
Subject	Public Meeting #1		
Project	Town of Concord Cut-Through Traffic Study		
Project No.	E2X83400	File	
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Location	Town of Concord Public Works Department	Date/Time	May 1, 2019
Participants	Concord Public Works: Chris Olbrot, Nathan Chin, Daniel Rowley Concord Police Department: Lt. Kevin Monahan, Officer Jeffrey Shelley Jacobs: Lou Rabito, Dieckmann Cogill, Beth Isler, Sam Hochstat		

Town Staff welcomed participants and introduced Jacobs staff, who then gave a 20-30 minute presentation to provide an overview of the study and the issue of cut-through traffic. Towards the end of the presentation, the floor opened up to questions before going to the four stations around the room for more in depth, small group discussions.

General Comments/Questions

- Interest in “Local Traffic Only” signs- even if it isn’t enforceable, some mechanism that would remove the roadway from the apps as a route
 - Could require legislation to implement, but could be explored
 - New Jersey is now facing a lawsuit regarding “No Through Traffic” signage
- The tube placement on Upton Road may be off
- People are not satisfied with the Town’s traffic calming program; expressed the feeling that it has been ineffective - implementation is taking too long
- Concern that speed data that has been collected is inaccurate; residents expressed a desire for something more like a “Safe Systems” approach to speed setting rather than 85th percentile approach^{1,2,3}
 - Both volumes and speed are issues (not just volumes)
 - Tubes are collecting speed and vehicle classification data as well as volumes
 - Some intersections encourage high speeds due to their design
- Clarify the relationship between this study and the Town’s traffic calming program
- How will streets be prioritized? That will be the outcome of this study: a methodology for identifying and prioritizing streets.

¹ <https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/topics/speed-management-for-safety/setting-speed-limits/>

² <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/13sepoct/02.cfm>

³ Safety section beginning on page 23:
https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/09/17/MunicipalResourcesGuideForWalkability_2018-08-24.pdf

- Maybe the Town should focus on increasing capacity of Routes 2 and 2A

Station 1

No notes added to map or flipcharts

Station 2: West Concord south of Route 62/Main Street

- Orchard Road
 - Oil tankers on the road
 - Used as a cut-through to avoid traffic on Route 2, avoid traffic lights
 - Institutional traffic avoiding congestion
 - Driving to and from 62 & Rte 2
 - Caravans of school buses
 - Counters are too close to the intersection to get an accurate speed
- When 62 backs up
- Pine St to 62
- Root causes: traffic lights on 2, congestion on 62, institutional traffic
- Emerson Road
 - Can you close off the roads to 62
 - MacArthur is narrower so not as attractive than Orchard.
 - Turn from 2 to 62 to EB 62



Station 3: Downtown Concord

- Please allow right turns onto Academy from Main to Town residents
- Sudbury Rd/Thoreau St light timing problems
 - Do not stop traffic on Thoreau when RR crossing gates are coming down; allow through traffic as long as possible through Sudbury/Thoreau intersection
 - Allow right turn onto Sudbury when gate is down (there is room for 2-3 cars)
 - Longer Thoreau St “green light” in morning
- Please allow left turns onto Musketaquid to Town residents
- Please do not allow left turns onto Musketaquid to commuters
- I feel unsafe at my bus stop which is on the corner of Musketaquid and Elm (Vivi, age 9)
- Possibly for a slight temporary solution for the Musketaquid neighborhood, there could be a speed radar indicator put up.
- I understand speed and volume issues for Musketaquid neighborhood. I also have concerns about the volume of traffic on Elm to get into center & into work & school for people.
- Musketaquid is a significant problem. Please help reduce volume and speed.

No notes added to map

Station 4: North Concord

- Monument Street
 - Coming from 4 to 225 down Monument to connect to 495
 - High speed
 - Backed up at Monument Square
 - Traffic meeting
 - Backed up from Monument Court past Fen School/Park
 - Traffic on Lowell from Carlisle
 - Big trucks on Monument



