

Route 20 Study, Windsor Locks Public Information Meeting #1 Draft Meeting Notes June 8, 2023, 6:00pm Windsor lock Town Hall

On June 8, 2023, the first Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study (the Study) Public Information Meeting was held at the Windsor Locks Town Hall. A list of meeting attendees are included for reference.

Discussion Items

- 1. The meeting began with CRCOG and the Town of Windsor Locks welcoming attendees and providing a brief opening statement on the Study by Pramod Pandey and Paul Harrington respectively, followed by a presentation by the Study Team.
 - a. Tighe & Bond presented the study approach, study process, study vision statement, and existing and future roadways and traffic assessment.
 - b. VHB presented an overview of existing and future pedestrian, bicycle, and transit.
 - c. RKG presented the results of the market assessment.
- 2. Following the presentation, an open discussion was held with attendees. The following comments were provided/discussed:
 - There may be increases in truck traffic due to airport growth and new warehouses. Why are trucks using Old County Road and Route 75?
 - What are the plans for access management? Will we force traffic to Halfway House Road?
 - The Town building height restrictions are driven by FAA.
 - A new traffic signal at Halfway House Road and Old County Road should be considered.
 - Truck restrictions on Old County Road should be considered.
 - What interim steps can the Town take to make improvements?
 - Will there be development impacts on affordable housing projects?
 - This is the third study of the project area. How can we reduce curb cuts? How can we direct trucks away from Old County Road?
 - Roundabouts, similar to those on International Drive in Windsor, should be investigated on Old County Road to deter truck traffic.
 - A road diet on Route 75 should be considered. The Town does not need more pavement with widening/ adding a median.

- The superelevation on Route 75 at Halfway House Road is an existing geometric issue.
- Direct outreach to end users and shipping partners is needed to better direct truck traffic. This can be done through trucker apps and outreach to CAA, among others.
- Why did the study survey indicate a need for more restaurants in Town?
- There may be challenges with finding vacant land to develop.
- The airport struggles to manage parking demand. Is the airport considering additional parking? How can the Town transition from parking to better development?
- There are concerns with obeying stop signs and safety at the intersection of Halfway House Road at Old County Road. A raised crosswalk at the intersection could be considered.
- Where should bikes be accommodated within the study area?
- Old County Road has very high travel speeds and is not safe for bikes.
- Can speed tables work to slow down traffic?
- Regional public transit routes focus on commuting to/from Hartford while local buses are inefficient and require transfers. How can we improve overall transit routes?
- Transit runs along Old County Road (Route 34).
- Route 30 and Route 34 should accommodate inter-Town and regional transit.
- The Study implementation plan will be used to move projects forward.
- 3. Craig Yannes, Tighe & Bond, closed the presentation with an overview of the project schedule and next steps for the Study.
- 4. Paul Harrington, Windsor Locks First Selectman and Jen Valentino, Windsor Town Locks Planner, provided closing remarks and Pramod Pandey thanked attendees for their constructive comments and feedback..

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