

Complete Streets of West Stockbridge 7th meeting draft 3.7.24 8:30 AM

In Person attendees at meeting: Curt Wilton, Joe Roy, Jr, & Frank Landsberger

Meeting came to order at 8:43AM

Curt asked for comments on the minutes of the last meeting. They were accepted as read unanimously.

The purpose of this meeting was to enhance the proposal application of our first application to Complete streets since we were advised by MassDOT to do so.

Curt brought up the data from our first application so we could revise it in such a way that it explained more thoroughly the benefits of each project. During the discussion, Curt explained that the Swamp Road intersection is 1200 feet from the turnpike exit ramp. He further stated that the "downtown" district [Main Street] is only 562 feet from the same turnpike exit ramp. This illustrates that much of the downtown traffic just exited a 65-75 mph highway and is entering a 15 mph speed zone. And at the Swamp Road intersection, the zoning district is residential. It was also pointed out that Main Street in West Stockbridge is topographically located in a valley where all traffic enters either from the I-90 turnpike, or from highways that descend from much higher elevations. All traffic is decelerating and braking down hills into a much lower speed limited downtown that is thickly settled and has many crosswalks.

The conversation included language about speed limit signs, well marked crosswalks, and language for the grant application that focused on mitigating the congestion and dangers of a small but busy downtown.

Curt took notes and wrote alternate language that focused on the dangers of vehicular speeding, congested pedestrian movement, multiple intersections and crosswalks, tight public parking spaces, multiple commercial venues in the two blocks of the downtown where 6200 vehicles a day pass through.

It was determined that we plan to reapply for the same projects that were rejected; but this time we would better explain the reasons that these projects would greatly improve the dangers that exist regarding safety and traffic calming.

Curt plans to submit pictures that will be added to the next application.

All the proposed revised descriptions for the application were documents by Curt and will be presented for final submission prior to submitting the new application,

The board will continue this discussion at our next meeting on March 21st.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:09AM. There was a 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Roy, Jr

Video Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/phi9f5lwgHxPVnuUGMDWPQkFfz8ysGx31Tk-dekj5WjOYx0uHfiZLIG-3h01lp54.RLU6b1LpgCAknHwN>

Passcode: 53APqE?