



#### Tonight We Would Like to Answer These Questions

- What is the History of this Project?
- What is its Current Status?
- What Design Work is Ahead?
- What is the Schedule for 2021 and Steps After That?
- What Approvals will be Required for this Project to go forward?
- What Questions or Feedback do You have?
- How can You keep Track of this Project?



### Route 1 North Study Area: 323 acres





# Phase 1: Development of Vision Plan (2016-2017)

- Vision Plan development by Ad Hoc Route 1 North Committee
- Framework for future decisions and managing growth:
  - Land Use
  - Mobility/Transportation
  - Open Space, Recreation, and Amenities





Route 1 North Vision Plan

June 2017





#### 2017 Vision Plan Goals

- Encourage development in the Route 1 North area
- Provide safe mobility transportation choices
- Build a sense of place for live, work and play
- Improve aesthetics
- Complement Route 1
   South area
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas
- Make open space connections

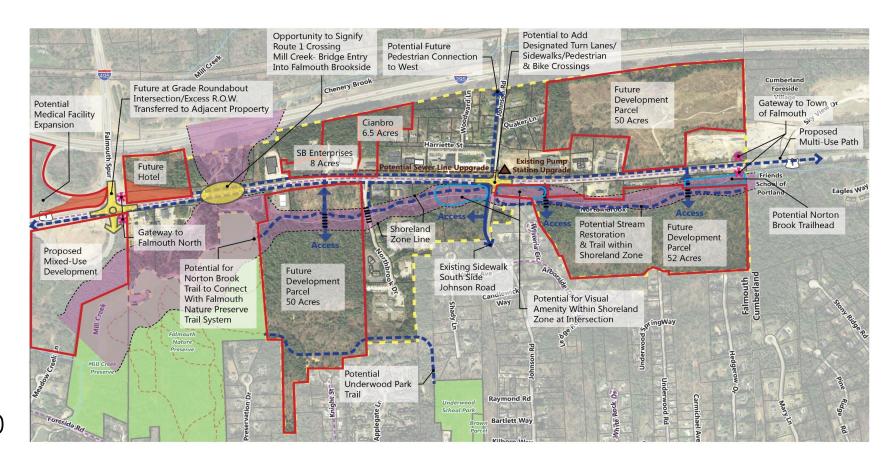






# Technical Analysis and Public Engagement

- Committee assisted by Consultant Team: VHB + RKG, and Town staff
- Included Public Engagement:
  - 3 Forums (80 people)
  - Online Survey (230 responses)







#### Market Analysis (RKG)

- Area should not compete with Route
   1 South and Interchange
   Development Area
- There is limited retail potential
- New development is focused on build-to-suit owners/users
- West side: Focus on end users, technology users, and non-residential uses
- East side: Assemble a mix of nonresidential and residential uses



TideSmart Global



Johnson Road & Route 1 North Intersection



Tyler Technologies



**Existing Office Buildings** 



Casco Bay Professional Park



Northbrook Office Building



Norton Brook



Dow Wealth Management & Cianbro Office Buildings



Route 1 Looking North at Sullivan Tire



Sullivan Tire



Maine State Ballet

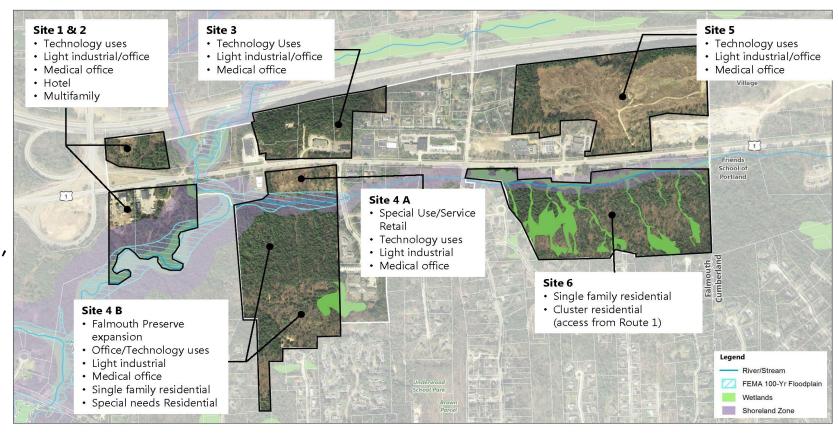


Route 1 at Falmouth Spur



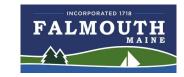
#### 2017 Land Use Recommendations \*

- Continue Business and Professional Uses
- Amend Zoning
   Ordinance regarding
   residential,
   neighborhood-oriented,
   small scale retail,
   restaurants, hotel uses
- Develop Route 1
   Residential Design
   Guidelines



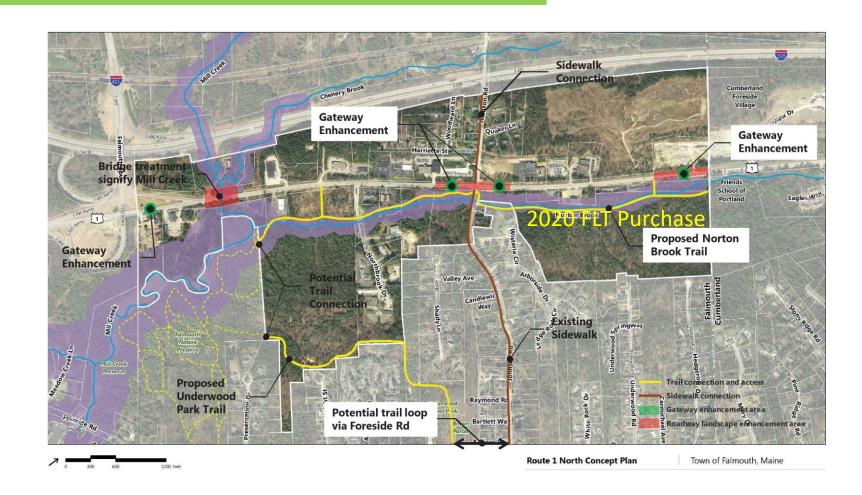
\* The current Vision & Values Project may further guide land use policy in this area





#### 2017 Open Space Recommendations

- Develop Norton Brook Watershed Management Plan
- Develop Strategic Trail Plan
- Maintain appropriate natural buffers







#### 2017 Mobility/Transportation Recommendations

- Improve Route 1-Johnson Road intersection (turn lanes, cross walks, new traffic signals)
- Install sidewalk and shared use path along Route 1
- Install sidewalk on Johnson Road to Middle Road
- Make "Gateway" improvements (landscaping, lighting, signage)
- Make bus stop improvements
- Make streetscape improvements (street trees, lighting, sidewalk connections)
- Minimize new curb cuts
- Sanitary Force Main Upgrade







# 2017 Vision Cost Estimate (incl. 25% contingency): \$9.3M

Location	#	Recommended Improvements	Cost	
Route 1/Johnson Road Intersection	1	Design development & implementation (stand-alone)	\$	2,140,000
Route 1 - South of Johnson Road	2	Sidewalk and shared use path and bicycle lane improvements (+/- 2,295 LF)	\$	1,727,000
	3	Streetscape improvements (street trees, lighting, sidewalk connections)	\$	530,000
	4	Metro bus stop improvements (2)	\$	100,000
	5	Sanitary force main upgrade (from 4 to 8", 1800 lf)	\$	250,000
Route 1 - North of Johnson Road	6	Sidewalk and shared use path and bicycle lane improvements (+/- 1,935 LF)	\$	1,200,000
	7	Streetscape improvements (street trees, lighting, sidewalk connections)	\$	440,000
Johnson Road	8	Sidewalk on south side from Route 1 to Middle Road (+/- 2,782 LF)	\$	1,205,000
Johnson Roud	9	Streetscape improvements (street trees, lighting, sidewalk connections)	\$	650,000
Gateways at north & south end of corridor and Johnson Road intersection	10	Gateway improvements	\$	600,000
Trail Network/Norton Brook	11	Develop Norton Brook Management Plan	\$	80,000
•	12	Develop strategic trail plan	\$	25,000
	13	Norton Brook Trail/Stream Restoration improvements (+/- 1.2 miles)	\$	350,000
	14	Underwood Park Trail connection (+/- 0.5 miles)	\$	40,000
		TOTAL CONCEPT COST	\$	9,337,000





#### Route 1 North Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

- TIF funds do 3x work of General Funds
- No tax rate impact if project uses 100% TIF funds
- TIF is due to expire in FY 2022
- With extension of term with 7 years (to max. 30-year term) a
   \$7M project is feasible
- Amending the TIF program and term requires approval of the State of Maine DECD







#### 2017 Recommended Next Steps

- ☐ Develop:
  - preliminary engineering plan,
  - more detailed cost estimate, and
  - preliminary financing plan
- ✓ Authorize the Town Manager to expend funds from the Route One North TIF to support this next step





#### Actions since 2017 Vision Plan Completion

- July 2017: Town Council approved <u>Amended Resolution</u> regarding 2017 Vision Plan
- 2019 Budget Review: Put Preliminary Engineering on hold until Blackstrap Road planning is done
- 2019-2020: MaineDOT design of new Johnson Road bridge over I-295. Bridge to include sidewalk (construction planned for 2022 or 2023)
- July 2020: Council Retreat Move forward with Route 1 North Preliminary Engineering





#### Recent Actions

- August 2020: Staff issued Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineering Services
- September 2020: Town received six proposals
- October 2020: Town interviewed three firms and selected low bidder Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for \$166,000
- November 2020: Abutter Notifications were mailed and Project team Kick-Off Meeting



November 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Route 1 North Project Preliminary Engineering Work

Dear Property Owner:

This is a courtesy notice to let you know that Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. has been retained by the Town of Falmouth to develop preliminary design for improvements for "Route 1 North."

This project involves the Route 1 section between Bucknam Road and the Cumberland Town line and the Johnson Road section between Middle Road and Route 1.

The planned improvements are based on the Route 1 North Vision Plan that was developed in 2017 by a citizen committee and endorsed by the Town Council. For a copy of this plan see: https://www.falmouthme.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif556/f/uploads/route 1 north vision plan fin al 06-26-2017 update appendices.pdf (note: the spaces in this link are underscores).

The construction work includes:

- a shared use path and sidewalk along Route 1,
- modifications to the Johnson Road/Route 1 intersection (incl. crosswalks),
- a sidewalk for the north side of Johnson Road between Middle Road and Route 1,
- wastewater force main improvements.

Over the next several weeks project personnel will be delineating wetlands and streams and doing topographic survey work. Preliminary plans and cost estimate are anticipated to be complete by spring 2021. The plans and estimate will be reviewed by the Town Council and MaineDOT. Construction is not anticipated to start until 2023-2024.

Please send me an e-mail if you would like to receive occasional progress reports:

If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact me via e-mail or at 207-

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Director of Long-Range Planning and Economic Development

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### Project Team for 2021 Preliminary Engineering

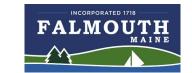
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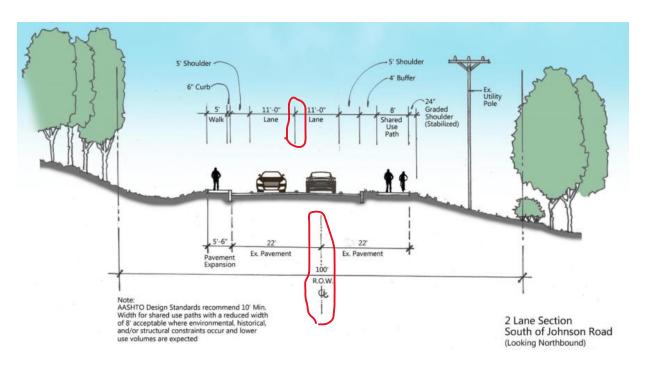
- Town Manager
- Town Engineer
- Administration Analyst
- Director of Long-Range Planning

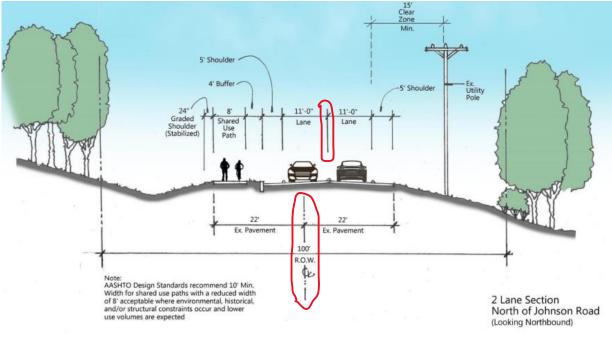
#### GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. (GPI)

- Project Manager
- Engineering + Landscape Staff
- Surveyors
- Lighting/Utilities Staff



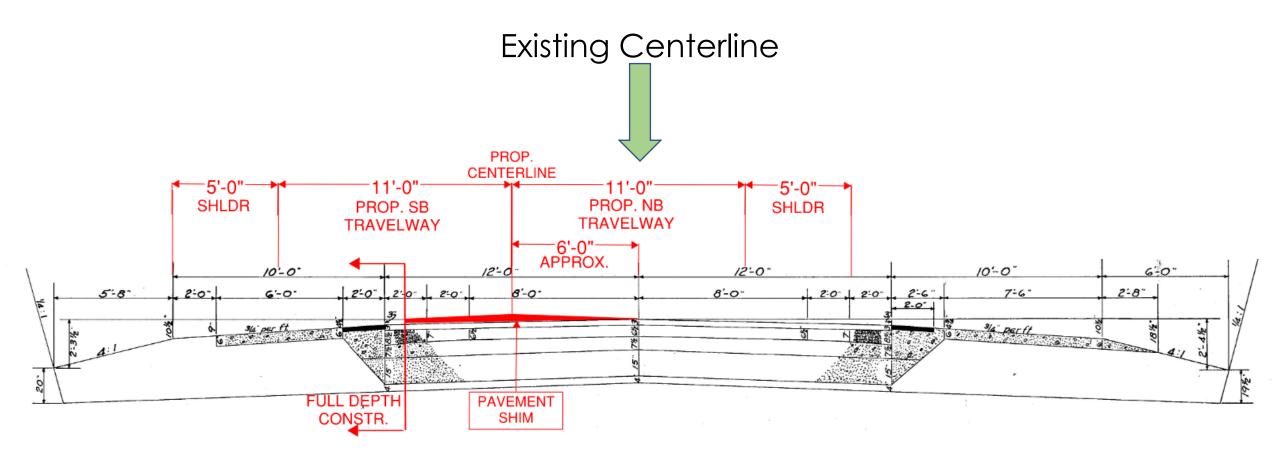






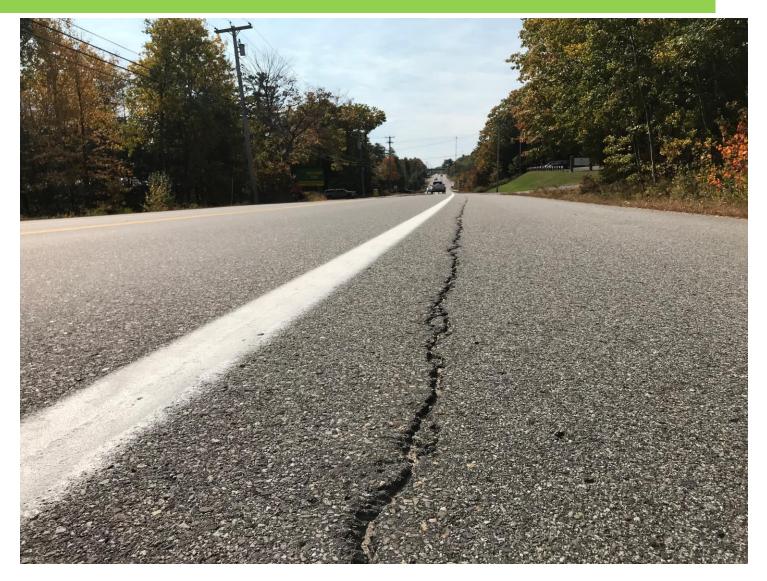




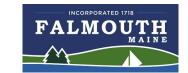












**GPI** Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

**Engineers, Architects, Planners, Construction Engineers & Inspectors** 

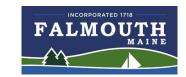
#### SHIFTING CENTERLINE ADDITIONAL COST ESTIMATE

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	<u>UNIT</u>	COST	QUANTITY	<u>COST</u>
203.0	COMMON EXCAVATION	CY	\$25.00	4,600	\$115,000
304.	AGGREGATE SUBBASE GRAVEL	CY	\$50.00	4,350	\$217,500
403.208	HOT MIX ASPHALT 12.5MM HMA	TON	\$150.00	750	\$112,500
403.21	HOT MIX ASPHALT (SHIMMING)	TON	\$162.50	1,100	\$178,750
403.213	HOT MIX ASPHALT 12.5MM HMA BASE	TON	\$150.00	1,700	\$255,000

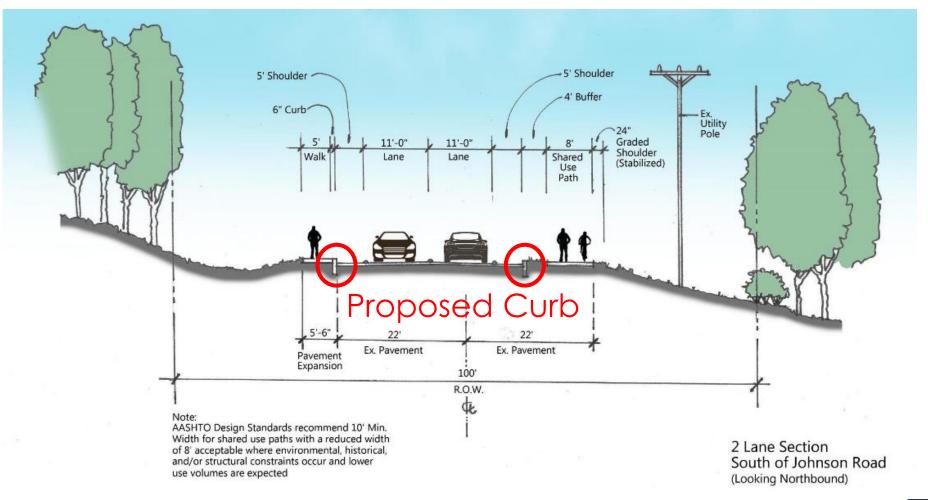
Total = \$878,750

Say \$900,000





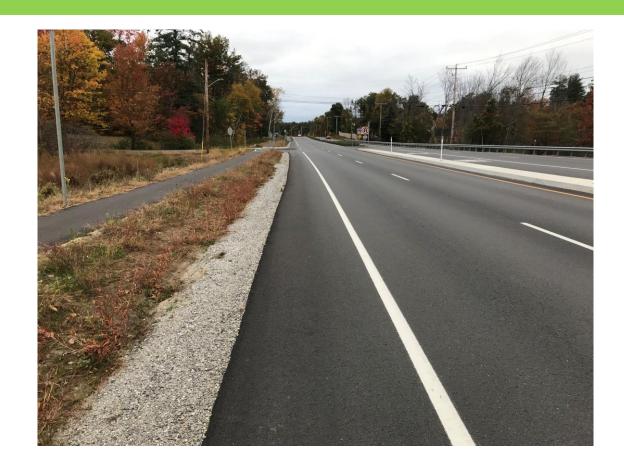
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#### GRANITE CURBING COST ALONG BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 1

ITEM NO. DESCRIPTION	<u>UNIT</u>	COST	<b>QUANTITY</b>	COST
609.11 VERTICAL CURB TYPE 1	LF	\$50.00	13,750	\$687,500
			Total =	\$687,500

Say \$700,000

Plus additional cost for drainage pipes and shoulder reconstruction





# Design Issue 3: Route 1 Crossing Mill Creek

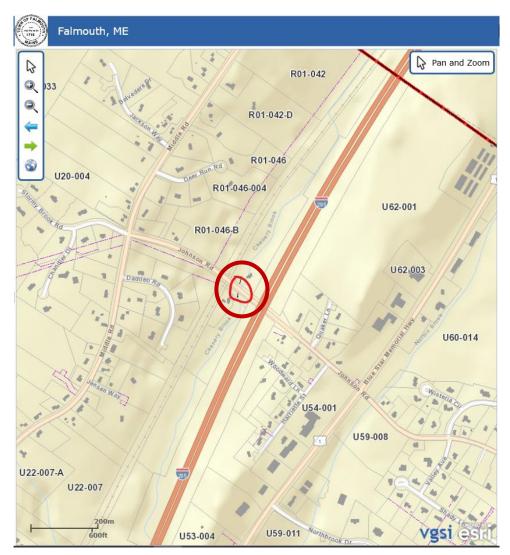
#### Cost estimate: \$60K - \$1.1M







# Design Issue 4: Johnson Road Crossing Chenery Brook









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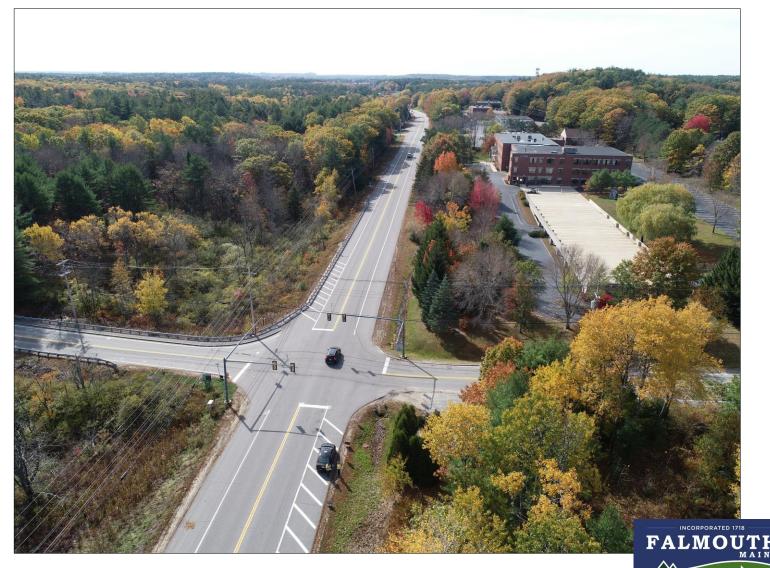






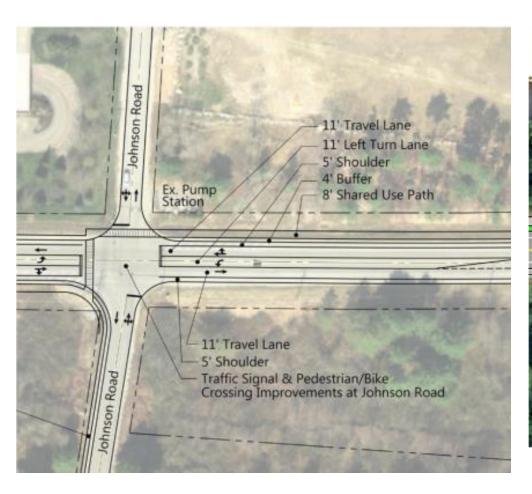
### Design Issue 5: Johnson Road / Route 1 Intersection

- Consider Roundabout instead of traffic lights for better traffic flow and lower long-term cost
- Need to evaluate and compare construction and operational costs and land requirements





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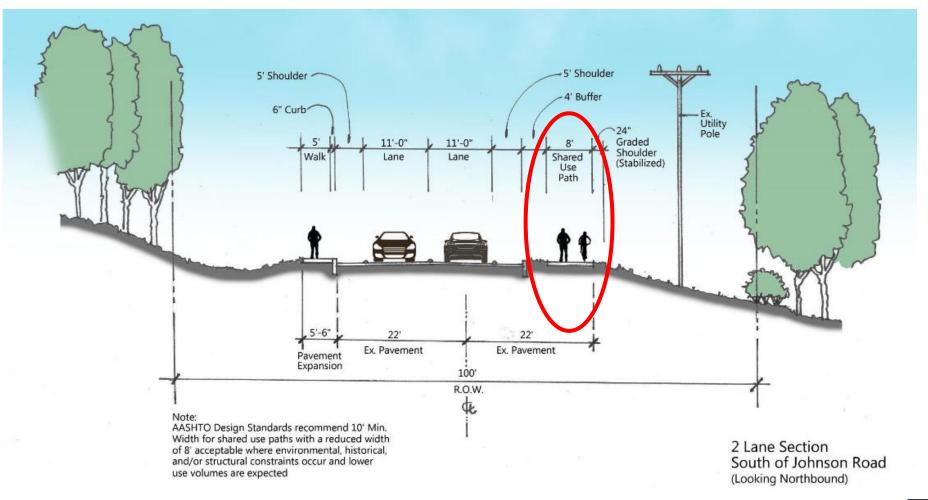








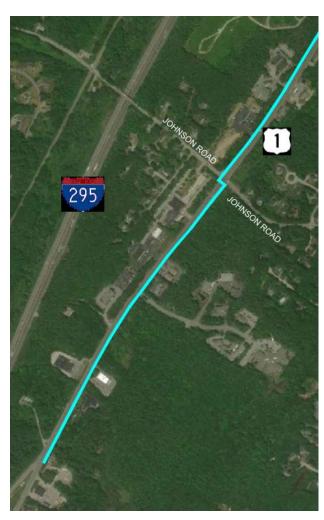
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Vision Plan: Path on East Side



Preliminary Plan: Consider Locating Path on West Side





# Design Issue 6: Location of the Shared Use Path







East Side of Route 1





#### Potential Design Modules

- **Step 1**: Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity on Route 1, Metro Bus Stop improvements, targeted landscaping, sanitary force main upgrade, and underground installations for future pedestrian lighting (\$4.6 million).
- **Step 2**: Johnson Road sidewalk, targeted landscaping, and underground preparations for future pedestrian lighting (\$1.5 million).
- **Step 3**: Route 1 / Johnson Road intersection improvements (\$2.1 million).
- Step 4: Pedestrian and street lighting at pre-prepared locations (\$500,000).

(Note: These costs reflect the Vision Plan estimate.)

→ There is the potential to reduce these costs through value engineering.





#### Schedule for Next Steps

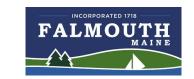
January 20, 2021 Public Forum #1

Winter – Spring 2021 GPI Field Work/Preliminary Design

Late Spring 2021 Public Forum #2 – Review Draft
Preliminary Design and Cost Estimate

Summer 2021 Final Preliminary Design Report for Town Council Review and Approval





# Schedule for Steps After Town Council Approval

Summer 2021 TIF Amendment Preparation

Town Council Public Hearing

Maine DECD Review and Approval

Fall 2021 or June 2022 Referendum Vote for Projects

exceeding \$2M

2022-2023 Final Design Plan Preparation

Fall 2023 Construction Bidding

2024 Construction





### How to keep track of this Project

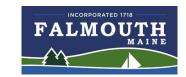
Project website: www.falmouthme.org

Please put "Route 1 North Infrastructure Plan 2021" in Search Box

For regular project updates, please provide your e-mail address

Project Manager: Theo Holtwijk, 699-5340, <a href="mailto:tholtwijk@falmouthme.org">tholtwijk@falmouthme.org</a>





#### Public Questions and Feedback

#### What Questions or Feedback do you have at this time?

- Please use the "Raise Hand" Feature
- The Moderator will call on you to unmute yourself when it is your turn to speak

Thank you for your time and interest!



