

**Route 20 Study, Windsor Locks
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #4
Draft Meeting Notes
October 2, 2023, 12:00pm
Windsor Locks Town Hall**

On October 2, 2023, the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study (the Study) forth Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting was held in-person at the Windsor Locks Town Hall with Technical Advisory Committee members, Windsor locks representatives, CRCOG staff, CTDOT project team. This meeting was focused on the Preliminary Alternative Analysis and Concept Plan with a Presentation by the study consultant followed by discussion. A list of meeting attendees are included for reference.

Discussion Items

1. The meeting began with CRCOG providing a brief opening statement on the Study by Pramod Pandey from CRCOG followed by a presentation by the Study Team.
2. Tighe & Bond presented the proposed alternatives matrix and concept plans.
3. An open discussion was then held to gain insight and feedback from the attendees on the alternatives. In addition, small group discussions were held at the end of the meeting. The following comments from both the full group and small group discussions are included and grouped by area below.
 - a. The following discussion items related to the Route 75 corridor:
 - i. The Route 140 (Elm Street) realignment should be more aggressive towards the south into the private property.
 - ii. The mid-block crossing proposed along Route 75 is intended as a raised median island. Another option could be a raised crosswalk. CTDOT is now using raised crosswalks on state routes where conditions warrant. There is one example on a state route in New Haven. Route 75 should maintain the ability to move goods to industrial areas to the north if the road diet is implemented.
 - iii. The average daily traffic along Route 75 is approximately 18,000 vehicles per day north of Route 20 and drops off significantly south of Route 20.
 - iv. The Route 20 westbound exit ramp shown on Concepts A-1 and A-2 is proposed to follow the existing ramp alignment. Previous developers have proposed realigning the ramp to accommodate development. Those plans are included in the alternatives matrix and reference materials and are potential alternatives. Previous efforts for realignment were not supported by CTDOT and FHWA. The Town would support having a back access drive

connecting to Loten Drive as part of the developer concept to realign the ramp.

- v. The realignment of the ramp and/or a proposed roundabout at the Route 75/ Route 20 ramp would discourage using Route 75 as a cut-through to the airport.
 - vi. Proposed left-turn pocket locations along Route 75 shown in Concept A-2 will need to be coordinated with impacted property owners.
 - vii. The Route 75 roundabout corridor is a long-term, transformative vision for the corridor. Attendees supported this long-term vision.
 - viii. Route 75 has many safety concerns. There are several new businesses along the roadway. Route 75 can be a “Gateway to New England”. The airport has invested through their master planning efforts. Short-term incremental improvements as well as showing larger future opportunities are advantageous.
 - ix. A new roadway connecting Route 75 with Old County Road is not desirable and will have environmental impacts.
 - x. A roundabout at Route 75/ Schoephoester Road was previously reviewed. There could be queuing issues due to the proximity to the Schoephoester Road/ Light Lane intersection. Proposed parking facilities along Schoephoester Road at the former rental car facilities will likely move forward in the future. Portions of the proposed parking plan will be scaled back and reconfigured.
 - xi. Potential flexible delineators along Route 75 within the bike lane buffer may present maintenance issues. Sidewalk plows could be used to clear snow from within the bike lane. The high density of driveways along both sides of Route 75 could present a challenge with potential damage to flexible delineators when entering and exiting driveways.
- b. The following discussion items related to Old County Road:
- i. The proximity of the Route 75/ Route 140 and Route 140/ Old County Road intersections creates safety issues when vehicles following closely behind vehicles turning right from Route 140 onto Old County Road.
 - ii. Stop signs and associated stop ahead signs are allowed to be placed on both sides of the road as long as there is a marked double yellow centerline indicating two-way travel. The stop control treatments are also a FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure that is being implemented across the state.
 - iii. The proposed crosswalk at Fox Hollow Drive is an appropriate location for a midblock crossing on Old County Road.
 - iv. Bicycle/ pedestrian travel is a challenge along Old County Road under the Route 20 overpass. The existing bridge structure/ piers make providing a facility challenging. Potential options include building a path on top of or behind the bridge piers.

- c. The following discussion items related to Airport Connectivity/ Schoephoester Road:
 - i. A new roadway connection between Route 20 and the airport would impact private property and resource areas.
 - ii. The approved 30 Hamilton Road warehouse site may purchase the former Hamilton Sunstrand office building located along the west side of Hamilton Road and use the parcel for parking.
 - iii. The Town has recently approved security and access improvements to the United Technologies facility along Hamilton Road.
 - d. The following discussion items related to trails, transit, and land-use and development were discussed:
 - i. There is a trail in Windsor that is planned to connect to Rainbow Road in Windsor.
 - ii. The proposed trail alternative option shown along the Town Public Safety Complex may be possible in the future once the police department relocates elsewhere in town with the fire department remaining on site.
4. Craig Yannes from Tighe & Bond closed the presentation with an overview of the project schedule and next steps for the Study. First Selectman Paul Harrington thanked the attendees for their valuable contribution and Pramod provided closing comments.