



To: William Rose, NHDOT

Date: June 22, 2015

Memorandum

Project #: 52360.00

From: Gordon Leedy, AICP
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Re: Hampton Beach Transportation Master Plan Update: Listening
Session Summary

On June 11, 2015, a Public Information Meeting and Listening Session was held at Hampton Town Hall. VHB summarized and presented both the existing conditions inventory and the recommendations contained in the 2001 Master Plan related to transportation. Those in attendance were then broken out into three small groups to discuss issues and changes that have occurred since the adoption of the 2001 Master Plan. Attendees were then asked to vote for their priority issues by placing stickers next to the issues on the summary sheets.

Below is a summary of the issues identified at the June 11th Public Listening Session. Included in the summary is a tally votes cast by members of the public who attended.

Small Group #1

1. Sidewalk Improvements

- Sidewalks on the east side of Ocean Blvd are ok, but west side needs improvement.
- Widen sidewalks on the west side to the existing yellow edge line pavement marking.
- Improve sidewalks on Ocean Blvd north of Ashworth Ave.
- Widen sidewalks and shoulder from Boars Head north Winnacunnet Road.
- Concern with skateboard and bicycle use on sidewalks.

Listening Session Score (7)

2. Close Ocean Blvd to vehicular traffic – Move traffic to Ashworth Ave

Listening Session Score (3)

3. Build a 4-way intersection at Hampton State Park

- Align intersection with Hampton State Park and Hampton State Pier creating a new entrance to the marina area.
- Reduce boat traffic queue on Ocean Blvd with a dedicate turn lanes.

Listening Session Score (2)

4. Route 1A Hampton Harbor Bridge

- Four pedestrian deaths.
- Bottleneck with poor emergency access.

- Expand the bridge to two-lanes in each direction.
- Fix span bridge.
- Potential historic issues.
 - Creative design opposition.

Listening Session Score (6)

Small Group #2

1. Landing Road backup at Route 101 with nowhere to go once you have reached Ashworth Ave

Listening Session Score (1)

2. Police need assistance with parking/pedestrian control

Listening Session Score (1)

3. Hampton Beach State Park (South Beach Parking Lot) is underutilized

Listening Session Score (2)

4. Wayfinding/directional signage is needed

Listening Session Score (2)

5. Develop a mobile parking application (could provide alerts as well)

Listening Session Score (0)

6. Reconstruct Ocean Blvd with sidewalks and stormwater improvements

Listening Session Score (5)

7. Improve Sight Distance at intersection locations

Listening Session Score (1)

5. Need for a bathhouse near Winnacunnet Rd

Listening Session Score (3 Yes and 1 No)

8. Shuttle loop is needed

Listening Session Score (0)

Small Group #3

1. Rail alternative solution from Route 1 to the Beach

- a. Provide an additional transportation corridor/mode of travel to the Beach.

Listening Session Score (4)

2. Do not install any new signals. Find another solution

Listening Session Score (3)

3. Transit/shuttle service solution

- a. Limited proprietary.
- b. Year round transportation.

Listening Session Score: (3)

4. Create a drop off location for buses (tourism) at the Beach.

Listening Session Score (1)

Ownership of the sidewalks

- a. Maintenance issue.

Listening Session Score (2)

5. Entrance/Exit at the Hampton Beach State Park (Central Parking Area Lot)

- a. Requires a sharp right-hand turn in and out of the facility.
- b. Facility is not clearly marked on Ocean Blvd.
- c. Poor emergency access in/out of the facility due to queued cars.
- d. Use one of the lettered streets north of the Central Parking Lot as an exit to Ashworth Ave
 - 5 Shorter cycling time for reversing direction for drivers who miss the entrance to the Central Parking Area.
 - 6 Shorter cycle time for cruisers.

Listening Session Score (2)

6. Lack of parking along the beach front

Listening Session Score (1)

7. Lack of reasonably priced parking through the Hampton Beach area

Listening Session Score (1)

8. Signalization along Ocean Blvd between D & F Street

- a. Connect Brown Ave to Ocean Blvd. E Street was never built.

Listening Session Score (1)

9. Dedicated bus lanes on Ashworth Ave/Ocean Blvd

Listening Session Score (0)

10. Implement traffic calming measures

Listening Session Score (0)

ISSUES

LANDING ROAD BACKUP @ 101
NOWHERE TO GO ONCE AT ASHWORTH

STATE PARK IS UNDER UTILIZED

WAYFINDING / DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

SHUTTLE LOOP NEEDED

DEVELOP PARKING "AP"

- COULD PROVIDE ALERTS AS WELL.

RECONSTRUCT OCEAN BOULEVARD

- SIDEWALKS

- STORMWATER

SIGHT DISTANCE AT INTERSECTIONS

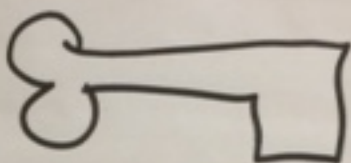
BATHHOUSE NEAR WINNECUNNET

POLICE NEEDED TO HELP W/ TRAFFIC / PED
CONTROL

Broader transit?

transit/shuttle

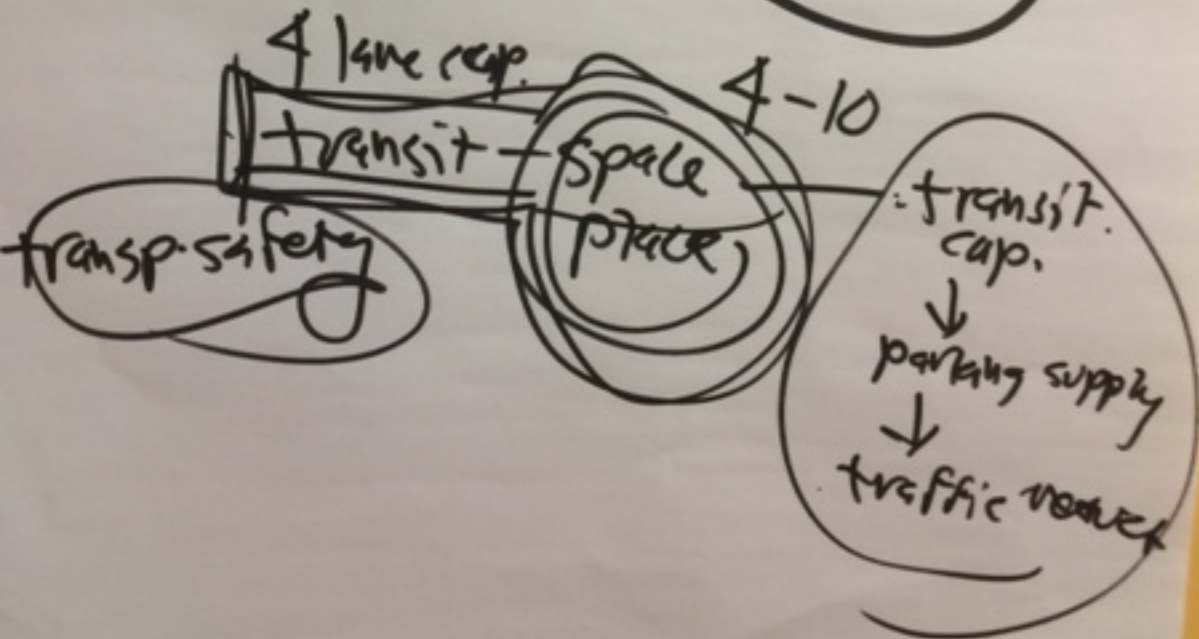
- ① limited properties:
- ② year round transp.



solution

Summer
intermodal
solution,

RPC - (R+1)



Pressing issues:

Bridge



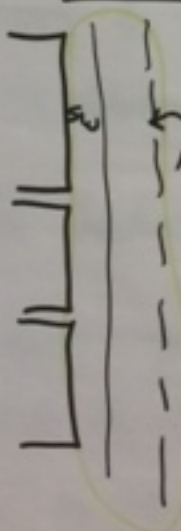
- critical issue
- dangerous
- make wider - 2 lanes each way
- 4 ped deaths
- fixed span

Emergency

Sidewalks

- POT - historic issues - creative design opp.

East side ok - west side



widen the sidewalk to the yellow line.

? veh. - ped separation

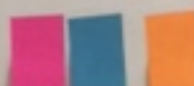
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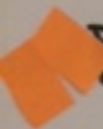
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Sidewalks

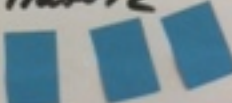
↑ Ashworth north 

 Search → Winnacumt Rd ⇒ wider sidewalks/shoulder


Skateboard traffic on sidewalks


- Bike use on sidewalk

Close Ocean Blvd to Vehicle Traffic

⇒ move to Ashworth 

Temporary Traffic Controls

At the State Park - Intersection (4-way) 

Accommodate Boat traffic 

- Entrance to marina area

Boats head sea wall
- Line of sight

walk

Bike

walk on st.

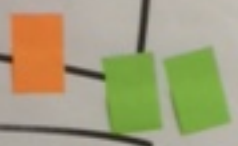
wide w/ cars

Skateboard

No signals

find another way

traffic calming



Pressing Issues

1. Entrance to State Park (CPA Lot)
- 1 exit / 1 Entrance

- Side Street use as an exit from the State Park - Shorter cycle time cruising

2. Rail Alternative from Route 1 to the beach
- Additional transportation Corridor

3. Lack of Parking along the beach front

4. Reasonably Priced Parking

5. Tourism BUS Drop off
- Lacking within the area

6. CPA Lot

- Terrible Entrance
- Not clearly marked
- Emergency Access (Enter/Exit)
 - Blocked by parked cars

7. Dedicated Bus Lane

8. Ownership of the sidewalks

9. Winnacumet Rd Bathroom Proposal

10. Signalization along the main Beach

- D-F Street near Ballroom