

Meredith US 3/NH 25 Improvements Transportation Planning Study

Project Advisory Committee Meeting No. 23

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 7, 2008
DATE OF MEETING: August 5, 2008
LOCATION OF MEETING: Meredith Harley Davidson
D.W. Highway, Meredith, NH

ATTENDED BY:

Advisory Committee Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Kevin Morrow	Meredith Police Chief
Ken Jones	Meredith Fire Chief
John Edgar	Community Development Director
Mike Faller	Meredith Public Works Director
Warren Clark	Meredith Citizen Representative
Robert LeCount	Meredith Conservation Commission
Linda Johnson	Meredith Chamber of Commerce
Fred Hatch	Meredith Transportation Advisory Task Force
Roger Nash	Meredith Transportation Advisory Task Force
Chris Williams	Latchkey Group
Tim Drew	NHDES

Others

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
CR Willeke	NHDOT
Cathy Goodmen	NHDOT
Gene McCarthy	McFarland-Johnson, Inc.
Mike MacDonald	McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

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The Agenda for the meeting is attached. These minutes are formatted to follow the Agenda Items.

1. Opening/Introduction

CR Willeke opened the meeting.

CR presented a picture of a new multi-lane Roundabout in Keene, but not the large Roundabout on Route 101. This new Roundabout is in downtown Keene in a more village setting. Chris Williams commented that it fits well in the area. It seems to be working well but has just been opened.

2. Public Informational Meeting Preparation

Gene presented an updated questionnaire for consideration. The new version included a 5 level scoring and a place to add comments. There was a recommendation to eliminate the Rural NH 25 question. Some felt the Public Meeting should focus on the Village core of the project. Gene felt it should remain since it is part of the project.

Gene gave a run-through of the Public Informational Meeting presentation. The comments and recommendations made by the committee included:

- Make name tags for the project team and PAC members.
- Explain Part A, B and C and the schedule for each.
- Be sure to explain what the no build means.
- Advertise in the local newspapers.
- Set a deadline for comments to be submitted.

3. Dinner Break

4. Alternative Screening

The screening focused on the various components for pedestrian crossings of Route 3.

First, Gene explained that the initial screening for the Underpass and Overpass assumed that all pedestrians would be directed to these structures and that no at-grade crossings would be allowed at Lake Street. Several PAC members thought this was not a good assumption. They felt pedestrians would continue to cross even if there was a fence or other barrier put in place.

The idea of a pedestrian tunnel was mentioned. The tunnel could be located next to Mill Falls where the stream runs into Meredith Bay. A glass wall could be used to allow pedestrians to see the water. One comment was that this location is very close to the 3/25 intersection and is not where the majority of pedestrians want to cross.

There was a comment that it is difficult to screen not knowing with alternative it was matched with.

There was much discussion concerning the boat launch. One idea was to move it to the other end of the parking lot opposite Lake Street. Another idea was to manage it better and even consider closing it during peak traffic periods.

There is concern that the public will not like any of the concepts. The solutions may be worse than the problem. It was decided that they need to be presented so that the public will understand the impacts of the concepts and the pros and cons of each.

One idea mentioned was a pedestrian overpass between Lake and Dover Streets that depressed Route 3 some.

At the end of the discussion, there were no specific comments or additions made to the screening of the pedestrian components.

5. Next Steps

Gene reminded everyone that the meeting with Michael Wallwork would occur on Friday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. CR stated that the location of the meeting would be sent out in an e-mail message. The Public Informational Meetings are on Saturday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 19.

6. Adjourn

Submitted by,
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Project Advisory Committee
August 5th, 2008
Tuesday, 5:00 to 8:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. Opening / Introduction
2. Draft Public Informational Meeting Presentation and Draft Questionnaire
3. Discuss Michael Wallwork Visit on Friday 8/15/08
4. Dinner break (6:15 PM +/- to 6:45 PM +/-)
5. Alternative Screening
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn (8:00 PM)

Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is defined as “a collaborative interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility.”

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