

Attendees

Deb Howe
Jane Herlacher
Margaret Olson
Kim Bodnar
Ginger Reiner
Chris Bibbo
John Vancor
Paula Vaughn
Candace Pearson
Susan Mygatt
Kerry Hoffman
Gary Anderson
Allison Easton
Ann Risso
John Nolan

1. Minutes of the 4 April 2023 meeting were approved.

2. Weston Road/Moccasin Hill Road Intersection

Alternative plans for reconfiguration of the Weston Road/Moccasin Hill Road intersection prepared by Hayner/Swanson were reviewed.

- Conceptual plan A redirects traffic into a more conventional intersection alignment with the exception of northbound traffic bound for Moccasin Hill Road which is accommodated on a one-way slip lane. The resulting roadway configuration substantially enlarges the existing landscape island.
- Conceptual plan B redirects traffic into a similar intersection configuration as plan A but eliminates the direct northbound one-way slip lane, thus accommodating all traffic movements through the conventional intersection alignment. An enlarged landscape zone results from the reconfiguration.

Discussion focused on the slip lane configuration in plan A. The more direct route for northbound traffic was considered conducive to higher vehicular speeds and created an awkward condition for the Pearson driveway. Specifically, the movements into and out of the Pearson driveway would connect directly to the one-way slip lane resulting in sharp and indirect turning movements for the residents.

Based on the discussion the consensus was to proceed to the next stage of design based upon plan B with a focus on design issues such as curbing, drainage, and landscape. Pedestrian movement through the intersection was noted as a concern with the recommendation that an informal pedestrian path be studied that would pass along the east side of the roadway in the newly created landscape zone.

3. Crosswalk at Old Town Hall Post Office

Chris Bibbo, Paula Vaughan, and John Vancor reported on the issues related to the existing crosswalk at the Old Town Hall Post Office. By any measure the crosswalk is heavily used with 25 to 30 children using the crosswalk daily as well as other pedestrians who make the transition between the east and west sides of Lincoln Road. Of primary concern is the safety of pedestrians given limited sight distances, tight sidewalk conditions, visibility obscured by vegetation, and the speed of traffic through the area. Options for improving the situation might include the use of flashing beacons, a raised crosswalk/speed table, removal of vegetation, etc. Relocation of the crosswalk might be considered if it improved visibility. The historic context of the area will require careful consideration of the impact of changes to the area. Further discussion of next steps will be held at the Transportation Coalition meeting of 28 June.

4. Proposed locations for 4' clearance signage

BPAC's proposal to install the newly created "motorists give 4' to pass" signs was discussed primarily from the point of view of how many and where such signs might be placed. Current signage related to "cyclists use full lane" is focused primarily on "gateway" locations. BPAC's draft plan for the new signs is more extensive with as many as 31 possible locations identified. Discussion focused on RTC's concern that Lincoln continue to manage roadway signage in a manner that protects our scenic road system and that these new signs might be more limited in their application as is the case with "cyclists use full lane". It was noted that the new signs are the product of a new state law that relates to all roads, not to specific roadway situations/conditions. Further discussion will occur related to what a phase 1 plan might entail.

5. Old Concord Road Parking

Representatives of the Conservation Commission as well as Old Concord Road neighbors briefed RTC on a proposal to restructure parking in the area of the trailhead at Adams Woods. Resident's concerns include impacts on private property caused by illegal parking as well as interference with access for public safety vehicles. RTC commended the Commission staff on their outreach to neighbors as well as working with public safety staff. It was agreed that the discussion of options will continue at the next Commission meeting and that a RTC representative will be invited.

On a related matter, construction vehicles serving new construction on Old Concord Road extension have missed the left turn and ended up maneuvering in resident's driveways. Damage to private property has occurred. It was agreed that Chris Bibbo should speak with the building inspector and that the construction projects take steps to install temporary signage at the intersection.

6. Kanji family request

Chris Bibbo reported that the US Postal Service has agreed to the requested change in the location of mail delivery for the Kanji family and adjacent neighbor.

7. Codman Road guardrail

Residents of Codman Road between Lincoln Road and Route 117 requested that RTC consider roadway/roadside path improvements that will create a safer walking environment, particularly in the section from Lincoln Road to the Public Works Roadway. Existing conditions expose pedestrians to vehicular traffic which is of significant concern given the number of children living in the area and who use the walk frequently. It was agreed that a site visit will be the next step in considering options.