

Town of Windham



NH 111 Corridor & Wall St Connector Feasibility Study

**Project Advisory
Committee Meeting
September 23, 2009**



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Presented By:

- Cliff Sinnott – Executive Director

Rockingham Planning Commission

- Gene McCarthy, P.E. – Project Manager

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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- Roles/Responsibilities of PAC
- Data Collection Update
- Public Kick off Meeting
- PAC Schedule





Project Advisory Committee

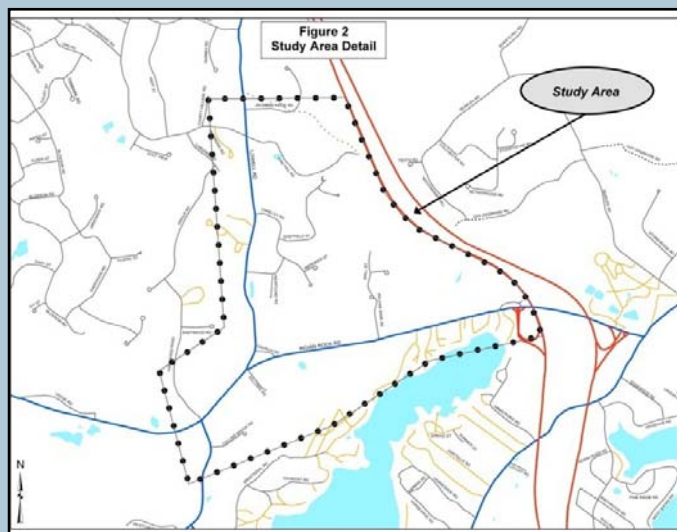
- Provides key input and direction to the project
- Will meet approximately every 2 months
- Members to include representatives from:

TOWN BOARDS AND/OR STAFF	OTHER
Board of Selectmen	NHDOT
Planning Board	Rockingham Planning Commission
Conservation Commission	Southern NH Planning Commission
Historic District Commission	At Large Citizen Members
Town Administrator	
Highway Department	
Planning Department	
Police Department	
Fire Department	



Project Background/History

- I-93 Exit 3 Final Design (2003);
- Final EIS (2004) & Federal Record of Decision (2005)
- Town requests mitigation including Wall Street Extension (to mitigate increased traffic from No. Lowell Road in town center)
- NHDOT Offered to fund extension study, including NH 111 Corridor Study Component





Project Overview

- A. Wall Street Extension
- B. NH 111 Corridor Study
- C. NH 111 Relocation – Windham
Village Center





Wall Street Extension



NH 111 Corridor

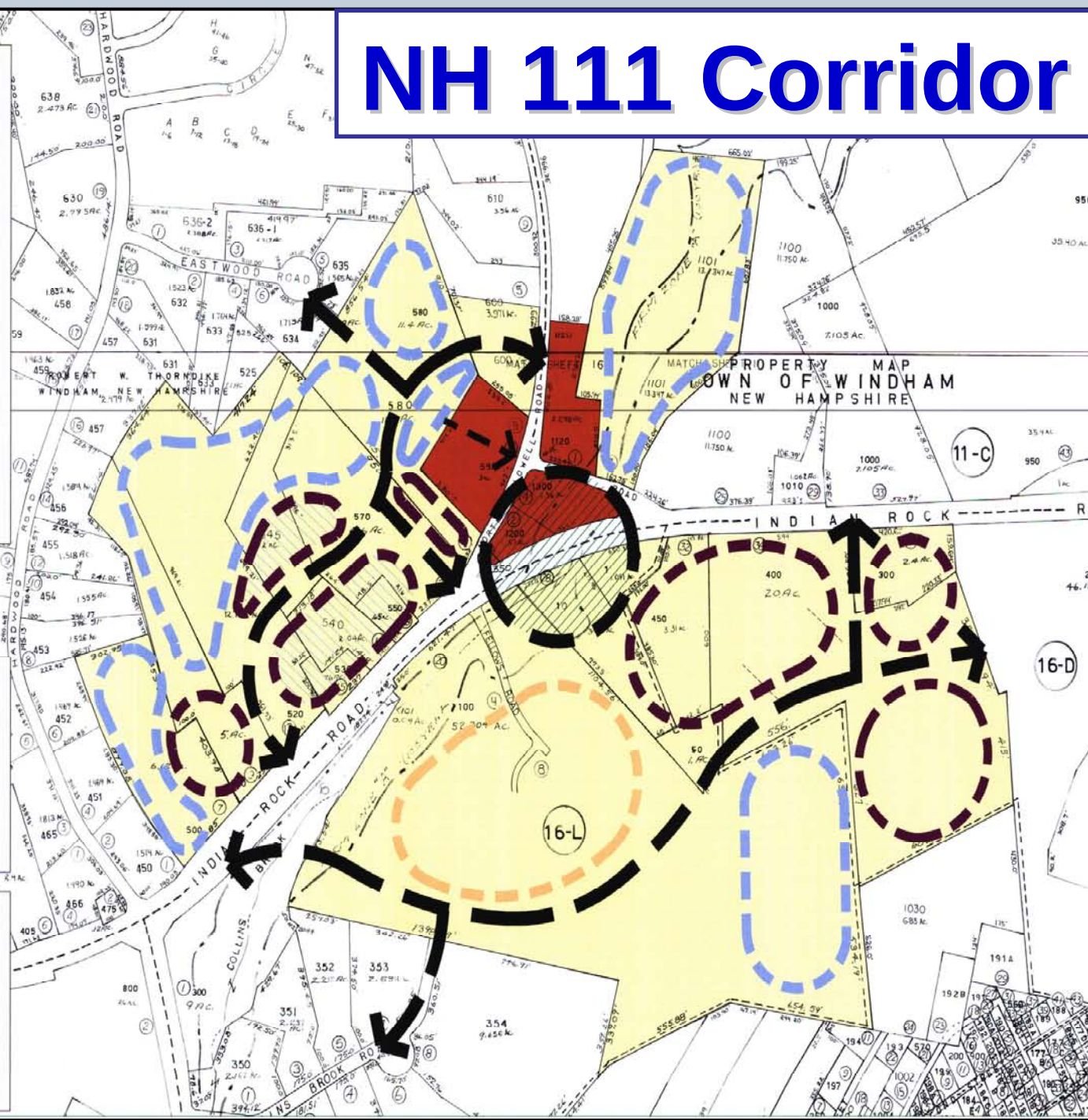
Village Center Objectives

- An internal road should connect parcels through the Village Center District from North Lowell Road to Route 111 near Hardwood Road. This road will serve as the main street of the village center and should be designed to provide centralized pedestrian and vehicular access to land within the District.
- Proposed site plans within the Village Center District should support coordinated planning efforts with the Town of Windham and the NHDOT to allow the relocation Route 111 to the south of the existing road corridor. The relocated Route 111 will divert through traffic away from the Village Center and will allow for the creation of a centralized village green or Town common that will serve to unify the northern and southern portions to the Village Center District.
- Roads within the Village Center District should be designed to connect with adjacent right-of-ways on Collins Brook Road and Eastwood Road.
- Access to the Village Center District south of Route 111 should utilize the existing easement and traffic light near the post office.
- Access to Route 111 should be limited and the majority of the homes and businesses should be accessed by an internal road network within the district.
- The integration of residential and commercial/retail development should be encouraged along the main street through the north side of the district.
- A right of way should be maintained between the Town Hall and Old Fire Station (Planning and Development Building) to the Village Center District roadways, and the possibility of a future connection for either vehicular or pedestrian access should be studied.

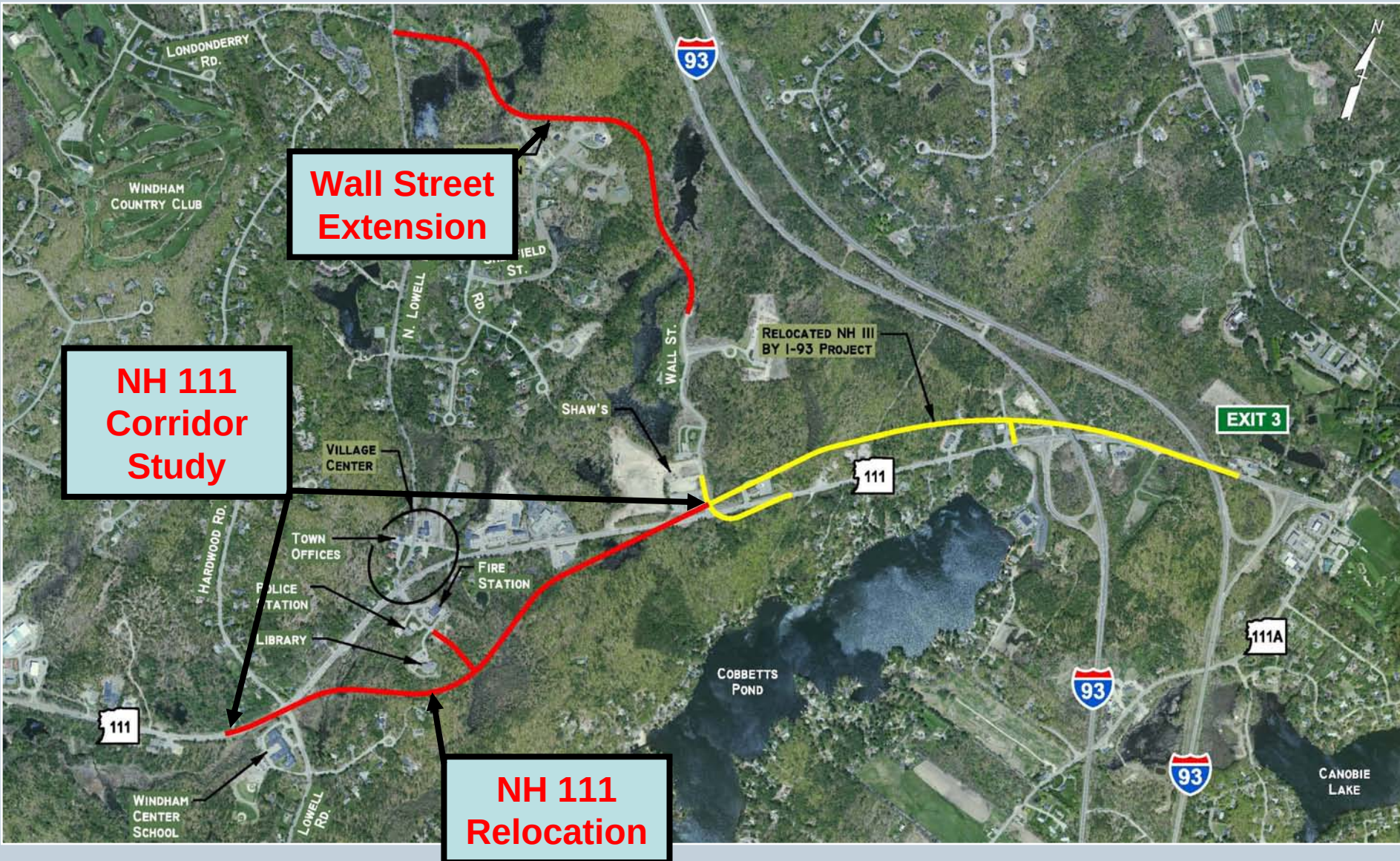
LEGEND

- Village Center District
- Historic District
- Major Access Roads
- Residential
- Commercial
- Municipal
- Mixed Residential and Commercial
- Village Green or Town Common

Windham Village Center
District
Conceptual Master Plan
September 2005



NH 111 Corridor





Scope of Work

- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Wall Street Extension Concept
- Projected Future Conditions
- Short Term Recommendations
- Long Term Recommendations
- Document Preparation
- Public Participation
- Project Management



Consultant Team



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Project Management
Roadway Planning & Design
Alternatives Development
Environmental Resources



R | S | G INC.
RESOURCE SYSTEMS GROUP, INC.

Traffic Modeling and
Analysis



Context Sensitive Solutions
Alternatives Development

C R J A

Streetscape/
Landscape
Architecture



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Context Sensitive Solutions

CSS is defined by FHWA as “a collaborative interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility”.



Public Participation

- Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Public Informational Meetings
- Public Workshops
- Display Materials
- Design Visualizations





Study Steps

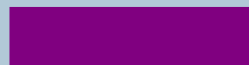
Make Short and
Long Term
Recommendations



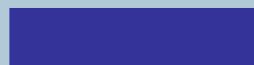
Evaluate
Alternatives



Develop
Alternatives



Vision
Statement

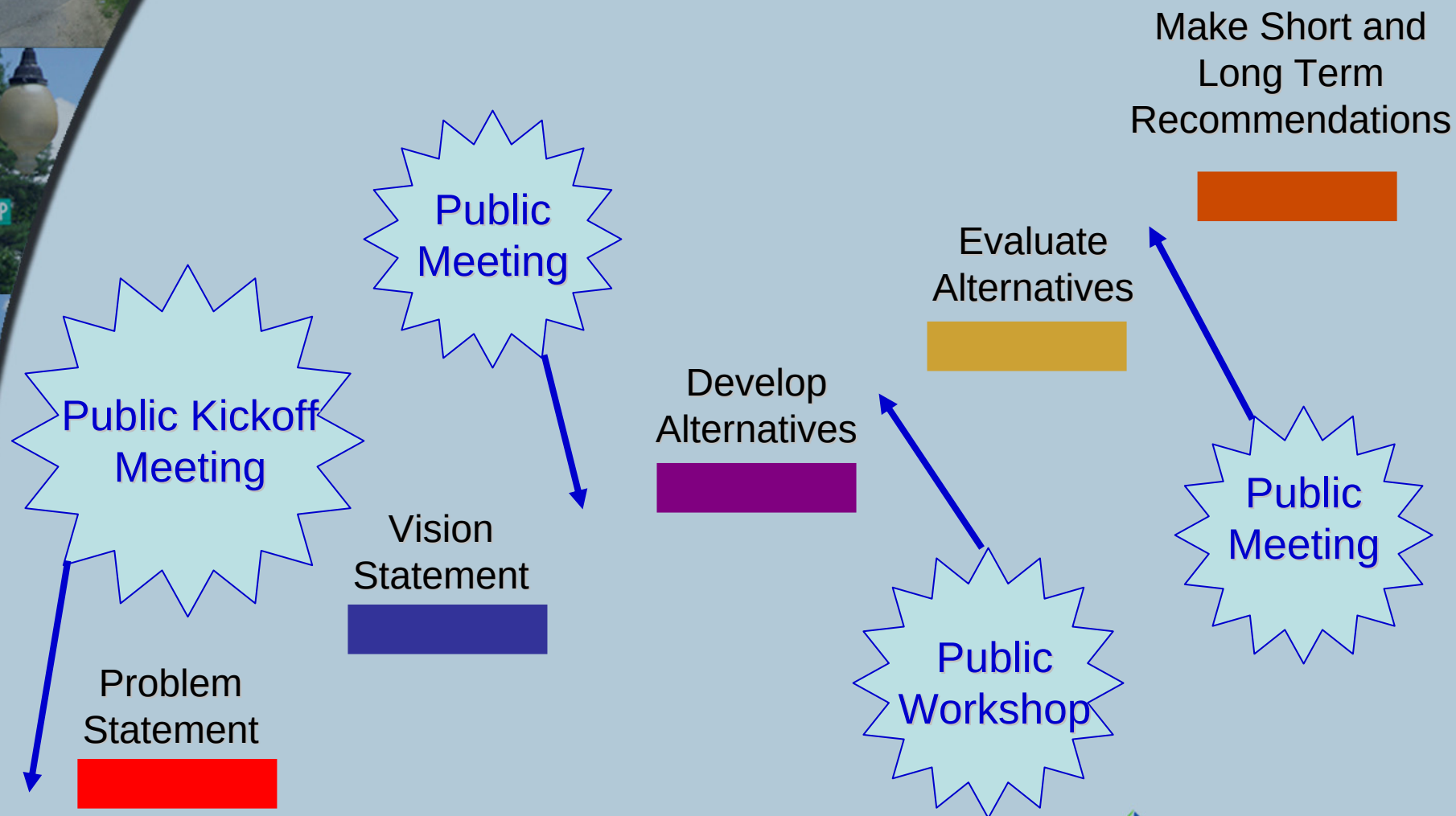


Problem
Statement





Study Steps





Project Schedule

- Existing Conditions Analysis – Spring to Fall 2009
- Wall Street Extension Concept – Fall 2009
- Projected Future Conditions – Fall / Winter 2009
- Long Term Recommendations – Winter/Spring 2010
- Short Term Recommendations – Spring/Summer 2010
- Final Document – Fall 2010
- Completion – Fall 2010





PAC Roles and Responsibilities

- “Advisory” Committee
- Represent constituency or interest
- Provide input and guidance throughout the process to the project team
- Provide feedback on specific project products, concepts and documents
- Help ensure the overall Project Vision is met
- Report to constituent groups on the progress, direction and content of the study
- Communicate to the project team and to one another, the interests and concerns of each representative’s constituent group about plan concepts and components as they are developed
- Help publicize the project and the public meeting and workshops as they are scheduled
- Help reach community consensus on various elements of the plan





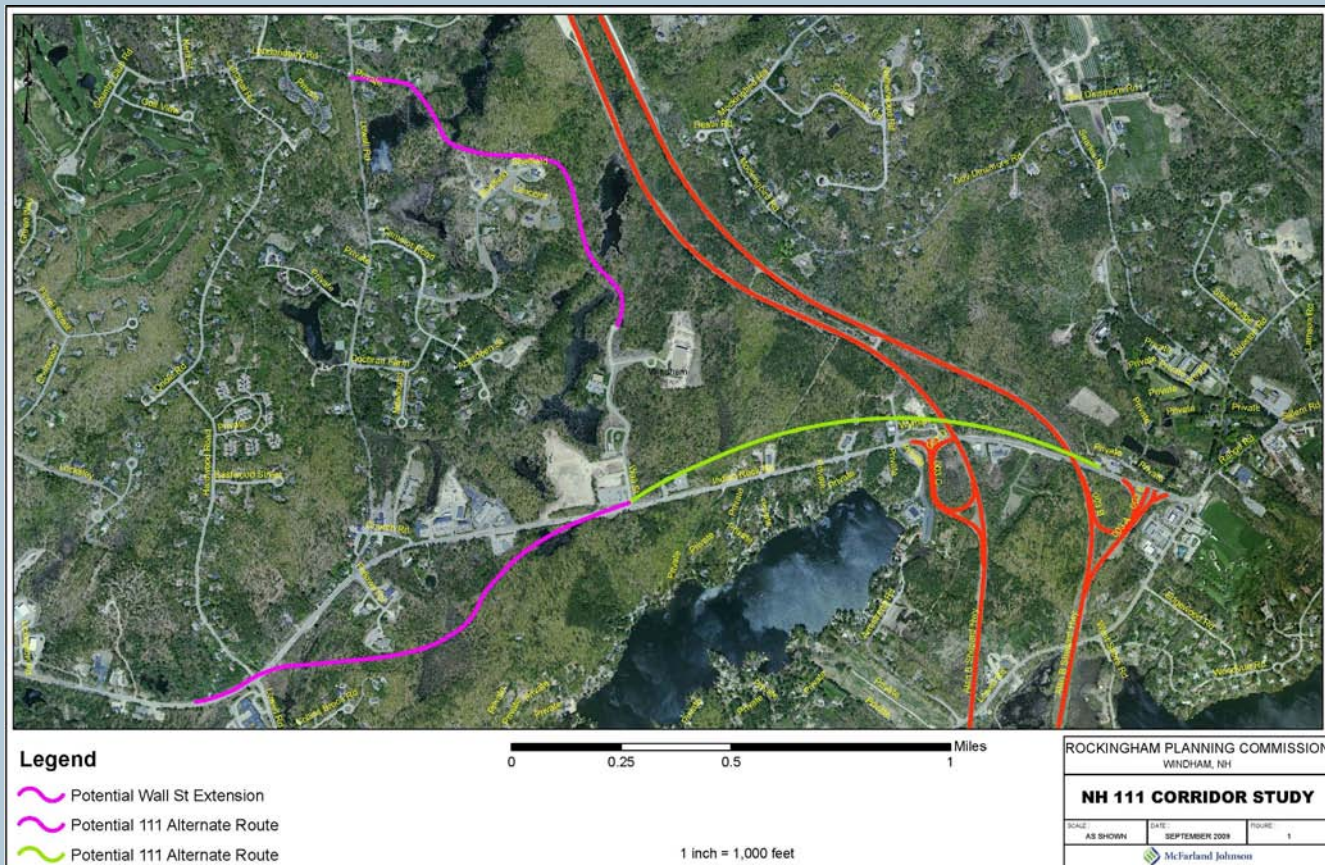
PAC Guidelines

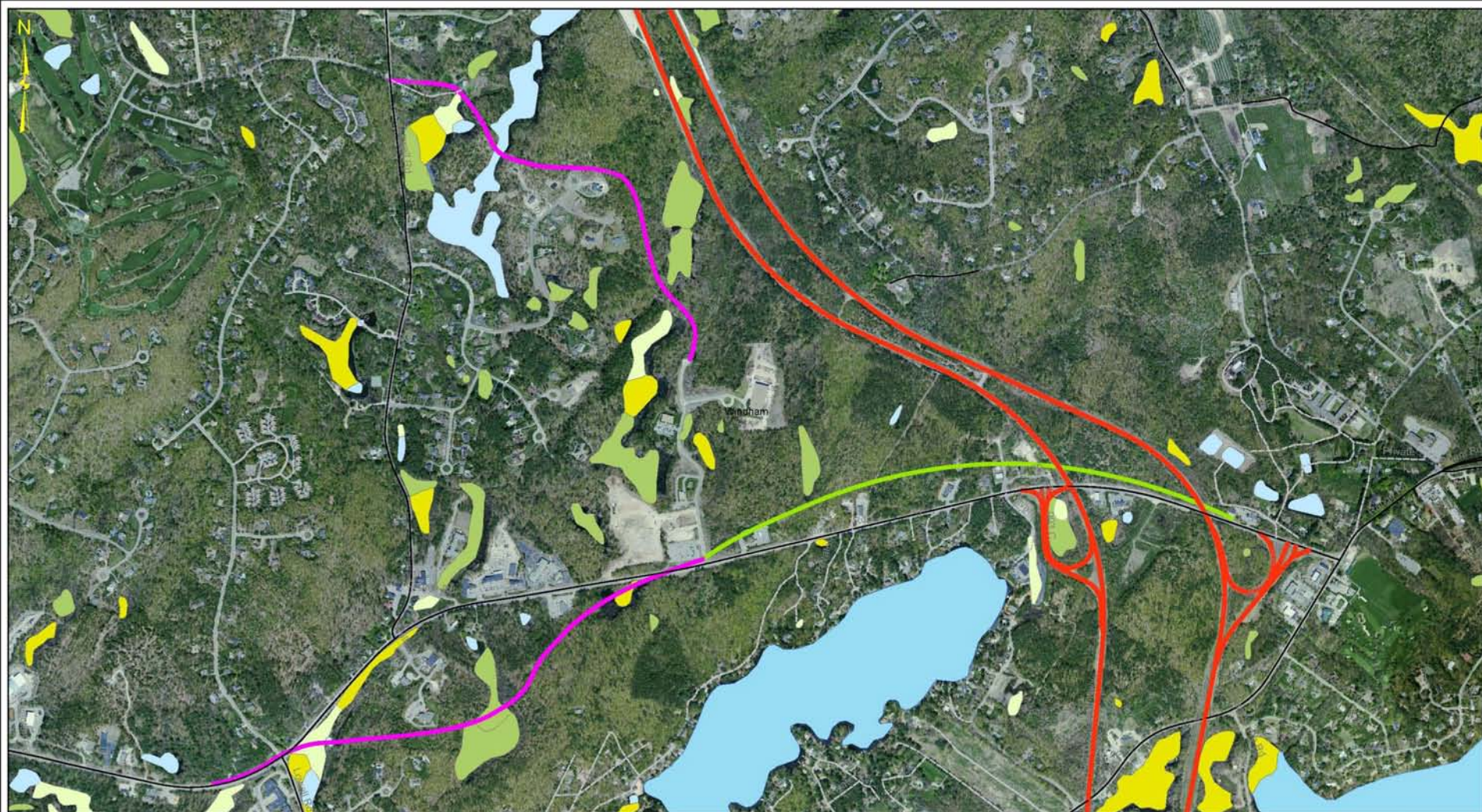
- Each member should freely share ideas and ask questions, there are no Bad ideas
- Consensus rules
 - *Consensus does not mean that everyone agrees, but that members can live with a proposal*
- In the absence of Consensus, 75% majority is required for approval
- Decision-making limited to PAC members only
- Members may designate an alternate if unable to attend a meeting





Data Collection Update





NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY WETLANDS

- LACUSTRINE
- PALUSTRINE EMERGENT
- PALUSTRINE FORESTED
- PALUSTRINE SCRUB SHRUB
- PALUSTRINE UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM

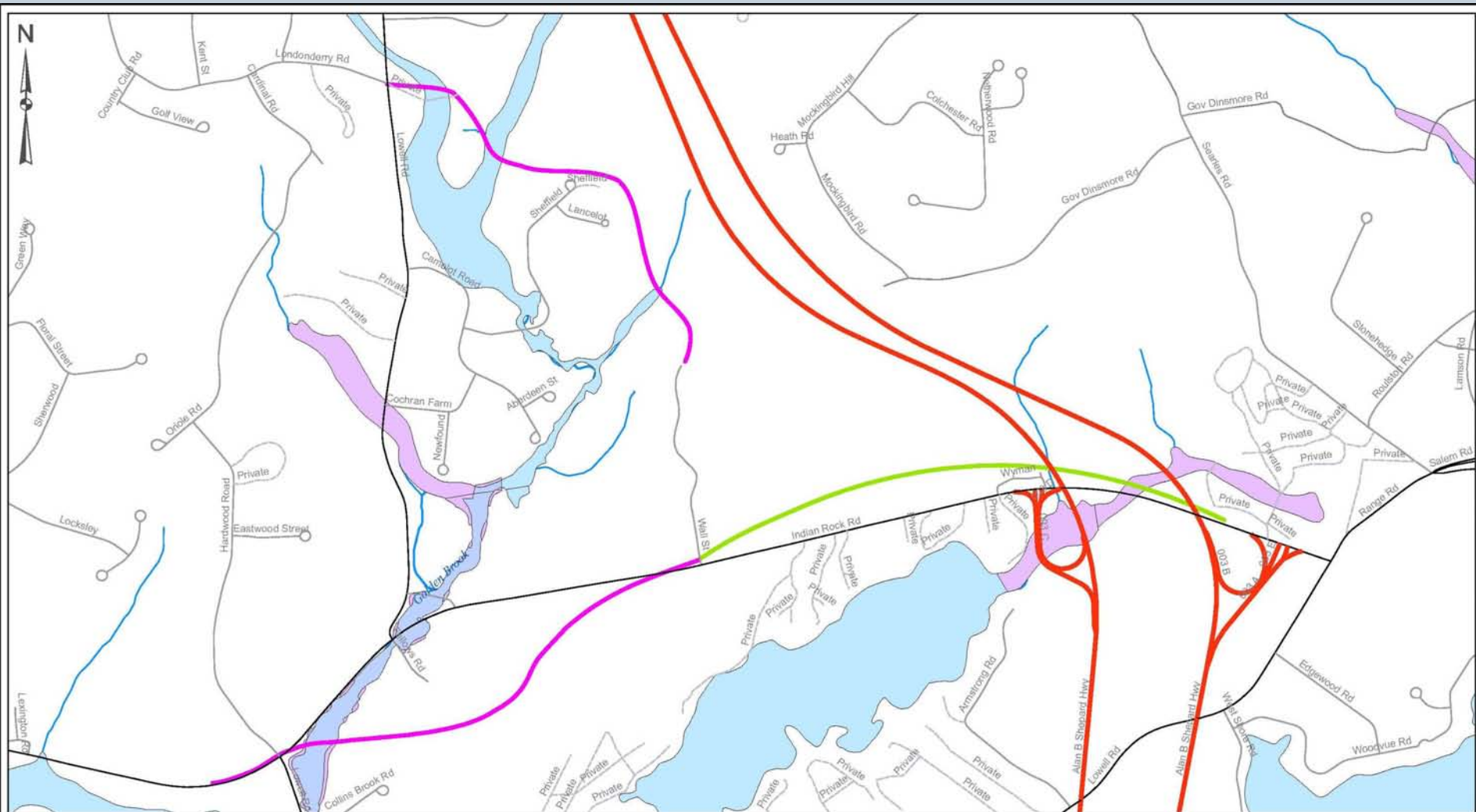


1 inch = 1,000 feet

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WINDHAM, NH

NH 111 CORRIDOR STUDY

SCALE	DATE	FIGURE
AS SHOWN	SEPTEMBER 2009	4
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FLOODPLAINS

ZONE

- A (1% ANNUAL FLOOD CHANCE)
- AE (1% ANNUAL FLOOD CHANCE WITH BASE ELEVATIONS DETERMINED)
- X500 (0.02% ANNUAL FLOOD CHANCE)

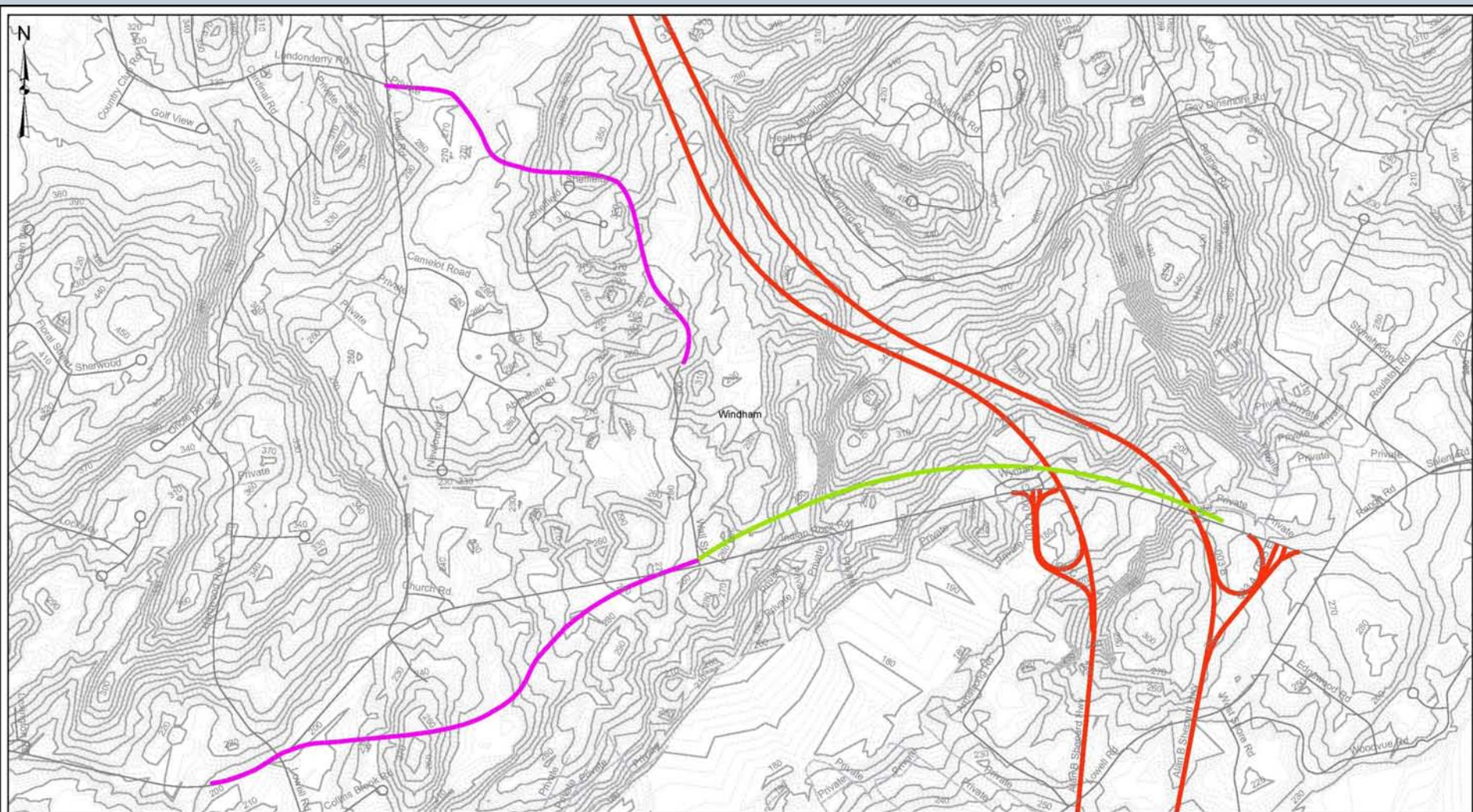
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TOPOGRAPHY

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ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION
WINDHAM, NH

NH 111 CORRIDOR STUDY

SCALE: AS SHOWN	DATE: SEPTEMBER 2009	FIGURE: 1
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Public Kickoff Meeting

- Project Introduction and Overview
- Discuss problems and challenges along Corridor
- Discuss Opportunities and Long Term Vision
- No Alternatives to be presented
- What is the best time and place?
- How to notify public?



Public Kickoff Meeting

DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP



The City of Franklin is conducting a study to improve the transportation system in Downtown Franklin with the goal of revitalizing the downtown. Access to and from the mill buildings, parking for adjacent businesses, and enhanced aesthetics are all goals of the project. The Downtown Transportation Workshop will be a hands-on meeting that provides all interested parties the opportunity to influence the future plans for the downtown.

What: Transportation Workshop

When: Tuesday,
September 29, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Where: Franklin Public Library
2nd Floor
310 Central Street
Franklin, NH

Who: **YOU**
Residents,
Business Owners,
Commuters,
Local Officials

Franklin Downtown Transportation Improvement Project



City of Franklin
Planning and Zoning Department

Public Informational Meetings

The Route 3 and 25 Corridors in Meredith are Going to Change



The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is conducting a planning study of the US Route 3 and NH Route 25 Corridors through Meredith. Public Informational Meetings will be held to present and describe the range of alternatives that have been considered for this regionally important corridor. The alternatives have been reviewed by the Project Advisory Committee, a committee comprised of community, regulatory and transportation groups, to determine whether they are reasonable for further consideration.



What: Public Informational Meeting

Where: Meredith Community Center
One Circle Drive
Meredith, NH

Who: **YOU!**
Residents, Commuters, and
Local Officials

When: Saturday, August 16, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 19, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

The Public Informational Meetings will provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the reasonable alternatives. Three sessions will be held to give all interested parties the opportunity to attend. During each session a brief presentation will begin on the hour each hour. Following the presentation any questions or concerns from the public will be addressed. The public can review project materials and alternatives during each session. Members of the Design Team as well members of the Project Advisory Committee will be available to answer questions.



**Meredith US 3/NH 25 Improvements
Transportation Planning Study**
For more information visit: meredith3-25.com
Or e-mail: meredith3-25@njinc.com



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Next Steps

- Set meeting schedule for PAC
- Assignment
 - *What are the problems along the NH 111 Corridor near the Windham Village Center?*
 - *What is your vision for the NH 111 Corridor in the Windham Village Center?*





Questions / Comments