

**North Portland Rte. 1 Complete Streets Study
Cumberland Meeting: January 26, 2017, 7-8:30 pm**

Staff and Consultants Attending: Tom Errico, T.Y. Lin, Jennifer Claster, ClasterLandscape, Carol Morris, Morris Communications, Carla Nixon, Cumberland Town Planner.

- **Is there a speed study?** Yes, for Cumberland Foreside Study
- **Will the presentation be available?** Yes, on the study Facebook page and the Cumberland Town Website
- **Questions about the proposed 3-lane section: where will it be?** A Rte. 1 abutter was concerned about losing land. Tom explained that there is sufficient road width to add a lane without widening the existing pavement; lane width would be reapportioned. There was also comment on where it should end heading northbound, and Tom noted that the place the attendee noted as logical was likely the right place to end it. Tom said this would be clarified in future plans.
- **Question as to why Rte. 1 is needed for biking as Rte. 88 is the designated East West Greenway.** Tom explained that with the school and the residential growth on Rte. 1, these folks have a right to ride down to Falmouth if they want, from their homes or the school, on Rte. 1
- **Discussion as to what side of the road any future added trail would go.** Tom discussed grade (levelness of the ground) issues and potential space. People in general preferred it on the west side. The decision was made to remove the red dotted line and simply make a note that a future path might be built, location TBD. Carla noted that it is likely any path would be funded by future developers.
- **Great deal of opposition to a cut-through path from Rte. 88 to Rte. 1 via Conifer Ridge Road.** Several neighbors attended and a letter was received. Part of the subdivision agreement forbids any access to Rte. 1, and the neighbors do not want strangers accessing their land. They also stated that a utility easement could not be used for other purposes. The consultant team noted that given these comments, this option would be removed from the plans.
- **Speed on Rte. 1 was an issue for everyone.** Tom said that as the area becomes more built out, the likelihood for a DOT speed study agreeing to reduce the speed limit increases, so he counseled waiting to ask for one. There was also discussion about road design as a way to reduce traffic speed.
- Carla noted that access to Broad Cove Reserve, a town-owned recreation area, was an important component to consider as the plan was developed.
- The group liked the Falmouth roundabout solution at the junction of Rte. 1 and Rte. 88
- There was a discussion about a right turn on red from Rte. 1 onto Bucknam Road. Tom noted that the current signal system permits right turn on red. Tom will suggest adding a sign.

- Carla and Tom Foley noted that a good place for a future bus stop would be in an area of land adjacent to and just north of Casco Bay Drive. The town does intend to add the Breeze as a transit service.