

Advisory Committee Meeting #2: Transportation Safety & Improvements Study: Farmington

To: Advisory Committee

ATTENDEES: Sign-in Sheet (attached)

FROM: Rebecca R. Hall, P.E., PTOE

DATE: November 16, 2016

On November 16, 2016, the second Advisory Committee meeting was held at the Town of Farmington Council Chambers. The meeting reviewed the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum and refined and adopted the study goals. This meeting summary describes the meeting in two sections, the events of the meeting and the input and feedback received from the committee on the study area.

Meeting Events

1. The meeting began with CRCOG explaining that they have reviewed and commented on the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum. They asked the Advisory Committee to please provide their comments on the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum for inclusion into the final report. CRCOG is currently working to develop the future traffic volumes, 20 years into the future, with an expected completion of the volumes by the end of the year.
2. The draft goals of the study were reviewed, discussed and adjusted to reflect the Advisory Committees comments. The revised study goals were adopted by the Advisory Committee through verbal acknowledgement. (A copy of the adopted study area goals is attached to this meeting summary.)
3. A PowerPoint summary of the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum was presented by Tighe & Bond. The presentation covered the data collection efforts, base mapping and existing conditions analyses and results.
4. Future development plans were discussed with the committee. CRCOG will include all planned future developments in their 20 year projections. The Town stated that their only planned developments within the study area are already captured in the Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum, the Farm Glen expansion and the Village at Yorkshire expansion. UConn Health does not have any planned developments however expansions of the Jackson Labs facility or additional UConn Health research facility expansion are possible within the 20-year study horizon.
5. CRCOG presented the existing conditions travel survey that will be distributed to the public electronically and via paper copies available at the Town Hall and Library. CRCOG will provide the link to the survey along with an introduction explaining the survey to the Advisory Committee for distribution. A study webpage was created and can be found here:

<http://crocog.org/2016/10/26/farmington-and-hartford-transportation-safety-and-improvement-study/>

6. The study schedule and next steps were reviewed. The first public information meeting is planned for December before the holidays, a location is currently being determined by CRCOG and the Town. The future conditions traffic analysis will commence in January once the future conditions volumes are finalized. The schedule currently has the second public information occurring in July, based on discussions with the committee this will be revised as the time approaches to come before the second week on June or after Labor Day.
7. The Public Information Meeting should include an initial open house style meeting, followed by a brief presentation and then some "stations" where the public can meet in smaller groups and discuss their area of interest. Tighe & Bond will work with the Town and CRCOG to organize the meeting format prior to the meeting.

Advisory Committee Feedback

- The UCONN Health off-site improvements were completed in 2014, accident data is available on the Crash Data Repository for 2015. UConn was interested to learn if the improvements helped increase safety.
- CTDOT inquired about the opportunity to share parking with the Farm Glen expansion and/or expand the small 15 space commuter parking lot at the termination of the Interstate 84 Exit 39 Off-Ramp location at Route 4. The Town indicated that Farm Glen does not have excess parking supply.
- Members stated that the Batterson Park, park and ride commuter lot is typically more than 50% utilized.
- CTDOT is updating the bike/ped plan and suitability map, the updated maps will be available in Winter 2017. These maps can be reviewed once published related to the existing conditions and future bike/ped opportunities

Action Items

- Tighe & Bond:
 - Send the Town of Farmington the Raw ATR Data.
 - Add "*" to the Traffic Operations Table for the intersections of Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at SR 508 (Route 4 Connector) and Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at Main Road (UConn Health Driveway) with a explanation that field conditions differ from analysis.
 - Explore alternatives for additional commuter parking, perhaps sharing parking with Farm Glen.
 - Review the Synchro lane use split at the SR 531 (South Road) and SR 549 (Birdseye Road) and Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at Main Road (UConn Health Driveway) intersections.
- CRCOG:
 - Contact Pete Telerico, CTDOT Project Concept Unit, regarding the status of improvements at the U.S. Route 6/I-84 EB On-Ramp at SR 531 (Colt Highway) intersection. The Town has approved a concept plan that includes intersection realignment and installation of a new traffic control signal to address the safety and capacity issues.

- Send the study webpage link and existing conditions survey with survey introduction to the Advisory Committee for distribution.
- UConn Health:
 - Provide conference room availability for a Public Information Meeting December 7th, 13th, 14th or 15th.

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