Route 6 Corridor Study

Public Meeting: Existing Conditions

Thursday - November 8, 2018 - 6:30 PM
Wareham Town Hall
54 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571
**Study Summary**

**Project History**
During the Marion Master Plan development, SRPEDD identified the need for a Route 6 Corridor Plan due to concerns about safety, vehicle speeds, and the lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

**Description**
A *comprehensive analysis* of the current and future traffic conditions, intersection operations, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation facilities, land uses, and safety of the corridor.

**Geographic Extent**
The study includes the state owned portion of Route 6 from Route 240 in Fairhaven, east to High Street in Wareham.
Study Phases

Phase 1: Existing Conditions
(Spring to Fall 2018)

Phase 1A: Data Collection & Analysis
- Traffic data (volumes, speeds, classifications)
- Crashes (intersections and roadway)
- Pavement conditions
- Bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation facilities
- Environmental features (wetlands, habitat areas, etc.)
- Land use and zoning
- Other data (signage, pavement markings, drainage, etc.)

Phase 1B: Stakeholder Meetings
- MassDOT, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, Wareham, Others

Phase 1C: Public Meetings - Existing Conditions
- Two (2) meetings to allow for multiple participation opportunities
Study Phases

Phase 2: Future Conditions & Improvements
(Winter 2018 to Spring/Summer 2019)

Phase 2A: Future Traffic Analysis
Assessment of the impacts related to new developments (known & potential)

Phase 2B: Future Improvements
Develop potential improvements (“short-term, low cost” to “long-term, high cost”)

Phase 2C: Public Meetings - Study Results
Two (2) meetings to allow for multiple participation opportunities
1. Are you a resident or business owner in Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, or Wareham?
   - Year-round resident
   - Year-round business owner
   - Year-round resident & business owner
   - Seasonal resident
   - Seasonal business owner
   - Seasonal resident & business owner
   - Not a resident or business owner

2. Do you live, work, or own property on Route 6 (from Route 240 in Fairhaven to High Street in Wareham)? Select all that apply.
   - Yes, I live on Route 6
   - Yes, I work on Route 6
   - Yes, I own property on Route 6
   - No

3. How often do you typically drive/ride on Route 6 (from Route 240 in Fairhaven to High Street in Wareham)?
   - Never
   - Once a week
   - 2-3 times per week
   - 4-5 times per week
   - More than 5 times per week

Over 500 Completed Surveys!
Stakeholder Meetings

August 2018

Fairhaven
Added New Boston Road Traffic Signal Analysis
Added Weeden Road intersection

Mattapoisett
Added River Road intersection
Added Prospect Road intersection

Marion
Added Hermitage Road intersection
Added Creek Road intersection

Wareham
Focus on Swifts Beach Road
Make corridor more walkable
Study Area

- Approx. 13 miles
- 26 Intersections
  - 6 Traffic Signals
  - 20 Stop Control
- All MassDOT owned
- Urban Minor Arterial
- 4 Lane Cross Section
  (majority of study area)
- Sidewalk varies
- No formal bicycle facilities
- Limited public transit
Study Area Intersections

Fairhaven

Data sources: MassGIS and MassDOT. This map is for the sole purpose of aiding regional decisions and is not warranted for any other use. October 2018 0.25 Miles
Study Area Intersections

Mattapoisett

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October 2018
Study Area Intersections

Marion

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0.5 Miles
Study Area Intersections

Wareham
What We Have Heard

Public Survey

- 82% are year-round residents
- 64% travel on the corridor more than 5 times per week
- 45% are traveling to work; 26% are traveling for shopping
- 93% drive by car (alone)

If you walk on Route 6, do you feel safe?

If you bike on Route 6, do you feel safe?
What We Have Heard

Comments

Vehicles are traveling too fast - need to lower the speed limit.
Poor drainage and potholes are an issue.
Motorists are driving in inside lane to avoid poor pavement.
It’s dangerous for pedestrians to cross Route 6.
Sidewalk maintenance needs to be improved.
Biking on Route 6 is dangerous.
What We Have Observed

Physical Layout

- Travel lanes are narrow (10’6” to 11’)
- Very narrow painted shoulder (8” to 1’)
- Roadway curves create safety issues
- Numerous areas that naturally create higher speeds
- Several angled “T-style” intersections (difficult sight distances)
- Drainage system has issues (standing water in outside lane)
What We Have Observed

Vehicle Traffic
- Trucks struggle to stay in the travel lanes at certain points
- Vehicle speeds can make entering and exiting the roadway challenging and dangerous
- Land uses have created precarious turning movements

Multi-Modal
- Utility poles located in center of sidewalk (isolated areas)
- Lack of separation from travel lane makes walking feel dangerous
- Biking is possible but not recommended
Existing Conditions: Traffic Volumes

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Notes: 1) Traffic data was collected in May and October of 2018
2) Numbers reflect Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for both directions of travel
Existing Conditions: 85th Percentile Speeds

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85th percentile speed is a measured value of prevailing speeds at which 85% of all vehicles are traveling at or below in free-flowing traffic.

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Existing Conditions: **Heavy Vehicle Percentages**

### Fairhaven & Mattapoisett

- Mill Road: 5.1%
- New Boston Road: 9.0%
- Mattapoisett Town Line: 5.2%
- Main Street: N/A
- North Street: 6.2%
- Marion Town Line: 5.2%

### Marion & Wareham

- Spring Street: 6.3%
- Front Street: 5.2%
- Wareham Town Line: 3.7%
- Hathaway Street: 3.9%
- Swifts Beach Road: 3.9%
- High Street: 3.9%

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Existing Conditions: Intersection Operations

Expressed as “Level-of-Service” (LOS)

Fairhaven & Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett & Marion

Wareham

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A crash rate is a ratio of the total number of crashes in a given period as compared to the traffic volume.

**MassDOT Average Crash Rates (2018)**
- Statewide Signalized Intersection: 0.78
- Statewide Unsignalized Intersection: 0.57
- District 5 Signalized Intersection: 0.75
- District 5 Unsignalized Intersection: 0.57
## Existing Conditions: Crash Severity

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### Crash Type:
- **Property Damage Only (PDO)**
- **Injury**
- **Fatal**
Existing Conditions: Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Network

Sidewalk Network
  7.0 miles of sidewalk (both)
  4.6 miles of sidewalk (north)
  1.7 miles of sidewalk (south)

No formal bicycle facilities

GATRA Service
  Onset/Wareham Link 1
  Wareham-New Bedford Shuttle

Some areas are great!

Some need work
Existing Conditions: Sidewalk Conditions

Fairhaven & Mattapoisett

Mattapoisett & Marion

Wareham
Existing Conditions: Transit Network

Onset/Wareham Link 1

 Wareham-New New Bedford Shuttle

To New Bedford

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Tips for Riding the Bus:

- Please reserve front seats for persons with a disability on the bus. A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) may ride free when accompanying an individual with a disability on the bus.
- Music must be listened to with headphones and fixed-route service. To ride free, PCAs must register with the bus driver.
- Please call 1-800-433-5995 for more information.

• Only service animals are allowed on buses.
• Strollers and shopping carts must be folded and attached.
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- Mon-Fri: 7:15 AM to 5:45 PM • Sat 8:55 AM to 5:30 PM
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- Links One, Two and Three arrive at Cranberry Plaza 30 minutes past the hour.
- Medicare Card Holders .................. $ .50
- Adults ............................................. $ 1.00
- Cash Fares
- Children (under 6 years) ................ FREE
- Senior Citizens (over 60) ................ $ .50
- Medicare Card Holders ................. $ .50
- Children (under 6 w/adult) ............. FREE
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ACCESSIBILITY

- All GATRA transportation is equipped with accessibility for wheelchairs.
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TIPS FOR RIDING

- Be at your stop about five minutes before the bus arrives.
- In consideration of others while riding, please do not smoke, drink, eat or play radios.
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- When deboarding, use the handrail.
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Existing Conditions: Geometry Issues

- Church Street Ext. (Mattapoisett)
- Spring Street (Marion)
- Creek Road (Marion)
- Swifts Beach Road (Wareham)
- Marion Road (Mattapoisett)
- Converse Road (Marion)
Existing Conditions: **Land Uses**

**Fairhaven**
- Residential (Yellow): 76%
- Vacant (Gray): 12%
- Agricultural (Green): 7%
- Commercial (Red): 3%
- Institutional (Blue): 3%

**Mattapoisett**
- Residential (Yellow): 66%
- Commercial (Red): 15%
- Mixed-Use (Pink): 5%
- Institutional (Blue): 5%
- Vacant (Gray): 5%

**Marion**
- Residential (Yellow): 64%
- Commercial (Red): 16%
- Industrial (Brown): 11%
- Vacant (Gray): 3%
- Institutional (Blue): 3%

**Wareham**
- Residential (Yellow): 77%
- Commercial (Red): 12%
- Mixed-Use (Pink): 4%
- Vacant (Gray): 3%
- Institutional (Blue): 3%

**Top Uses:**
1. Residential (Yellow)
2. Vacant (Gray)
3. Institutional (Blue)
4. Commercial (Red)
Let’s Recap

Generally speaking:

Traffic Volumes 10,000 to 15,000 vehicles per day
Vehicle Speeds 45 to 50 MPH
Heavy Vehicles 5 to 6 percent
Intersection Delay Most are Level-of-Service “B” & “C”
Crash Rates Most are Below Statewide Averages
Crash Severity Most are “Property Damage Only”
Sidewalk Network Mix of conditions
Bicycle Network Shared condition
Transit Network Limited service
Questions?

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