



**Meeting
Notes**

Attendees: Bob Looker- Town Planner
Melanie Zimyeski, CT DOT
Vahid Karimi, VHB
Soujanya Chalumuri, VHB

Date/Time: 12/15/2008
8:00 am to 9:00 am

Project No.: State Project No. 124-164
VHB Project 41488

Place: Seymour Town Hall, CT

Re: Community Outreach Meeting
Town of Seymour

Notes taken by: Soujanya Chalumuri, P.E.

The meeting was held to discuss the Route 8 (Interchanges 22 to 30) Deficiencies / Needs Study and obtain input from the Town of Seymour relative to traffic and safety concerns along the Route 8 corridor. (An agenda for the meeting is attached to these notes).

Melanie Zimyeski opened the meeting by providing a brief overview of the study objectives, introduced the project team, and further outlined the overall study process. She then opened the meeting for discussions.

- Vahid Karimi described the study area, key elements of the work, plan and study phases and project schedule milestones.
- Bob Looker mentioned that there are no major roadway improvement projects currently planned for the study area, other than the Valley Council of Governments Route 67/Route 42 Connector Road Study (Project 124-163).
- Bob highlighted that currently only local bus transportation is available in the Town and that the Town is interested in having a train station.
- Bob also discussed heavy traffic issues on Route 8 Southbound between exits 24 and 23 during the Morning Peak hour. He mentioned that the intersection of Bank Street and River Street carries the highest traffic volumes in the Town.
- Bob indicated that there are geometric issues at exit 22 interchange ramps including short acceleration lane for the Northbound on-ramp and short ramps/vehicle stacking lanes at the NB-off ramp.

- Bob suggested that an additional through lane on Bank Street approach to River Street intersection would alleviate capacity issues at this location.
- Bob highlighted few potential developments in the study area including an elderly housing development on Derby Avenue and New Haven Copper redevelopment on Main Street.
- Finally Bob mentioned that Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman and Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director are other Town officials who may also be involved with this project in the subsequent stages.
- Vahid closed the meeting with discussions on next steps in the study process, the outreach meetings with other towns along the corridor and the coordination/collaboration with stakeholder group meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

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Community Outreach Meeting
Route 8 Interchange 22-30 Deficiencies and Needs Study
(Project No. 124-164)

Date: December 15, 2008

Time: 8:00 to 9:00 AM

Location: Town of Seymour

AGENDA:

1. Introductions
2. Discussion of Project Scope and Schedule
3. Local Issues Related to the Route 8 Corridor
4. Downtown Circulation Issues/Concerns
5. Local Transportation Improvement Projects
6. Development Activities/Other Plans
7. Next Steps:
 - Formation of Stakeholder Group
 - Documentation of Existing Conditions
 - Targeted Outreach Meetings