Committee Members Attending:
   Jay Doyle (Chair), Andrew Chase, Tom Benson, Richard Gula

Ex Officio Members Attending:
   Steve Fogg (Town Engineer), Captain Tom Kelly (Weston Police Dept.)

Public Attending: Members of the public attended the zoom call, attendance was not taken.
   Bridget Myers - Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) presented updates about the Rt 30 Reconstruction Project

1. Introductions of the Members of the Committee:

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/posting of old minutes/assign someone to take minutes
   - The February 26, 2020 minutes were approved, unanimously.
   - Andrew Chase volunteered to take the minutes for tonight’s meeting.

3. Public Comments / Letters from Residents
   - There were no comments from the public about other matters and there were no letters from residents discussed.

4. Route 30 Reconstruction Project – Design Update
   - Jay Doyle provided the following background on development of the plans to date.
     o The project started about 1-½ years ago with development of plan and cross section options and has been discussed multiple times by the Committee, including the last meeting on February 20, 2019. The aim was to get funding through the Transportation Improvement Program “TIP” with the MASSDOT.
     o During the May 29, 2019 meeting concepts were presented to the public and a good discussion took place, with public comments received.
     o During the October 23, 2019 meeting there were major updates from the designer presented, which resulted in additional important resident participation and constructive discussions of the draft plans.
     o During the November 20 and December 11 meetings of 2019 and January 22 of 2020 additional status updates were provided.
     o At the February 26, 2020 meeting, the designer presented updated draft plans addressing comments from the prior meetings. Some key points previously discussed were, lane width, overall road width, the road shoulders and the location and dimensions of the shared use path. The proposed traffic signals at Winter, Ash and Oak Streets previously identified and discussed.
     o Tonight’s discussion will focus on comments and suggestions from February’s meeting and any changes to the pre-25% set of plans before they are submitted to MASSDOT.
   - Bridget Myers – HSH – provided an update to the plans addressing comments from February’s meeting.
     o An additional crosswalk has been included at the intersection of Pine St. and Route 30 with a rectangular rapid flashing beacon.
     o The proposed sidewalk on the north side of Route 30, east of Winter St. has been removed, the plans keep the crosswalk at this location.
The intersection of Highland and Route 30 there haven’t been and changes but comments from residents about large turning vehicles by residents needs to be resolved. Further discussions between the designers, the Town and residents to take place in the near future.

The number of crosswalks at Wellesley St, current plans show two, possible increase to include crossings at all four intersecting streets, to be further investigated.

Improvements at the Oak St intersection include reducing the number of traffic signal mast arms, moving the mast arm from in front of the house at the corner, and using optically directional signal lights, which are only visible to cars approaching the intersection and not adjacent properties.

Ash St. intersection curbing to be used with either line striping or scored concrete in the area to allow for large trucks and emergency vehicles to safely navigate the corner. Improved traffic signals for both traffic and pedestrians will be installed. Full signals have been discussed in the past because the intersection does meet the traffic warrants but they aren’t in the current plans.

The plans, as they currently stand, are in pre 25% draft form. Once they are brought to 25% design, they will be submitted to MassDOT for approval. MassDOT will most likely have comments and their review will take some time. There will then be an official MassDOT 25% Design Public Hearing where residents would be able to attend and comment. Although the project is not currently funded, in order to qualify for the TIP and MassDOT funding these plans should be submitted to move the project forward. It could take up to five years to get the project approved and funded by MassDOT.

- Public comments – response from either the designer or the committee
  - Where was the segment of proposed sidewalk removed from the plans? – Between Winter St. and Highland St.
  - Plantings outside of 576 South Ave, are they to be kept or removed? – Currently removed
  - At Ash St, the garden area what is happening to it, removed? – It is slated to be relocated to the new green area located to the east side of the new intersection
  - Near 263 South Ave, which side of the street is the sidewalk and could a crosswalk be added near the Forest and Trail access? – On the south side, an additional crosswalk could be considered near the F&T access, to be investigated
  - This new walk path could allow for someone to walk from the Newton line to the Natick line? – Yes, that is the goal
  - Support for the project which will connect many open space areas along the corridor

Residents in attendance via zoom were positive about the project and the plan revisions, which have been incorporated. The updated plans are currently on Weston website for everyone to review. Any resident who have comments can also send them to the DPW via the Town Engineer, Steve Fogg at fogg.s@westonmass.org.

Jay Doyle requested the project move forward with the following motion – The Traffic and Sidewalk Committee recommend that the pre 25% design for the Route 30 reconstruction project be advanced to the Weston Select Board for consideration.

- The motion was approved unanimously

5. Updates on active Walkways/Sidewalk projects

- The Merriam St. walkway/sidewalk is progressing with construction underway throughout the corridor. New stonewalls and repairs as needed, tree removal, area near Sunset has been cleared and graded construction of the base for walkways being in place. Anticipated completion is fall 2020.
• The Cherry Brook culvert replacement is underway and progressing as planned.
• The Legacy Trail construction has resumed construction after an issue with the contractor.
• Ash Street proposed new sidewalk - has no real changes or updates.
• Route 117 (Merriam and North Ave) updates and improvements are in process with proposed pavement marking and additional signage for implementation by DPW this fall.
• For Church Street the Select Board has approved a rectangular rapid flashing beacon to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing of Route 117. Anticipated to be done this fall.
• Route 20 project is been advanced to MassDOT for review. MassDOT has the 25% plan but no other updates as of now.
• Bill Fitzsimmons asked for additional detail about the proposed roadway/pavement markings at Merriam and Route 117. Steve Fogg responded the markings should be done during the fall. Also suggested making these improvements and assessing their effectiveness at reducing speeds and improving safety before making more extensive improvements.

• Meeting adjourned

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 16, 2020