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CHATHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: Terence M. Whalen, Administrator
Principal Projects and Operations

DATE: May 27, 2015 (for the BOS meeting of June 2, 2015)

SUBJECT: Crowell Road Route 28/Main Street Intersection Project Update

PROJECT BACKGROUND

With the seating of a new Board of Selectmen and the completion of preliminary data gathering/analysis by design engineers Howard Stein Hudson (HSH), the Crowell Road Route 28/Main Street intersection project has reached a project milestone warranting a public update and review of the proposed next steps. As part of the Town's continuing efforts to make strides in implementing Comprehensive Plan action items this effort has been underway for some time. This project has been in the active planning stages going back to early 2009 when preliminary concept meetings were initiated. These meetings sought public input and presented draft alternatives. Hardcopy of the past presentations will be provided to the Board under separate cover for historical context. This project is currently positioned for funding on the State's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

As has been noted in Department Monthly reports additional data gathering, staff coordination and field survey work has been completed by the design engineers to understand the operation, challenges and measurements to conduct a preliminary engineering review. However, prior to initiating any design efforts, the project is at a point to re-engage with the decision makers and public in gathering further public input to develop a pre-25% design concept. A proposed concept recommendation will be developed to present to the BOS for approval before ultimately filing 25% Design Plans with MassDOT for advertisement of a Public Hearing.

NEXT STEPS

Working towards a proposed Public Information Meeting on June 22nd, a project webpage (ChathamCrowellRoad.info) will be established and face to face meetings with as many businesses and land owners as possible would occur in advance of this first public meeting of the project's design phase. The purpose of the face to face meetings is to gain direct input regarding business and abutter experiences with the intersection, how it is used and the issues they see with regard to it. Additionally, a brief web survey on the website will be added to gain further input as well. The aforementioned kick-off Public Information Meeting will introduce the community to additional information gathered for this phase of the project, followed by a second meeting after follow up data has been collected, initial public comments received and a draft design is underway.

FISCAL IMPACT

Town funding of the design portion of this project will leverage TIP funding for construction improvements to be made by MassDOT.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Board of Selectmen concurrence to continue moving forward with the project as noted leading to a proposed recommendation for the Board's consideration later this year and the ultimate submission of a draft 25% Design Plan to MassDOT.

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