

Lee Area Traffic Study
Public Meeting Summary
Thursday, November 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
Lee Elementary School Cafeteria

Participants – See attached list

1. Introduction/Background

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

2. Existing Conditions Analysis

BRPC Senior Transportation Planner, Anuja Koirala, presented on the existing conditions analysis. She described the demographic, environmental and transportation analyses and there were brief questions of clarification. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was made available to each participant at the sign-in table.

3. Conclusions

BRPC Executive Director Nat Karns briefly summarized the conclusions that BRPC staff drew from the existing conditions analysis. The main conclusions are summarized below:

- Very High Traffic Volumes for two lane roadways
- Three intersections are already failing and will get much worse in 2030. One additional intersection will experience some delay
- Accident Rate is lower than the Berkshire County Average
- Traffic Flow East and North through Lee is a primary issue

4. Public Input

Attendees were split up into four groups. Each group spent 10 minutes discussing major traffic related problems in the Lee area and 20 minutes on potential solutions. The groups were facilitated by BRPC and MHD staff. Members of the Working Group took notes from each group and presented back on each group's conclusions. See attached copy of each group's conclusions.

5. Next Steps in the Study

BRPC staff related to attendees that the next steps in the study will be to analysis each potential solution in terms of its limitations and constraints and to provide more maps pertaining to existing land uses and historical/archeological/cultural resources. The next public meeting will be in March 2008. Comment forms were made available to participants. Additional comments were welcomed by mail, phone or email. A tally of the comments is ongoing.

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