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MEMORANDUM: 25% Design Public Hearing Summary

TO: Michael Delaney, Mass Highway District V
FROM: Coreen Moore, Bourne Town Planner and Project Manager
DATE: May 11, 2009
RE: Buzzards Bay Village Streetscape Phase III Public Hearing
CC: Thomas Guerino, Town Administrator, Ricki Tellier, Department of Public Works, Mike Leitzel Town Engineer, Elizabeth Lapointe, MHD, Pamela Haznar, MHD

Meeting Date: April 30, 2009

Location: Bourne Community Center

Presenters:

Coreen Moore (CM) – Town of Bourne

Holly Ben-Joseph (HB) – Landscape Architect

Tom Sexton (TS) and John Gaudette (JG) of GEOD Consulting, Inc.

A. EXISTING CONDITIONS REVIEW AND ISSUES PRESENTED

HB presented the existing need for gateway enhancements, better landscape plantings selection. HB presented the proposed landscaping elements showing the various landscaping features for the corridor as a whole and area specific sketches of the possible placement of trees located at the curb (scheme 1) or at the back of sidewalk (scheme 2).

JG presented the existing lack of clear roadway definition and the need for additional striping such as fog lines to clearly delineate vehicle paths.

JG discussed the drainage issues including the existing older piping system (50 to 75 years old), catch basins connected in series (noting that the existing catch basin arrangement actually increase the sediment that flows into the pond), and the need for additional surface collection structures. And that the system needs to be updated to insure that failures do not occur after the project is complete.

CM noted that the funding for the project did not include the total amount needed to construct the entire project. However the project will be totally designed and will incorporate some of the design elements of the previous phases.

TS and HB presented the possibilities and explained the operation of rain gardens to be integrated into the project as a pollutant removal and landscape feature.

TS mentioned that maintenance is an issue and the town was looking for business owners to adopt landscape features along their frontages.

TS noted that the location of curb extension were less dense than previous phases, to minimize the loss of parking spaces.

HB noted that plantings need to be pollution-resistant & self-sustaining. Rain garden locations were identified at the Sunoco Station, the Meza Luna restaurant, and at the Community Center. Trees are to be provided at these locations.

HB also presented the various special features located along the corridor that could be enhanced as part of this project or in the future. These included the landscaped center island at the rotary entrance to invite visitors.

The revision of the Perry Ave. curbing to provide a visual enhancement to the road that leads to Town Hall and the possibility realigning the entrance to make room for the future addition of a pocket park with bike racks. HB noted a connection point to the canal bike path to coincide with a future path that the Town is planning at the post office lane with kiosk and bike racks.

TS explained our proposal to eliminate/combine some of the driveway entrances to reduce turning movement conflicts and provide area for sidewalks. TS pointed out that this may require cooperative neighbors and easements if the drives are on the property line.

Specific locations discussed included the Sunoco at the rotary, shifting the proposed center island in Main St to accommodate deliveries.

JG & TS presented alternative finishes for cross walks. For now, the town chooses to continue with painted crosswalks as in earlier phases, to control cost.

HB also explained that the extensions will be longer, less frequent and include other landscaping elements such as benches, plantings and possibly rain gardens which will make them more visible.

JG pointed out that major problem with earlier phase extensions is that they were place randomly along the roadway edge without warning, and that the addition of a fog line to delineate the travel lanes will help motorists to avoid the extensions.

TS noted aggressive schedule, targeting project for public bidding in August, with contractor mobilized in shoulder season (mid-September). TS encouraged attendees to follow-up meeting with additional comments that come to mind.

B. COMMENTS AND ISSUES PRESENTED BY ATTENDEES

Chris Byron, 0 Main Street: Speaking on behalf of daughter (*property owner*). Likes the overall design, prefers trees in the “bumpouts” instead of brick.

Joanne Byron, 0 Main Street: Questions whether there will be any obstructions to the project within the right-of-way. Would like to maintain the ROW (*access*) to her property, also asked how far down Perry Ave will be narrowed JG answered approximately 100 feet.

Anthony Cubellis (Leo's), 249 Main Street: Stated that Leos tends to have peak customer volume in the AM, while adjacent Mezza Luna tends to have peak customer volume in the PM. Mr. Cubellis would like to relocate the proposed curb cut to the middle of his property and he would be willing to relocate his sign.

Steve Marullo 243 Main Street: Attorney representing Gildo (Joe) Cubellis, a resident of Speranza Lane. He stated that an access/easement agreement for Speranza Lane exists by court decision and must be maintained. Hi client is concerned that additional traffic will be diverted to Speranza Lane when and if the middle curbcut is closed. Also concerned that Mezza Luna and Leo's patrons may park on Speranza Lane and block emergency vehicles accessing his residence located behind Leo's.

Brian Paulson & Gary Bourne, Sunoco Station & Honey Dew, Mr. Paulson recommends blending proposed island with existing entrance at Belmont Circle. His property needs to maintain existing truck turning radii for fuel tanker deliveries to avoid fuel pumps. He recommends review of accident history at this location. Supports the project however is concerned about the proposed median strip causing issues with the fuel truck delivery. Maybe use some type of gateway on either side of the roadway instead of the median. Also suggested a rumble strip to alert those entering Main Street to slow down. Likes the idea of putting the trees to the rear of sidewalk and not directly adjacent to Main Street. Gary Bourne supports the idea of adopting the green space that would be located in front of his property.

Kirk Ward, 270 Main Street: Noted his concern for the Buzzards Bay pizza deliveries adjacent to the building do not have adequate turning radii or rear access, deliveries 11 times per week, for 15 to 20 minutes they currently park on Main Street to unload.. He recommends a time-restricted loading zone. He says they need about 35 spaces for the 7 businesses in his plaza. He requested less green space and more parking space. Strongly supports the addition of parking on street and the overall project.

Richard Egan, 258 and 271 Main Street: Likes Scheme #2. Does not want too many trees or large bushes his concern is that they will block building signage or views, would prefer to see trees located in line with the building corners. He would like to see speed tables to slow traffic. Also is willing to adopt landscape area in front of his property. (*JG explained due to the designation of the roadway speed bumps would not be allowed by Mass Highway but the design proposed would help to slow down traffic*).

Unidentified resident, wants to see a more aesthetic cross walk

Barry Motta, Main Street Steering Committee, questioned how plantings would be irrigated. (*TS answered no due to the budget*) Mr. Motta also asked if we were designing for the present or the future because he felt that most Main Streets sidewalks were located up against the buildings and not against the street. (*CM explained the different phases of Main Street and how this end of Main Street was not the traditional Main Street because the buildings were setback further, although zoning had been revised to allow buildings to be placed closer to the street.*)

Francis Garland – Anderegg 248 Main Street: Strongly objects to reducing her existing onsite parking. (*Real estate agent across from Leos*), Cannot have number of spaces reduced, as they have 15 employees plus customers. Concerned for cars backing out of her parking area across sidewalk may cause accidents with pedestrians & cyclists. (*Will look into easement for routing sidewalk around her parking area*). She stated that her business does not attract pedestrians she needs the parking spaces for her employees. (*CM suggested maintaining the angled parking and depressing the sidewalk with signage to warn pedestrians of backing vehicles.*)

Diana Barth , Bourne Enterprise reporter, wants digital copies of sketches for newspaper article. Questioned how curb extensions and fog lines will be seen in snow storm. (*JM explained as with any snow event when the road is plowed it would be revealed.*)

Kathy Zegzebski, resident, works at National Marine Life Center and supports project as bringing more visitors to the center. Also appreciates the increased crosswalk safety as an area dogwalker.

Don Stromeier, 265 Main Street, (Red Top), Likes the design with the sidewalk against the street. Concerned with their have large truck deliveries and adjacent property fuel deliveries. They also have many inexperienced boaters with boats in tow using the site. He is open to sharing a single wider access with the adjacent property.