



**NH 111 Corridor & Wall Street Extension Feasibility Study
Project Advisory Meeting
Windham Planning & Development Office
Minutes**

June 3, 2010

Members Present: Bob Ashburn, David Sullivan, Tom McPherson, Annette Stoller, Sy Wrenn and Gerry Lewis.

Project Staff Present: Gene McCarthy and Mike MacDonald (McFarland-Johnson); Cliff Sinnott and Roxanne Rines (RPC).

MEETING OPENED AT 9:13 AM

1. Open/Welcome/Introductions

Skipped

2. Communications/Public Comment

None.

3. PAC Meeting #6 Summary (5-6-10)

Sullivan stated on page 2, second paragraph under item #4 'South Lowell/101' should be corrected to '111'. Summary accepted as corrected.

4. Existing Conditions Memorandum

McCarthy stated he received the missing crash data from the Police Chief and stated that information is currently being compiled. The report will reflect that there is a spike in traffic when the weigh station is open. **Sullivan** asked that the crash data be included in the narrative. **McCarthy** stated the report will be updated and a revision will be available at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued about short term options to help with back-ups. **Sinnott** stated that DOT planned and (he believes) implemented, a signal coordination project on NH 111 west of I-93 and asked if that coordination made a difference with back-ups. **McPherson** stated he does not know if the project was ever implemented.

Stoller stated the high school traffic does not happen at the same time as the commuter traffic patterns. **McCarthy** stated he will check if the high school traffic data is included as a special generator.



5. Continued discussion: Future Land Use Assumptions and Proposed Traffic Model Modifications

Discussion ensued from the last meeting about the employment numbers included in the model. **McCarthy** stated the model under-estimates the number of jobs in Windham (today and in the future). Staff will run a sensitivity analysis of the model, where the number of jobs are manually changed. Based on analysis so far, the effect of applying the higher employment numbers are minimal at most intersections. The number we will use are the numbers that are the most optimistic (5,010 jobs in the year 2035). **McCarthy** reviewed the areas in Town where they will add more non-residential development (and employment). **Sinnott** reviewed how the model allocates future growth based on past growth. PAC consensus was that this was a reasonable and cost effective way to resolve the problem

6. Continued discussion: Range of Reasonable Alternatives

McCarthy stated as the group moves forward, what is the list of potential options that should be looked at. What is the goal for the corridor in 20 or 30 years. He reviewed the ideas that were discussed at previous meetings. What if the town by-pass center does not happen; what if 111 remains at its current location.

McCarthy told the committee about current work his firm is doing on a project for downtown Meredith.

Sullivan suggested putting roundabouts on either end of Wall Street to calm traffic through the town center with landscaped islands. Discussion ensued about roundabouts, islands, access management, underground utilities, eliminating traffic lights. **McCarthy** explained how a roundabout alternative would work and stated that he will give a presentation at the next meeting.

7. Recurring Business

- a. Task and Schedule update - none.
- b. Project Website - **Sullivan** stated it has been built and contains all of the information from previous meetings and will be live this week.
- c. Contract Extension - **Sinnott** stated Governor & Council did grant the extension at their May 26th meeting, which extends the contract until December 31, 2010.
- d. In-Match Accumulation status - **Sinnott** presented an analysis of in-kind costs and asked members to update their individual time spent.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 1st, at 4:30 p.m.

9. Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines
Recording Secretary