



DATE: September 11, 2015

RE: Wellesley Route 9 Study and Enhancement Plan

Dear Stakeholders:

Thank you once again for your participation during our kick-off meeting for the Wellesley Route 9 Study and Enhancement Plan on August 24, 2015. We appreciate the valuable and thoughtful comments conveyed during the meeting in addition to those we received via e-mail. We are looking forward to this continued level of collaboration and input during the course of the project.

Based on the feedback we have received thus far, here is our summary of the goals and topics we heard and plan to incorporate into our analysis moving forward. In no particular order, the summary is as follows:

- Promote pedestrian safety and access, including sidewalk and crosswalk improvements.
- Develop traffic safety recommendations that address signage, guardrails, queuing, high vehicle speeds, emergency access, protected left turns, and u-turns.
- Address safety and traffic issues at Kingsbury Street, Weston Road and Route 16.
- Address the pedestrian needs of school children and families.
- Improve bicycle safety.
- Improve visibility and access to public transit stops and transit service through the Route 9 corridor.
- Coordinate and communicate with MassDOT.
- Enhance connectivity, particularly with the north side of Wellesley.
- Preserve and enhance the unique visual character of Route 9. This includes historic features and structures - such as stone walls and gates, not altering the Route 16 bridge, and preserving the use of landscaped areas in the corridor.
- Address and improve roadway drainage at Shaw Road and at the Route 16 overpass as well as storm water runoff, especially at sensitive locations such as Morses Pond, the Boulder Brook culvert leading to Morses Pond, and the Town Forest.



- Identify and mitigate natural gas leaks.
- Learn lessons from Route 9 projects in Newton and Natick.
- Develop a maintenance plan that includes plowing, shoveling, and landscaping for new and existing plantings.
- Address impacts of future developments at sites such as North 40 and 900 Worcester Street.
- Maintain the role of Route 9 as a major commercial corridor.

As we move forward with our analysis of existing conditions, we want to both ensure that your concerns are heard and maintain an open line of communication. To that end, we anticipate completing our existing conditions analysis in mid-late September, at which time, working through Michael Zehner, we will share a preliminary draft with you. You will have an opportunity to review this draft in advance of our next stakeholder meeting, which will likely be held at the beginning of October.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us with any additional thoughts or input.

Regards,

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cc: Town of Wellesley Planning Board