

# TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (T&SC) MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00PM

Weston Police Training Room

180 Boston Post Road By-Pass

## **Committee Members Attending:**

Jay Doyle (Chair), Tom Benson, Andrew Chase, Clint Schuckel, Richard Gula

## **Ex Officio Members Attending:**

Steve Fogg (Town Engineer), Captain Tom Kelly (Weston Police Department)

## **Public Attending:**

Steve and Donna Carter 860 Boston Post Road, Heather Vos 2 Apple Crest Road, Henry Viles 300 Conant Road, Christopher and Valerie Siek 254 Merriam Street, Kristin Barbieri 23 Stony Brook Road, Victoria and Heather Zaring 254 Merriam Street, Stephen Keefe 53 Page Road, Michael Page 50 Page Road, Barbara Selami 740 Boston Post Road

### **1. Introductions of Committee Members**

### **2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/posting of old minutes/assign someone to take minutes**

- The February minutes were approved, unanimously.
- Tom Benson volunteered to take minutes for tonight's meeting

### **3. Comments / Public Letters from Residents**

Kristin Barbieri - asked for progress on Merriam/Rt 117 issues raised at prior meetings. DPW has worked to get engineering consultants on board to support the Committee, one of which will be assigned to review the Merriam/Rt 117 safety issues and to develop options for addressing them.

Jonathan Buckman - 63 Sylvan Lane resident. Stated there will be a filing in the next week with the town for a 40B project on south side of Route 30 near intersection with Highland Street. Jonathan Buckman proposes to do a multi-family rental project down the street from the High School on Rt 30. This would happen, if it is approved, prior to the Rt 30 corridor improvement project. About 1 year of permitting remains. 518, 510, 540 South Avenue project would put in sidewalks and they have a traffic study currently underway. Proposing between 200-225 units. Filing with Town of Weston at 200 units and with the State for 275 units. 25% will be affordable. 5% ADA compliant. One structure. Pavilion style with parking garage. Total 4-6 stories. 400 parking spaces in garage and 60 external. Proposed building is 300 to 400 feet set back from Rt. 30. 540 South Avenue (Rt 30) is the proposed curb cut entrance for the project.

### **4. Updates on Walkway/Sidewalk projects**

#### **a. Merriam Street**

- Designers are moving along with both southern and northern sections of the plans. They are working on alignments issues, easements issues and road widening or adjustments that are needed. A site walk has been done with Eversource because some electric poles need to be moved. Developing a work order for the Eversource work. Culvert is under design and working to get the plans finalized for construction in calendar 2019.
- Best way to bid it out is under discussion. Possibly have the sidewalk vendor get it prepped and have the roadway contractor finish.

b. Ash Street

- Some design issues are being reviewed and parts of the project. Plans are currently “out to bid” for the Case Estates and Legacy Trail portions of the project with bids opening soon. The Ash Street piece was removed from the bid package because of unresolved drainage design issues being re-worked. DPW is meeting on March 15 to review changes. Estimate was just received today. Significant discussion of the estimate details with designer. CPC public hearing on funding request is March 25. Bid number will be ready for the Case Estates piece by March 21; will not include Ash Street segment at this time – will bid that segment in summer/early fall after design issues are resolved.

**5. TIP project design status**

a. Route 30 Improvement Project (HSH)

- Reviewed images and tradeoffs of cross-section alternatives 1, 2, and 3. Designer looking for input from Committee on preferred cross-section. Alternative 1 needs a design exception but would be acceptable for “pinch points” in the corridor. Would need safe crossings whenever a bike/ped path is diverted to the other side.
- The length of the project (3.7 miles) may require using different cross sections along the corridor depending on site specific conditions. The Committee discussed the different options: Alternative 3 might work best from the Natick line east to a certain undetermined location and Alternative 2 might work for the remainder of the project and the sidewalk/walkpath could be on either side of the road.
- Intersections listed by the designer that may need traffic signalization: Oak Street, Ash Street, Winter Street, Highland Street, Ridgeway Road, Pine Street. Discussions about the warrant conditions for each intersection. Based on the draft information presented, the Committee indicated both Ridgeway Road and Pine Street intersections would not likely justify signalization. Requested that the designer consider crash data for each of the remaining intersections.
- Next steps for the project would involve more discussions between Town representatives and MassDOT. Then involvement from the Board of Selectmen to work toward the 25% design, which is currently scheduled for June 2019.

b. Route 20 @ Wellesley St (VHB)

- Steve reported that good progress is being made on the design.
- For the April meeting, invite abutters, BOS, and the designer to present the plans.

**6. Updates: Projects/Designs/Studies/Issues**

a. Rt 117 and Merriam project

- Speed Limit on curve, sight distance, ped crossing, school buses, and other issues should be looked at.
- Will be early assignment for on-call engineering consultant to review.

b. Love Lane / Chestnut Street traffic mitigation

- Need approach to reduce cut-through traffic and speeding, consider strategic signage.
- Will be early assignment for on-call engineering consultant to review.
- Need consider both roadways as a system, be aware of unintended consequences.

c. 40 B project at 751-761 Boston Post Road Property aka Woodleigh Farm -

- Discussion of current plans. 180 Units – 100% rentals. \$2500 to \$6000-7000 monthly rents. Parking under. Two and three story buildings. Not age restricted. Filed Mass Housing application. Project eligibility letter in the next 3-4 months.

- Traffic study by the developer's consultant is underway so no numbers to date. Expected that study to be completed by the end of next week ~ March 25. 50 1 bedrooms and the rest are 2 and 3 bedrooms. 306 parking spaces including visitor spaces.

d. Parking issues on neighborhood roads accessing Cat Rock

- Discussion on Page Road impact - before imposing parking restrictions, Committee is taking a look at the scope of the problem for all 5 points of access to the Cat Rock area. The Town Hiking map has indicated parking at each point of entry.

e. DPW – Police - School Dept. requests

- None noted

Next meeting scheduled for April 24, 2019. – Meeting adjourned.