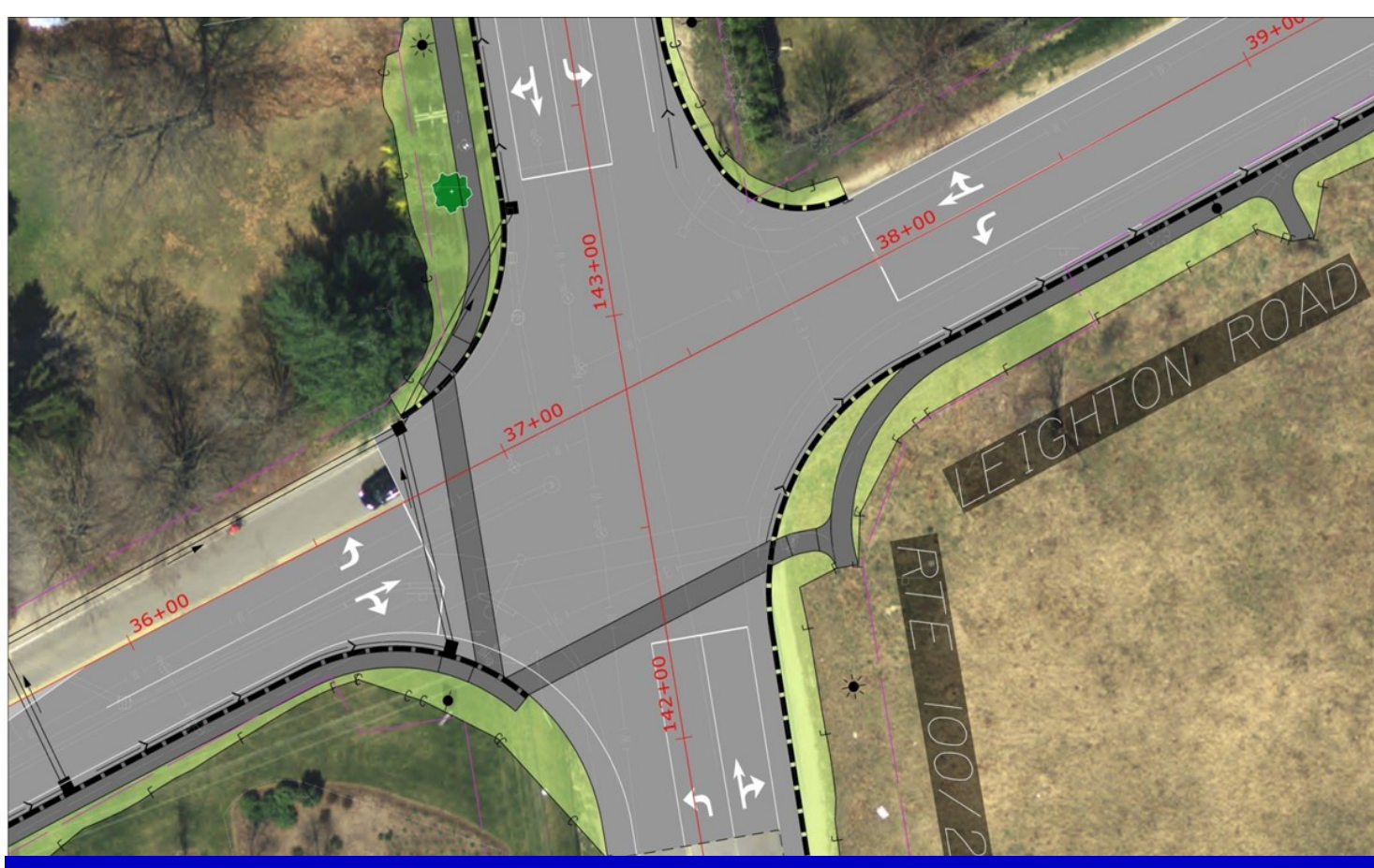
- Making the Mountain/Falmouth Rd/Rt. 100 intersection and Leighton Rd/Rt. 100 intersection **safer** with dedicated turning lanes and traffic lights
- **Rebuilding** Route 100 from Leighton Road to Libby Bridge
- Improving **pedestrian safety** by adding sidewalks
- Improving **street and pedestrian lighting** with LED fixtures
- Extending **public sewer** on Route 100 between Leighton and Mountain/Falmouth Road
- Replacing **deteriorating stormwater drainage** infrastructure
- Adding **bicycle lanes** from Portland city line to Libby Bridge (with consistent striping to Winslow Farm).

How will this project be funded?

- The total project cost is estimated to be \$10.5 million. The road reconstruction component accounts for over half of this cost.
- The State of Maine will contribute up to \$4 million of the project cost. Falmouth voters are asked to approve the remaining amount.
- The balance of the project will be paid by the Town with available funds in the West Falmouth Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") District and by borrowing up to \$6 million to be repaid over 12 years with funds from the same Tax Increment Financing District. Property taxes paid in this district go to the TIF Fund rather than the Town's General Fund and are available for use on infrastructure projects in the area such as Route 100 reconstruction.
- Because of State TIF rules, approximately \$3 worth of TIF funds in Falmouth equal only \$1 in its general fund, allowing this road work to be completed in the most cost-effective manner.



Proposed Mountain/Falmouth Road Intersection



Proposed Leighton Road Intersection

Because the project will be funded through the TIF district, there will be no increase in the tax rate for this project.

Who served on the Route 100 Citizen Committee?

Andrea Ferrante, Chair	Rebecca Grover	Jim Thibodeau
Joseph McDonnell, Vice Chair	Lori Legere	LPAC Liaison
Sarah Boudreau	Steve Melchiskey	Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison
	Eydie Pryzant	

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What are the Current Route 100 Conditions?

- Traffic on Route 100 through the West Falmouth neighborhood is around 10,000 cars per day. This is similar to Route 1 traffic.
- The condition of the road has deteriorated and does not safely accommodate either pedestrian or bicycle traffic. Road reconstruction was planned in 2009, but never happened.
- Full depth reconstruction of the road is required, and the cost includes removing a 3+ foot layer of asphalt and concrete from the 1920's.
- The underlying stormwater drainage infrastructure also needs to be replaced.
- There is no public sewer on most of Route 100 between Leighton and Mountain/Falmouth Roads. While Route 100 is being reconstructed public sewer will be added.

How did the Route 100 Plan come about?

- In May 2014, the Town Council created a Route 100 Committee of area residents to study what improvements may be needed in West Falmouth over the next 20 years.
- The Committee looked at the Route 100 area from the Portland city line to the Cumberland town line.
- The Committee held 23 public meetings, four public forums, one site visit, and an on-line survey.
- The committee's vision report was accepted by the Town Council on May 27, 2015, and the Committee was authorized to seek preliminary engineering proposals for this project.
- Preliminary engineering work and cost estimates were completed in January, 2016. These plans were accepted by the Town Council on February 8, 2016.
- Engineers offered to meet with all property owners on Route 100 to discuss the proposed improvements and tree removal plans. Over 30 property owners had individual meetings and/or discussions with the project engineer.
- Town staff and consultants also met with the Maine Department of Transportation to develop a financing partnership between the State and the Town. The State has agreed to fund up to \$4M of improvements.



Route 100 Project Area