

SUMMARY OF MEETING



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This meeting summary represents the writer’s understanding of the major issues discussed. If you wish to suggest edits or additions, please contact the undersigned by Friday, April 6, 2018.

DATE: March 23, 2018

PROJECT: Pathway Corridor Project – Exit 20 Routes 9 and 149

PLACE: EDC Offices, 333 Glen Street

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to discuss preliminary results of alternatives.

ATTENDEES:

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1. Ed opened the meeting and asked if there were any comments on the previous meeting summary. It was noted that the previous meeting summary (from committee meeting #1) had been updated to reflect Owen’s comments. Hearing no additional comments, the previous meeting summary was unanimously approved.
2. Mark provided an overview of the alternatives and preliminary trade-offs and then opened it up for comments:
3. PowerPoint comments:
 - a. Consider adding a slide on why improvements identified in other studies did not move forward, ie. lack of consensus and lack of funding. It was noted that some access management changes have been completed and should be acknowledged.
 - b. Slides 6 and 7 showed images from the previous study and should be updated.
Action: CM to update PowerPoint.
4. Review/Preliminary Assessment
 - a. Corridor Overview
 - i. There is not an increase in peak hour traffic volumes because the corridor is already over capacity; however, there is a slight increase in daily traffic. Consider using the “hour glass” analogy to convey this message in a clear manner.
 - b. Possible Solution Comments
 - i. 5-Lanes: **Action:** CM to discuss with NYSDOT their philosophy on HAWK signals.
 - c. Trade-offs and other Measures of Effectiveness (MOE’s)

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- i. Do-Nothing alternative – people will avoid the area due to the long delays and queueing which would have negative economic effects
 - ii. Environmental Aspect:
 1. An initial screening of environmental features only show wetlands in the area
 2. The air quality emissions between alternatives should be considered. **Action:** CM explore using Carbon Monoxide emissions output from the traffic model.
 - d. Various Other Alternatives/Improvements
 - i. Great Escape: The Great Escape is required to make certain improvements based on the mitigation plan in their EIS. These improvements should be summarized including the back access road opposite Round Pond Road. **Action:** CM to document and account for future Great Escape improvements in the analysis.
 - ii. Pedestrian bridge: A pedestrian bridge was suggested. It was noted that a pedestrian bridge alone may not fix the traffic problem because of the numerous driveways and need to channelize pedestrians to the bridge. **Action:** CM to show potential pedestrian bridge location(s) and pros and cons.
 - iii. Bicycle accommodations – a bicycle connection should be considered to the Warren County bikeway. There is an informal path now which may be expanded on.
 - iv. Access Management should be included in all alternatives
 - v. Other Alternatives – **Action:** Improvements that could be layered with the major roadway alternatives should be included (such as shuttle bus accommodations, access management, and trail connections)
 - e. Comparing the Alternatives
 - i. There was a comment that the pedestrian friendliness ranking between alternatives might need to change. It was agreed that the comparison table was preliminary and the rankings will be refined in consultation with the Pathway Committee.
5. Next Steps – Review Schedule
 - a. Meetings
 - i. The group discussed having a meeting with NYSDOT to introduce the planning study, review status and receive input. The meeting was scheduled for Friday March 30, 2018 at 9:30 AM at the Region 1 offices.
 - ii. It was agreed that there will be one more Pathway Committee meeting before holding the stakeholder meetings. The next Pathway committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday April 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the EDC Offices (333 Glen Street).
 - iii. Upcoming stakeholder meetings include emergency responders, and property owners. **Action:** CM/EDC coordinate on upcoming meetings.
6. Other/Close
 - a. The section of corridor between the Exit 20 intersection and NY Route 149 intersection should not be called the “key corridor”. This study is for the entire “Pathway Corridor” from Route 149 to Sweet Road.

Summary of Actions:

Creighton Manning

- Update PowerPoint based on comments received. Consider including environmental MOE.
- Obtain corridor photos from EDC and pending projects (including Great Escape EIS) from the Town.
- Discuss with NYSDOT their philosophy on HAWK signals
- Add pedestrian bridge and other layered improvements
- Coordinate with EDC on upcoming meetings

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The meeting concluded at approximately 10:45 AM.

Dan Quiri, P.E.
Project Engineer

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