

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Route 1 Corridor Coalition and Interested Parties

**From:** Josh Mack, Transportation Planner

**Date:** November 7, 2006

**RE:** Meeting Notes from Route 1 Corridor Meeting on September 15, 2006

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Those in attendance included Steve Burns – York Planner; Diane Brandon – Community Wellness Coalition; Cheryl Emery – Town of Ogunquit; Michael Huston – Wells Planner; Josh Mack – Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC); Tom Reinauer – SMRPC; Charles Szeniewski – York Police Department; Conrad Welzel – Maine Turnpike Authority; Steve Workman – Eastern Trail Management District. The meeting was held at York Town Hall.

### Committee Updates

After introductions, staff updated the committee on several activities that have occurred since the last Route One Corridor Coalition meeting.

- Tom Reinauer developed a letter on behalf of the Route One Corridor Committee (upon the Committee's request) addressed to the Maine Turnpike Authority requesting that the agency address four of the following policy items:

- Additional Turnpike Access in the Wells/Ogunquit area
- Possible diversion caused by the York barrier toll

There was a short discussion about how there is no Origin-Destination data currently available to prove or disprove that diversion is occurring to a large degree. Tom noted that Maine Turnpike Authority is currently working on an O-D study to examine this issue.

- Relocation of the York barrier toll

Conrad Welzel noted that relocating the York barrier toll to the Kittery/Portsmouth line would be extremely expensive and it would take an act of Congress. He said that MTA is required to look at various options through the Alternatives Analysis process, one of which will be a southern movement of the Toll barrier toll, but it is unlikely that the toll barrier would be relocated south because of the various challenges involved.

- Regional Toll Pricing

Tom made the letter available to all committee members as a handout.

- Staff handed out a project list per the committee's request documenting projects that have occurred on Route One from Biddeford to Kittery from 2002-2007. Mike Huston asked if staff could also show project advertising dates on the spreadsheet as well as when the project was completed. Tom also gave project updates concerning Route One.

- Memorial Bridge-Latest information on this project is that the construction date is currently slated for 2009.
- Route One Reconstruction Project-SMRPC has been working with Maine DOT and the Town of Kittery negotiating with landowners regarding the redesign of Route One from Love Lane to the Kittery Traffic Circle. It appears that all groups are near a compromise.
- Route One Sidewalk Project-This project is almost completed.
- Per the request of the Route One Committee and Route 236 Committee staff have set a meeting date and invitee list for a Emergency Incident and Traffic Flow meeting (October 19, 1 pm at Wells Town Hall). Staff will update the Route One Group at the next Route One Corridor meeting.
- Staff have submitted the rough draft of the Strategic Investment Plans for Corridor's of Regional Significance per Maine DOT's request. Committee members were reminded that they are encouraged to submit comments and questions. The final draft is due for submission on October 31, 2006.
- Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission has secured funding to host a number of workshops over the next year for town employees and board members on ways to integrate transportation and land use. Some of the "land use" recommendations that SMRPC has developed for the Route One Corridor Committee include recommendations to attend these workshops. The workshops include the following:
  - Transportation Impact Fees
  - Right of Way Acquisition and Municipal Planning
  - Creative Parking Policies and Practices
  - Access Management: Beyond Curb Cut Regulations
  - Introduction to the 2006 Model Subdivision Regulation Standards relating to Access Management and Context Sensitive Road Design

### **Land Use Discussion**

Staff handed out to the Committee a summary list of potential land use planning improvement activities that could be worked on by staff and the Committee. The Committee offered some feedback on this list:

- Would be great to have workshops videotaped for municipal officials and board members that are not able to make workshops.
- Would like more help with bicycle and pedestrian planning activities.
- Would be great to have a conservative person from Massachusetts talk about how their perspectives have changed about access management.
- Regional review of major regional traffic generators is a good topic for this group to tackle.
- Don't necessarily need help finding parcels to connect access/parking. Boards and planners do this routinely.
- Access management help is needed, particularly helping municipal staff negotiate/convince landowners to improve already poorly performing access points—getting landowners to trust each other/use each other's property for circulation and access.

At the end of the discussion, the Committee agreed that staff should complete a first draft of an action plan, which would incorporate many of the land use recommendations proposed in the summary today, and take into consideration the Committee's comments.

**The next meeting date and time was set for Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, Ogunquit Town Hall.**