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LEE AREA TRAFFIC STUDY

3rd PUBLIC MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

6:30 p.m. at the Lee Elementary School Cafeteria

MEETING SUMMARY

Participants: See attached list

1. Introduction/Background

BRPC Executive Director Nat Karns introduced BRPC staff, Working Group members, MHD staff and Berkshire MPO representatives

2. Presentation of Recommendations

Mr. Karns presented on recommendations. To begin, BRPC staff and Working Group members identified twenty-seven alternatives spanning from West Stockbridge to the Becket/Otis/Blandford Town Lines. Mr. Karns presented on the means by which BRPC staff assessed each alternative.

Several alternatives were eliminated during the coarse screening assessment. Several more were eliminated during the fine screening assessment. BRPC staff then performed in depth evaluations of the remaining alternatives. After eleven Working Group meetings, the list was narrowed down to three final alternatives:

- Alternative 1: Transportation System Management along 7/20
- Alternative 3A: New road west side of river from Old Pleasant Street to Laurel Street
- Alternative 5/10: New exit with connection to Route 7 close to the Lee/Stockbridge Town Lines

A map of the three final alternatives is available on the BRPC website. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was made available to each participant at the sign-in table and is also available on the BRPC website: http://berkshireplanning.org/3/Lee_Traffic_Study/meetings/

3. Public Comment/Questions

There was time at the end of the presentation for questions from the audience. A list of comments received at the public meeting is available on the BRPC website:

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4. Next Steps

BRPC staff related to attendees that the next steps in the study will include ongoing public and agency involvement, the preparation of a final report and the endorsement by the Berkshire County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). BRPC plans to present recommendations to the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPO) sometime in the spring. BRPC staff will recommend to the Berkshire MPO that the final three alternatives be carried forward into an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) phase of study. This phase of study would be led by Mass Highway.

Comment forms were made available to participants. Additional comments were welcomed by mail, phone or email. Compilation of comments is ongoing.

Participants
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Antil, Stephen and Susan	Lee Residents
Atalla, Nadine	Lee Resident
Biron, Peg	Lee Resident
Brittain, Richard	Lee Resident
Cardillo, Chuck	Stockbridge Resident
Cardillo, Dominic	Stockbridge Resident
Cardillo, Vincent	Stockbridge Resident
Carlino, Patricia	Lee Select Board Member
Conroy, Joanne	Stockbridge Resident
Consolati, Deidre	Lee Resident
Consolati, Frank	Lee Select Board Member
Coty, Jr., John	Lee Resident
Cozzaglio, Stephen	Lee Resident
Dagostino, Eillen Mary	Stockbridge Resident
Davidson, John	Lee Resident
Deely, Hilary and Philip	Stockbridge Residents
Dicienni, Vincent	Lee Resident
Drabik, Richard	Stockbridge Resident
Dubester, Laura	Stockbridge Resident
Durante, David	Lee Planning Board Chairman
Fenner, Allen	Lee Resident
Fenner, Brian	Lee Resident
Flinn, Patricia	Stockbridge Resident
Flower, Robert	Stockbridge Resident
Fraiser, DeeDee	Lee Resident
Fry, Ken	Lee Resident
Galisa, Ken	Stockbridge Resident
Handberg, Ed	Lee Resident
Hart, John	Stockbridge Resident
Hickey, Jack	BRPC Chair
Hopkins, Dan	Lee Resident
Hudson, Sarah	Tyringham Planning Board
Kalischer, Cornelia	Lee Resident
Knapp, Doug	Lee Resident
Leahey, C.M.	Lee Resident
LePrevost, Tim	Lee Resident
Lovejoy, Jim	Berkshire MPO Southwest Delegate
McDarby, Mary	Lee Resident
McMenamy, Deborah	Stockbridge Resident
Niles, Peter	MassHighway - District 1
Page, Brandi	Stockbridge Resident
Pascucci, Aldo	Lee Planning Board Alternate
Pompi, Chris	Lee DPW
Raftery, Keith and Marie	Stockbridge Residents
Ricci, Stephen	Pittsfield Resident
Ryan, Monica	Lee Resident
Sabatelli, Elaine	Lee Resident

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Schlaefer, Doug	Lee Resident
Schmidinger, E.	Lee Resident
Shapp, Mark	Lenox Resident
Sherman, Harold	Lee Resident
Shields Ciejek, Lisa	Lee Resident
Shippey, Ethel	Stockbridge Resident
Sikora, Bruce	Lee Resident
Silverstein, Alan	Stockbridge Resident
Simpson, Geoffrey	Lee Resident
Simpson, Joanne	Lee Resident
Smith, Kevin	Lee Resident
Smith, Tony	Lenox Resident
Smith, Phil	Lee Chamber of Commerce
Stokes, Tom	Stockbridge Resident
Stuhlmann, Barbara	Becket Historical Commission
Tisdale, Leonard and Michelle	Lee Residents
Ufford, Laurence	Lee Resident
Underwood-Miller, Sally	Stockbridge Resident
Vinette, Rich	Lee Community Development Corporation
White, Patricia	Lee Resident

Working Group Members

Frieri, Peter	MassHighway - District 1
Gorden, Rob	Becket Historical Commission
LePrevost, Jerry	Lee Traffic Commission
Marsden, Jorja	Stockbridge Town Administrator
Moore, Mark	MassHighway - District 1
Nason, Bob	Lee Town Administrator
Shippey, George	Stockbridge Select Board

BRPC Staff

Church, Alison	BRPC Transportation Program Manager
Karns, Nat	BRPC Executive Director
Koirala, Anuja	BRPC Senior Transportation Planner
Neumann, Christine	BRPC Transportation Planner

Media

Deitz, Charlie	WAMC
Kelly, Mike	Berkshire Record