

# *Town of Scarborough, Maine*

## **Transportation Committee – Regular Meeting February 24, 2015 – TMCR, Town Hall**

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Judy called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The committee took attendance. Committee members Ron Mazer, Roger Chabot, Judy Roy, Steve Berg and Peter Hayes were in attendance.

Jennifer Ladd and Carol Rancourt were absent.

Town staff Dan Bacon, Jim Wendel and Tom Hall were also in attendance.

### **Update and Review of Oak Hill Pedestrian and Safety Improvements**

Dan updated the committee on the current design for the Oak Hill intersection being performed by Gorrill-Palmer Engineers. They've reached a point where input and direction is needed on some of the details, including the proposed raised medians in Route One and the Route One southbound right turn lane. Dan also indicated that at the same time, John Adams of Milone MacBroom is examining changes to the traffic signal sequencing to make improvements and adjustments to the flow of traffic through the intersection.

The committee discussed these items and the pros and cons of these elements. The committee decided that the raised median islands likely didn't provide enough benefits to pedestrians as refuges to outweigh the complications they create with the drainage system and confining the opportunity to consider a double left turn off of Black Point Rd in the future. The committee recommended that these elements not be in the final plans.

The committee also discussed the design to narrow Route One southbound by eliminating the exclusive right turn lane, making this crossing of Route One shorter for pedestrians. The committee discussed the pros and cons of making this change, as the traffic counts suggest the lane isn't heavily used and wouldn't impact the level of service of the intersection. But at the same time, the improvement could be costly and may not make a dramatic improvement for pedestrians either given the nature of Route One.

Dan indicated that he would have a cost estimate prepared for eliminating the right turn lane and would also meet with Steve Berg and other Oak Hill business owners to review the concept. Following that, the committee will consider this again at the next meeting.

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## **Update on MDOT Projects Running Hill/Route 114 Intersection and Pine Point Bridge Replacement**

Jim updated the committee on these two MDOT projects. He indicated that the Running Hill/Route 114 project would add a left turn lane on 114 eastbound for the heavy left turn movement onto Running Hill Rd. This is an intersection that experiences a significant amount of commuter traffic and has been a high crash location. He indicated this project would be constructed this spring.

Jim also provided an overview of the Pine Point Rd bridge replacement project. The MDOT decided on a plan to construct a temporary bridge parallel to the existing in order to keep two-way traffic open and to build a new bridge more efficiently. This project is complicated by the need to stop work for the frequent train activity on the railroad tracks it spans. The project is slated to start next fall after the summer tourist season.

The committee discussed and decided to set a regular meeting schedule of the last Tuesday of every month, which should help eliminate conflicts with other meetings and be more predictable for committee members.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 PM.