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From: Jahnle, Steve
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Cohen, Paul; Persichetti, Gary
Cc: Maffetone, Steve
Subject: RE: North Chelmsford Truck Traffic Mitigation Options - September 28th Agenda

Real quick estimate.... Swain just for sidewalk would be around \$250,000 give or take 20,000 for drainage. We should also add in repaving the roadway as well if we need to plan doing Swain. Groton Road would be about \$100,000 for sidewalk from the Legion to Main Street and I would want to repave that road and do drainage improvements as well. Crossing at that intersection will need some study....I don't want to say it, but possibly look at a traffic signal, which would certainly make crossing simple.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 2:56 PM
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Cc: Maffetone, Steve <smaffetone@chelmsfordma.gov>
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Steve,

Can you provide a ballpark estimate of what it may cost to construct sidewalks on Swain Road?

I think that there are federal highway regulations regarding distances between highway access/exits. That may preclude a direct access from the former rest area.

Thanks,

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Sidewalk installation on Swain Road has not been part of any plan that I am aware of. It is not on our plan dating back to 2004 and was not identified in the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan from 2017. It would create a loop however, Dunstable Road to Groton Road to Swain Road. Additional sidewalk would also need to be added on Groton Road, from the Legion to the Swain/Groton/Main Street intersection to make the loop happen. Crossing at that intersection would need some analysis though and would set up for the future sidewalk installation on Main Street.

When Modern Continental was expanding Route 3 they used the rest area north of Groton Road on the southbound side and some of the land where Newport is now as the main staging area for the construction of the highway widening. They had direct access to the highway during construction because they were the construction contractor on the project. When construction was complete, the old rest area was closed off and landscaped. Route 3 is a limited access highway, so I am not sure of what the process is for a direct ramp.

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From: Cohen, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:06 PM
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Subject: RE: North Chelmsford Truck Traffic Mitigation Options - September 28th Agenda

Gary and Steve,

I am scheduled to report to the Select Board on Monday night on the two items listed below.

Please provide a written response that I can include in the Board's meeting packet by 12:00 noon tomorrow (Thursday).

Thank you,

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From: Cohen, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:31 AM
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Gary and Steve,

Please work with Steve Maffetone to provide responses to the two additional truck traffic issues in the message below.

Thanks,

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Cc: Wojtas, Pat <pwojtas@chelmsfordma.gov>; George Dixon <gdixon10@hotmail.com>; Antul, Emily <eantul@chelmsfordma.gov>; Paul Haverly <paul@bbhlaw.net>
Subject: North Chelmsford Truck Traffic Mitigation Options - September 28th Agenda

I have copied the Board for information and background only, not for replies or email discussion.

I have had two resident questions posed since our Select Board meeting on September 14th related to the Truck Traffic Mitigation options for North Chelmsford. Could we please add these to the table of options and briefly address them during the Town Manager reports on September 28th? Thank you.

- (1) Michelle Tanguay (Swain Road resident): See email below asking about consideration for sidewalks on Swain Road and asking that it be included in the next meeting. I don't recall this being part of our previous discussions or where it might fit in the overall sidewalk priorities.
- (2) John Dearden (Groton Road resident): Direct Access to Route 3 from Ledge Road. John asked what happened to a previous idea that had been communicated regarding a connection to Route 3 off of Ledge Road with a private access ramp. He thought someone was checking with the State. I believe this is related to another conversation that Mike McCall recently had with Jeff Gillies (Groton Road resident). Jeff's request was that the town look into a different alternative where direct access to Route 3 could be accomplished from Ledge Road via an on-ramp without having to build a new access Road and without sending trucks through the residential area of Ledge Road. Specifically, there was a company called Continental in that area which no longer exists. When Continental was doing work on Route 3, the State allowed them to have their own private on-ramp to access Route 3 from the industrial zone Ledge Road area. Jeff believes it was a Southbound ramp. One could potentially use/modernize what might be old infrastructure from Continental when it had private ramp access directly to Route 3. Jeff is not sure where things were left with Mike McCall. While coordination with the current property owner and the State would also be required for this option, perhaps receptivity might be different since it is not requesting easement through the state owned property to build a road. If it is feasible, perhaps it might be easier and faster to implement than a new access Road and would have the added benefit of dropping trucks right onto Route 3 without going through any residential areas - Ledge or Groton Road.

Last, I suggest we consider calling this topic "North Chelmsford Truck Traffic Mitigation Options" instead of "Ledge Road". The hardest issue is Ledge Road and that is affecting other areas of North Chelmsford, but some of the issues are independent of Ledge Road. There were truck traffic issues and home damage raised to the Board earlier this year related to Vinal Square travel which had nothing to do with Ledge Road. Issues with Asphalt Plant trucks have/will have nothing to do with Ledge Road. The left hand turn option at Ledge and Dunstable does not help Ledge Road, but it helps Dunstable, Swain and Groton Roads. Solutions for Ledge Road need to balance how they affect other areas.

Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,
Virginia

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Cc: George Dixon <gdixon10@hotmail.com>
Subject: 9/14 Select Board mtg question

Dear Select Board Vice Chair Timmins,

I am a resident of Swain Rd in N. Chelmsford and I logged into tonight's Select Board meeting specifically to hear the discussion re: the Ledge Rd. truck traffic issue. I attended one of the Board's community input meetings on this topic last summer and have been in touch with Mr. Dixon from time to time for updates.

I appreciated your thorough review of the 4 options presented. Upon reviewing the document it occurred to me that Swain Road wasn't included in the sidewalk option as were Ledge and Dunstable. While I agree that residents on Ledge and Dunstable would benefit from sidewalks, I'm wondering why Swain was not included in the plan. Since further discussion was postponed until the next Board meeting I would appreciate if you could pose the question.

Thank you.

Best Regards,
Michelle Tanguay
82 Swain Road



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