



ROUTE 40 WOODSTOWN INTERSECTION LOCAL OFFICIALS BRIEFING MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 24, 2014
Time: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Location: Woodstown Borough Hall, 25 West Avenue, Woodstown, NJ
Purpose: Discuss design and schedule with Local Officials

In Attendance

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Summary of Discussion

1. Handouts & Display Plans

- Preliminary Preferred Alternative Plan (Full-size) - Display
- Preliminary Preferred Alternative Aerial Plan, (Full-size) – Display
- Half size of the plans stated above were distributed

2. Project Design Schedule

- Mr. Patel expects funding for construction to be available in October 2016 therefore the construction is expected to proceed in spring 2017. Preliminary Engineering phase should be finished by the fall of 2015 with all the environmental documents being completed. Final Design phase should be completed by the end of 2016.

3. Discussions

- Mayor Dietrich and Mr. Perry are concerned about the poor pavement conditions along Route 40 (West Ave) in front of the high school and asked if that roadway repair is in the scope of this project. Mr. Patel said it was not. He

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is uncertain if the resurfacing of Route 40 beyond the intersection is programmed as one of NJDOT's future projects but will investigate when he returns to the office. *(Consequently, a Route 40 resurfacing project is in the Limited Scope Design phase and construction is expected to start at the end of 2015. Any questions and/or concerns can be directed to NJDOT Project Manager Frank Inverso at 609-530-5638.)*

- b. Mayor Dietrich confirmed that the local historic community is supportive with the intersection improvements.
- c. Mr. Medino explained that the landscaping improvements at the northwest corner of the intersection near the bank will be coordinated and finalized with the Borough's assistance in the Final Design phase. Mayor Dietrich suggested returning the horse fountain currently located at a township park back to the intersection.
- d. Mr. Simmermon asked if the proposed signal will have a backup power source since the current signal shuts off during power outages. Mr. Fulco stated that the signal will have LED signal heads and battery backup so in an event of a power outage, the signal will continue to operate for a period of time.
- e. Mayor Dietrich prefers to have a cross hatch striping for the crosswalks and not striping depicted on the presented plans. NJDOT and Dewberry did not object.
- f. Mayor Dietrich and Mr. Simmermon asked if the northwest curb return at the intersection can be tightened or the radius can be reduced. Their concern is the aggressiveness of vehicles turning right while traveling south on Route 45 (North Main Street). Pedestrian safety is also a concern at that corner. Decreasing the curb radii will slow traffic down and decrease the distance and time a pedestrian has to cross the intersection. Mr. Fulco stated that Dewberry will review the radius of the curb return, which is dependent on truck turning movements, to determine if it can be tightened.
- g. The Borough is pleased that the crosswalk at the Route 40 (East Ave) and West Maple Court intersection will be repositioned to the west of the intersection. Mayor Dietrich asked if a second parking space can be added in front of the Post Office on Route 40 (East Ave) where the current cross walk will be removed. Dewberry will review.
- h. Five parking spaces in front of the Borough Hall on Route 40/45 (West Ave) are being removed under this project. Mayor Dietrich asked if signs can be installed to direct vehicles to park behind Borough Hall building. Mr. Patel did not object. Sign specifics will be determined in the Final Design phase
- i. Mayor Dietrich and Ms. Dalessio requested to have the utility pole located between the Borough Hall and adjacent residence's driveway removed or relocated. Dewberry will investigate.
- j. Mr. Simmermon asked about increasing the curb return or apron at the Borough Hall driveway on Route 40/45 (West Ave) since vehicles have a difficult time making right turns into the driveway. Improvements to flatten the entrance curb return to the driveway will be incorporated into the project.

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- k. Mr. Fulco advised the group that dialogue between the Shell gas station owner (northeast corner of the intersection) and NJDOT Access group regarding the northern driveway access on Route 45 (North Main Street) will begin soon. Plans will be provided to the owner detailing the access modifications to the property for their review and comment..
- l. The Public Information Center (PIC) is usually held in the Final Design phase. The Borough attendees asked to hold the PIC mid or late 2015. They also requested to have the project presented to the entire town council during one of their meetings. NJDOT did not object. Ms. Nance will provide Ms. Dalessio with an electronic copy of the plans. NJDOT will provide a link to the NJDOT PIC website for the Borough's use prior to the PIC.

We believe the foregoing record to be an accurate summary of the meeting and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to these Minutes within five (5) days of receipt. Without notification, we will consider these minutes to be a record of fact.

Sincerely,
Brian Medino, PE
Dewberry