

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TOWN OF BELMONT 19 Moore Street Homer Municipal Building Belmont, Massachusetts 02478-0900

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE **Thursday, January 28, 2021** 7:00 PM Location – Remote Meeting

In keeping with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020; "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law" -<u>All Participation by Committee and Town Residents will be by Remote Access</u> If the audio becomes unavailable, the meeting will be paused until it can be restored, or the meeting will end

FOR PARTICIPANTS: The Transportation Advisory Committee will start at 7:00 PM and you may join the meeting remotely starting at 6:55 PM.

By computer or smartphone go to: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88136816787</u>

- Follow on screen instructions
 - Enter your Full Name under participant (only those with a name entered will be allowed to comment if desired)

By telephone: +1 929 205 6099

- When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 881 3681 6787
- Follow any additional prompts

To Provide Resident Comments:

- If you wish to provide comments when prompted by the Chair (related to the specific agenda) here is what you do:
- By Computer or Smartphone once logged in you will be able to message the Room Host
- By telephone press *9
- When the host is ready for you, you will be called on by your phone number or name (when prompted always start by presenting your full name)
- Comments will be limited by the Chair, shall be concise, and shall not repeat previous comments or questions presented by others before you
- Chair is not obligated to recognize all comments and may end comment period prior to your comment being heard

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA Thursday, January 28, 2021 7:00 PM Location – Remote Meeting

- 7:00 Call to Order
- 7:00 7:10 Approval of Minutes
- 7:10 8:30 Discussion of Intersection Improvements
 - Winter Street at Concord Avenue and
 - Mill Street at Concord Avenue
- 8:30 8:35 Old Business
 - No Known Items
- 8:35 8:40 New Business
 - No Known Items
- 8:40 Adjourn



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Winter Street/Concord Avenue/Mill Street— Conceptual Intersection Improvements



Presented by

Tim McIntosh Laura Castelli Erin Thompson

December 14, 2017



Winter Street/Concord Avenue/Mill Street Status

- Traffic Advisory Committee meeting on October 12, 2017
 - Kicked off the discussion of potential intersection improvements
 - Residents had an opportunity to share their comments / concerns
 - Town and VHB listened
- Conceptual Design Development
 - Completed traffic data collection
 - Developed several conceptual design alternatives
- Traffic Advisory Committee meeting on December 14, 2017
 - Conceptual designs presented tonight



General Summary of Resident Concerns

- High Speed on Concord Avenue WB approaching Mill Street
- Severe intersection angle at Concord Avenue and Mill Street
- Sight line at Concord Avenue and Mill Street
- High Speed on Concord Avenue WB approaching Winter Street
- Difficult to make a left turn from Winter Street to Concord Avenue EB
- Cut-through traffic a concern at Partridge Lane
- Traffic queuing in general
- High speeds in general
- Lack of sidewalks
- Safety





Goals for Conceptual Design

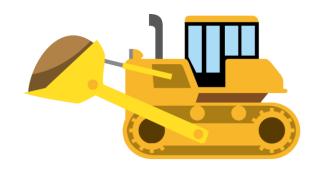
- Address Safety Issues
- Reduce High Vehicle Speeds
- Alleviate Traffic Back-ups





Challenges

- Available Right-of-Way
- Adjacent Conservation Land
- Achieving consensus on proposed solution
- Construction funding





Conceptual Design Alternatives

- T-Intersection concept
- Roundabout concept
- Combination of T-Intersection and Roundabout concept





Conceptual Design Alternative—T Intersection



Winter Street Pros

- Speed issue is addressed for Concord Avenue EB to Winter Street
- Traffic queuing improved on Winter Street SB to Concord Avenue

- Lengthy traffic queue on Concord Avenue EB in AM
- Speed issue not addressed from Concord Avenue WB to Winter Street
- Potential driveway impact to #981 Concord Avenue



Conceptual Design Alternative—T Intersection

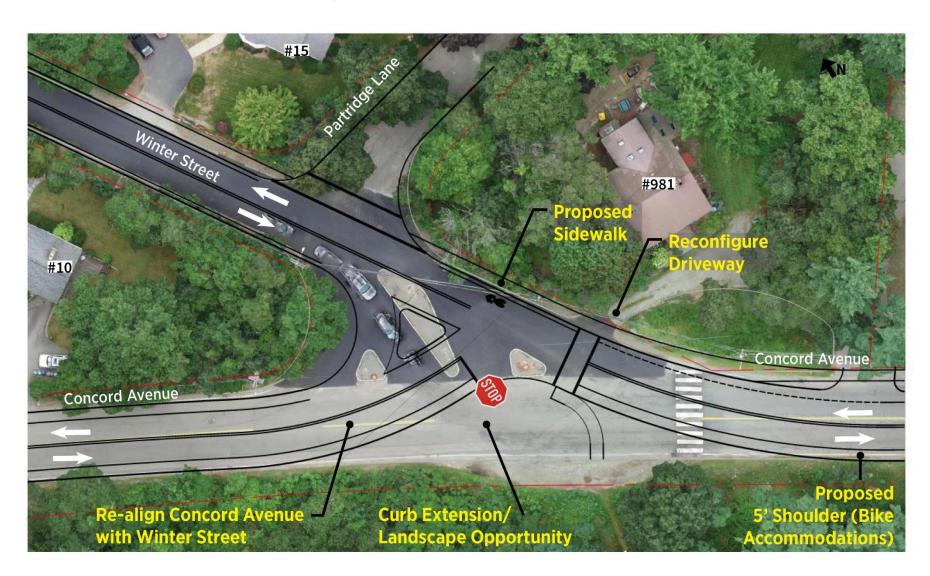


Mill Street Pros

- Clear sense of who has the right-of-way
- Eliminates lengthy traffic queue on Mill Street
- No impacts to Gas Station access
- Addresses speed concern for Concord Avenue WB approach to Mill Street

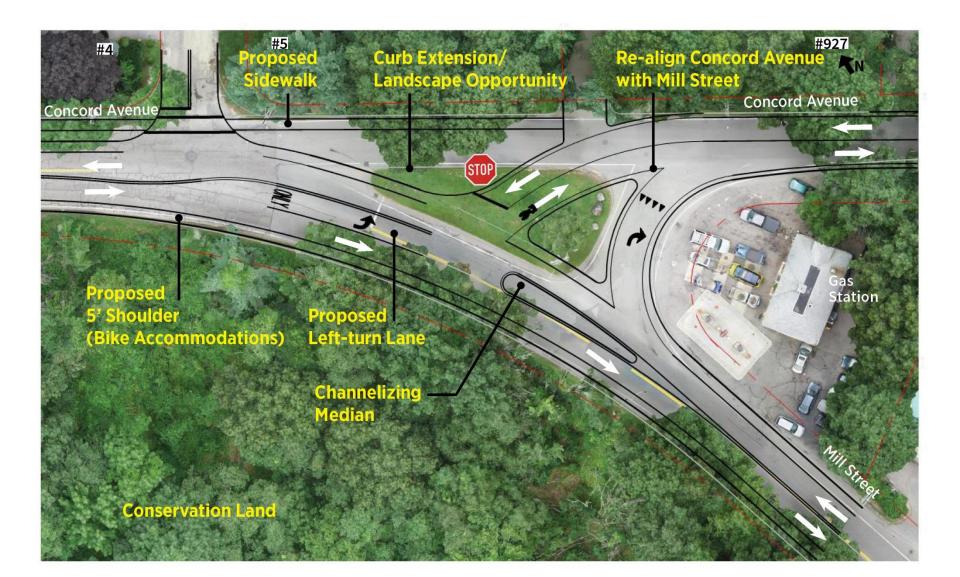
- Reconfiguration of existing grass island area needed
- Potential for increased speed on Mill Street







Conceptual Design Alternative—T Intersection







Winter Street Pros

- Addresses speed issue on all approaches
- Operates well in AM & PM

Cons

Potential for minor right-of-way impacts to #10
Winter Street and #981 Concord Avenue





Mill Street Pros

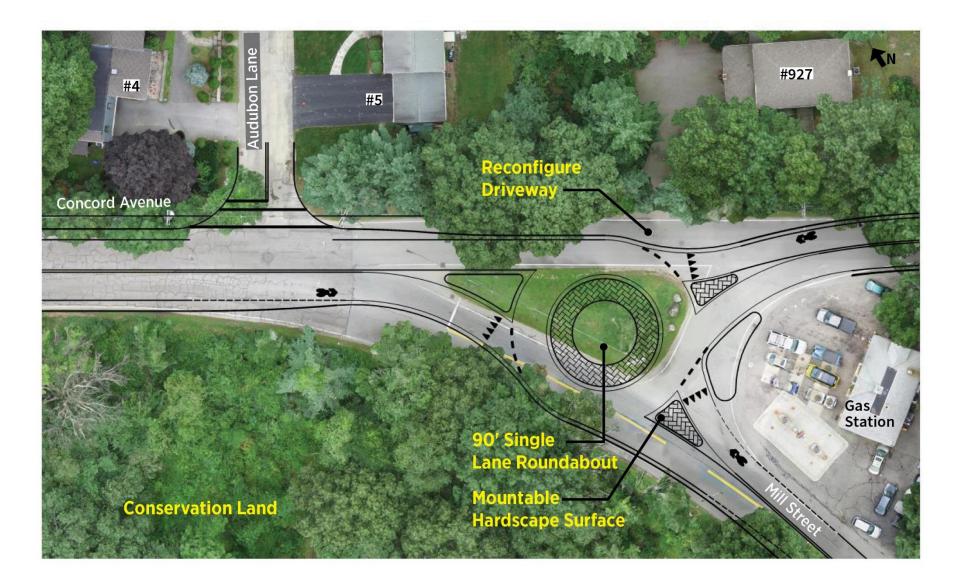
- Addresses speed issue on all approaches
- Operates well in PM
- Clear sense of who has the right-of-way

- Impacts driveway access to #927 Concord Avenue
- Lengthy traffic queue on Concord Avenue EB approach to Mill Street in AM











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Conceptual Design Alternative—Preferred



Winter Street Pros

- Addresses speed issue on all approaches
- Operates well in AM & PM

- Potential for minor right-of-way impacts to #10 Winter Street and #981 Concord Avenue
- Potential for increased speed on Mill Street



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Questions

