

Lakeshore Drive Traffic Circulation Study – Stakeholder Meeting #1

Project Name / 192810395 Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Traffic Study (TOEG)

Date/Time: April 27, 2021 / 12:00 PM
Place: Zoom Call
Next Meeting: TBD
Attendees: Jack Conway (JC), Supervisor
Hollie Kennedy (HK), Town Board Member
Adam Yagelski (AY), Director of Planning and Zoning
Dan Fiacco (DF), Commissioner of Public Works
Mark Noeth (MN), CSD Transportation Dept Supervisor
Elaine Rudzinski (ER), Chief of Police
Jon Reickert (JR), Assistant Police Chief
Stephen Bestler (SB), Fire Chief
Lisa Westrick (LW), Stantec
Garrett Frueh (GF), Stantec
Dan Quiri (DQ), Stantec
Absentees: Rensselaer County and Bruen Rescue Squad representatives
Distribution: Attendees and Absentees

Minutes / Stakeholder Comment Summary:

1. DQ presenting findings of study including existing conditions, project objectives, and alternatives evaluated.
2. JR expressed concern to adding traffic on Hampton Ave. (that typically use Madison Ave as a cut through) that will be routed through intersection at Columbia Turnpike. There is history of accidents at this intersection and need to confirm this project will not make this existing condition worse.
 - a. Stantec will request additional traffic data for this intersection and evaluate increase in vehicles due to potential traffic pattern changes on Lakeshore Drive.
3. MN stated that buses do not generally circulate along Lakeshore Drive the full length. Circulation is made separately through streets on east versus west side of the lake; therefore, changes in traffic pattern should have little effect on bus routing.
4. MN stated that buses have difficulty making turns onto Lakeshore Drive from Hampton Ave. (EB) on the west side of the lake.
5. SB prefers clockwise traffic pattern and seconded concern about accidents at Columbia Turnpike / Hampton Ave. intersection.
6. DF prefers clockwise traffic pattern for snow clearing.
7. AY surprised by high accident rate as this was not initially considered a safety project.
8. AY asked about levels of proposed improvements and if signing alone would be acceptable, or if striping is necessary along with signs. DQ responded that improvements can be made in varying levels and that

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signing alone would be sufficient as the minimum required level of work required to change the traffic patterns on Lakeshore Dr.

9. JC agrees this project addresses safety needs of the community and indicated that this project always did have an important safety element and agrees with apparent consensus for clockwise traffic pattern.
10. It was agreed that Stakeholder Meeting #2 (Public Meeting) will be held in conjunction with a Town Board meeting in the future. Stantec will make presentation at the meeting with updates to add review of conditions at Columbia Turnpike / Hampton Ave intersection.
11. AY will share information from Stakeholder Meeting #1 with and request feedback from the Bruen Rescue Squad and Rensselaer County.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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Attachment: Stakeholder Meeting #1 PowerPoint

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