

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, November 29, 2018.

DATE: October 25, 2018

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

PLACE: EDC Offices, 333 Glen Street

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting was to review the comments from the public meeting, and to discuss the draft study recommendations.

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
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John Strough	Town of Queensbury	518-761-8229
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Jeff Pangburn	Creighton Manning	518-689-1822
Mark Sargent	Creighton Manning	518-689-1837

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1. Ed opened the meeting and the group completed introductions. Ed pointed out that the public meeting had gone well and that the open house format facilitated good interaction and discussion about alternatives. He also noted that for the next public meeting, there should be refreshments and that the question and answer period should be managed so that everyone has a chance to speak at least once, before someone is given a second chance to speak.
2. Brad commented that the public meeting went well, and that the area has the potential for a growth boom. He noted that the area is important economically and from a tax base standpoint. He also noted that it was clear that Option 1 (Do Nothing) and Option 4 (New Interchange) were not viable.
3. Mark provided a recap of the public meeting and the detailed Public Meeting Summary, which showed support for a transportation improvement project in the area. He noted that the public input along with the technical studies formed the basis for the draft study recommendations.
4. The group reviewed the draft recommendations and the following was noted.
 - a. Round Pond Road intersection – The group agreed with the recommendation for a future 4-way intersection with a traffic signal to include turn lanes, transit considerations, and pedestrian crossing accommodations. John Strough noted that he had spoken with the property owners opposite Round Pond Road that they were also in agreement and would facilitate completing the stub opposite Round Pond Road. A sidewalk extension should be added along Round Pond Road to Great Escape Human Resources building.

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- b. The group agreed with the future Great Escape roadway connection from the new stub opposite Round Pond Road, which is already established as a level 3 mitigation improvement by Great Escape.
- c. The group agreed with the recommendation for sidewalk link on at least one side of the road between Great Escape and Glen Lake Road, noting that summer Great Escape employees often walk this section of road.
- d. The group questioned the recommendation for a signal at the Gurney Lane/Southbound off-ramp intersection. John Strough was concerned that the signal might create back-ups on Gurney Lane that could extend back to US Route 9 and impact operations on US Route 9. He asked for queuing at adjacent signals to also be looked at. Mark explained that a signal was warranted and could be installed in the short-term, provided the NYSDOT agreed. He also noted that it was the most cost effective as compared to the other two options at the intersection. It was agreed to change the recommendation to "Capacity Improvement" and to further evaluate traffic operations and queuing, and that the decision for a roundabout vs traffic signal can be confirmed during preliminary design of a future project.
- e. A recommendation should be added to provide bicycle accommodations on the Gurney Lane Bridge when it is rehabilitated in the future.
- f. Brad supported the idea of a new northbound off-ramp to Gurney Lane, or a SPUI interchange. Mark and Aaron noted that the SPUI was feasible from an engineering standpoint based on the previous study, but the current study has concluded that it would not address the congestion issues in the Outlet area. The group discussed and agreed that this study will not recommend a new interchange.
- g. The group supported the recommendation for a "capacity improvement project" in the Route 9 area generally between Gurney Lane and Route 149 to include managed pedestrian crossings, without selecting a preferred alternative. Intersection improvements could be upgraded signals, or roundabouts.
- h. The group agreed with the proposed trail head at the Municipal Center and path connection to the Warren County Bikeway.
- i. A recommendation should be added to realign Weeks Road opposite Sweet Road. It was also noted that there is potential development between Sweet Road and Round Pond Road. A future signal or enhanced pedestrian crossing may be needed in this area, which should be incorporated into the recommendations.
- j. The cost estimates and funding sources should be added to the recommendations summary figure.
- k. CM should contact Warren County Soil and Water Conservation for comments

5. Next Steps

- a. Draft Report due to Committee November 16
- b. Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m. November 29 at EDC to take comments on the Draft Report
- c. Have Draft Report ready for Public Meeting December 13

The meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Mark Sargent, P.E.
Project Manager

cc: Attendees
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