

SUMMARY OF MEETING



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DATE: June 5, 2018

PROJECT: US Route 4 Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Project (PIN 1089.75)

PLACE: Defreestville Fire Department

TIME: 6:30 pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to inform the public on the project status, present concept improvements and alternatives, and receive public comment and input.

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title/Representing</u>
Tony Germano	Town of North Greenbush
Lou Desso	Town of North Greenbush
Rich Laberge	Laberge Group
Wayne Bonesteel	Rensselaer County
Don Adams	Creighton Manning
Greg Gibbons	Creighton Manning
Josh Wilsey	Creighton Manning
Matt Reluzco	Creighton Manning

See attached Attendance Sheets

Summary

The first public involvement meeting for the US Route 4 Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Project was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Defreestville Fire Department in North Greenbush. The meeting was well attended with over 100 residents, stakeholders, Town Board members, and Town officials. The meeting began with Lou Desso and Tony Germano introducing the project and its background. It was then handed over to Don Adams and Greg Gibbons for the technical presentation. The Power point presentation has been posted to the project website.

The purpose of the meeting was to first, inform the public about the existing conditions along the US Route 4 corridor, pointing out current areas of concern and future development along the corridor. Afterward, details were provided for concept traffic and pedestrian improvements being considered along the US Route 4 corridor. There were five (5) separate improvements discussed which could be constructed with the available construction funding of \$8.256M.

Poster boards were displayed for the public to view before and after the meeting. These poster boards include:

1. An existing conditions map
2. Proposed sidewalk improvements along the corridor with property lines
3. Proposed traffic and pedestrian improvements at US Route 4 and Bloomingrove Drive
4. Proposed traffic and pedestrian improvements at US Route 4 and Winter Street Extension

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5. Proposed traffic and pedestrian improvements at US Route 4 and Williams Road

Since the meeting, the poster boards have been posted to the project website.

Meeting attendees had several opportunities to provide input, ask questions, and offer comments. The public had the opportunity to comment following the existing conditions portion of the presentation, and at the end of the presentation, after the concept designs were explained in more detail. The project team was available at the end of the presentation for individual comments and questions. Comments were also submitted through written comment forms that were part of the meeting handout, and through the project website, <https://route4corridorng.com/>. Presentation materials and display posters were made available on the project website the day after the public meeting.

Public Comments/Questions

As of June 19, 2018, 2 weeks after the public meeting, 48 written comments have been received through email/website and comment forms. Below is a summarized list of the comments and questions received during the public meeting.

Future of undeveloped land and future of corridor

- When is the rest of the corridor going to be considered for additional improvements?
- What is the priority of the proposed project areas?
- With the development near the Elks Lodge, would more traffic be on US Route 4 or Glenmore Road?
- Will additional street lighting be provided along the corridor?
- Will these traffic and pedestrian improvements encourage local businesses to improve as well?

Unsafe and or undesirable conditions for pedestrians

- US Route 4 and NY Route 43 pedestrian accommodations are terrible.

Unsafe and or undesirable conditions for motorists

- Mazda Cooley Motors cars unloading on US Route 4, unsafe.
- Concerned about inexperienced college drivers using roundabouts.
- Concern about speeds going into roundabouts, (Mannix Road referenced), want to add signs/flashing.

Traffic Volumes/capacity

- Concern about side roads of Bloomingrove Drive being used to go down and cut to US Route 4.
- Concern that the volume of traffic on Bloomingrove Drive will still not be decreased.
- Will a roundabout be able to handle more traffic volume than a signal would? Would control if Bloomingrove Drive was taken?

US Route 4 and Bloomingrove Drive South to Valley View

- Will the TWLTL have great impacts on the properties along US Route 4?
- Increased drainage with widening, where is it going to go?
- Will traffic be improved out of Valley View Blvd onto US Route 4?

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- Comment that doesn't think adding a center turn lane would be a good idea.
- Concern with dedicated, right turn to Bloomingrove Drive south bound that people will speed through and go faster.

US Route 4 and Winter Street Extension

- Will the US Route 4 and Winter Street Extension improvements promote/improve US Route 4 use? Make Bloomingrove Drive less attractive?
- Was a roundabout considered for this intersection?

US Route 4 and Williams Road

- Concern about pedestrian crossings at roundabouts, unsafe.
- Will making a left out of northern Bloomingrove Drive be easier?
- Will the traffic light at south road cause gridlock with the proposed roundabout alternative?
- Concern of more pedestrian incidents if you put in sidewalks from La Salle across US Route 4.
- Comment that US Route 4 and Williams Road is the critical spot in the corridor.
- How many lanes would be in the proposed roundabout?
- Encouraged to look at pre and post data for roundabout (Cars and Pedestrians)
- Concern that being able to make a left off of northern Bloomingrove Drive will promote more Bloomingrove Drive traffic.

US Route 4 sidewalk improvements

- Will there be pedestrian accommodations along the entire corridor?
- Will curb and drainage be installed along corridor with sidewalk?
- Concern about losing trees near road, keeping the "Green" in Greenbush.
- What is the distance from the sidewalk to the edge of pavement? (Jordan Road to Williams Road)
- Concerned about having sidewalks to nowhere.
- Will the sidewalk be maintained year round or will it be "seasonal".
- Who will maintain the sidewalks?
- Comment that wherever the sidewalk would be placed, it would be a pedestrian generator since it would be in a residential area.

Miscellaneous

- Are there different sizes of roundabouts?
- Are there future roundabout consideration at US Route 4 and 3rd Street Extension?
- Will the speed limit be decreased?
- Concern about intersection of Winter Street Extension and Bloomingrove Drive.
- Was improving bike paths considered for this project?
- Hazardous waste costs? Have we accounted for them in our budget?

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The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

Greg Gibbons, P.E.
Project Engineer

cc: Attendees
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Public Informational Meeting

Defreestville Fire Department; North Greenbush, NY

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6:30 pm

Name	Representing	Email
Dorothy Pozzino	Resident	
MICHAEL LASHNET	RESIDENT	
Linda Weber	Resident	
Linda Dewey	resident	
Sophia Maltais	resident.	
Melissa Shanley	resident	
David Wilson	Resident	
KARL LAMPSON	TZPI TECH PARK	
JEFF BURROW	RD 1 TECH PARK	
DEVRA NUSBAUM	Resident	
ED QUIRK	RESIDENT	
Ben Bechard	resident	
ARTHUR KLING	Resident	
Sharon Wheeler + Jean Kluwek	Resident	

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DEBBIE DELWA	RESIDENT	
Walter & Hughes	Resident	
JAMES ARNOLD	RESIDENT	
Janice Nizinkirch	Resident	
Gail Ann Nizinkirch	Resident	
Karen McLaughlin	Resident	
Bob Sweeney	Resident	
MICHAEL ESPOSITO	RESIDENT	
KEITH VAN AMBURGH	RPI TECH PARK	
Michael Masone	Resident	
Carmel Hop	Resident	
Sandra Corran	Resident	
Debra Gingeresky	Resident	
Anne Marine	live on Rt 4	

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Wayne Bonesteel	Rensselaer County	
Daniel Garab	N. Greenbush Fire Dist. #1	
Margaret Decker	Neighborhood	
WILLIAM STEWART	RESIDENT	
JOHN STOKA	RESIDENT	
Margaret Schroeder	"	
John Pasquini	"	
Susan Pasquini	"	
Shirley Wilde	Resident	
Jim Wilde	Resident	
Kj Yancy	Resident	
Ant Demasi		
JOHN GAROTAL	RESIDENT	
Andy Main	"	

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Name	Representing	Email
Wanda Chenot	Home owner	
Sneila Patterson	Home owner	
Eamy Willard	"	
Tina Greenfield	"	
Jim Greenfield	"	
Erin M. Imperium		
Jim Fontaine		
Pat Sweeney	"	
Sheela Margosian	Homeowner	
Melissa Gilligan	homeowner	
Janis Fox	homeowner	
Britney Uatrakis	homeowner	
Mark + Pat Allen	homeowner	
Richard Jablonski	homeowner	

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Mary Frances Sebe	town	
Suzanne Fabiano	Resident	
David Fabiano	Resident	
Peter Aleksowicz	Resident	
Kim Margosian	resident	
Bob Lockwood	Resident	
Georgina Panton	Resident	
Suzanne Rielly	Resident	
Tom BONCZAR	Resident	
Mary BONCZAR	Resident	
WES MARSHALL	RESIDENT	

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Michele Doyle	Resident	
Tom Grant	County Legislature	
Kaden Laurilla	resident	
Richard Pavlovich	Resident	
John Ryan	Resident	
DAVE WOS	Paul	

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John Futterko	Self	
ERIN QUIRK	self	
Wade Lawrence	Self	
Walter Woodka	Self	
Mary Lily	Self	