

Transportation Safety & Improvements Study: Farmington Advisory Committee Meeting #3

To: Advisory Committee

ATTENDEES: Sign-in Sheet (attached)

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On June 12, 2017, the Advisory Committee Meeting #3 was held at the Town of Farmington Council Chambers. The meeting reviewed the Future Conditions Technical Memorandum and Existing Conditions Survey results.

Key Meeting Discussions Summary

- The meeting began with a PowerPoint summary of the Future Conditions Technical Memorandum and Existing Conditions Survey results presented by Tighe & Bond. The presentation covered the traffic volume projections from 2016 to 2040, the future vehicular traffic operations with and without traffic control signal optimization and a summary of the existing conditions survey results.
- The 2040 traffic volumes were projected using CRCOG's Regional Travel Demand Model and CTDOT Planning Volumes. The growth in traffic surrounding UCONN Health is a combination of many components including but not limited to background regional growth and employee projections.
- The study schedule and next steps were reviewed. The next step is for Tighe & Bond to identify and analyze improvement alternatives focusing on the areas of concern outlined in the Existing and Future Conditions Technical Memos.
- The next Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for mid-August to review the recommendations and analysis results however a pre-meeting in the beginning of July may be scheduled to brainstorm improvement ideas and facilitate the identification of improvement options for consideration.
- The Identification and Analysis of Alternatives Technical Memorandum will be complete in the fall at which time a meeting with CTDOT and CTtransit staff will be scheduled and a Public Information Meeting and Town Council presentation will be conducted.
- UCONN Health recently purchased 195 Farmington Avenue and as tenants leave they are occupying the space, it's currently approximately 80% UCONN Health and 20% tenants. This existing driveway is a potential alternative entrance/exit into the UCONN Health Campus, which may help mitigate some congestion at the other two access points (one on Middle Road and one on Farmington Avenue). No plans are currently underway for the connection but it could be in their future depending on improvements to the Talcott Notch Road/Old Mountain Road intersection.
- Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at Talcott Notch Road/Old Mountain Road intersection was studied by Milone & MacBroom (MMI) as part of the UCONN Health expansion however meaningful mitigation improvements for this intersection required taking

private property and were therefore not pursued under the UCONN Health OSTA process.

- UCONN Health has an extra bus shelter they didn't use.
- LOTCIP funding opportunities will be released soon, funding limits are \$3 million (per project and/or per Town). There may be an opportunity to identify a project for potential application for the Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at Talcott Notch Road/Old Mountain Road intersection.
- The Community Connectivity Program is a funding source for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements and each municipality is eligible for up to \$400,000. Applications are due August 1st. Design must be complete and ready for construction (shovel-ready); planning studies are eligible for this program.

Action Items

- **Tighe & Bond:**
 - Identification & Analysis of Alternatives
 - Initially focus on identifying Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at Talcott Notch Road/Old Mountain Road intersection improvements and Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements for the Community Connectivity Program.
 - Email updated Future Conditions Technical Memo, PowerPoint Presentation and Meeting Minutes to Advisory Committee.
- **CRCOG:**
 - Provide Department of Labor model projections for the UCONN campus to UCONN Health for their review and information.
 - Confirm what the input for public transportation is in the 2040 traffic volume projections. Does/can the model take into consideration future improvements to the public transportation system and mode shift.
- **Town of Farmington:**
 - Provide any previous conceptual design alternatives or ideas for improvements at the Route 4 (Farmington Avenue) at Talcott Notch Road/Old Mountain Road intersection to Tighe & Bond.
- **CTDOT:**
 - Determine status of Project Development Unit (PDU) project for Colt Highway at Interstate 84 EB On-Ramp Intersection improvements.
 - Provide Existing and Future Conditions Technical Memos and Synchro to Department Units for review and comment. Provide comments to Tighe & Bond by Mid- July.
- **Advisory Committee:**
 - Comments on Future Conditions Technical Memo are due by July 1st.