

Route 133 Corridor Public Enhancements Working Group  
Minutes  
July 14, 2025

Present: Members Claudia Bach, Leslie Frost, Andrew Lewine, Susanna Locke, Matthew Nigrelli, Clint Palemero, and Gail Ralston joined by Town Staff Paul Materazzo, Art Martineau, Monica Gregoire, Jacki Byerly and members from TEC Jonathan Rockwell, Eric Riese, and Lauren Nicholson. The meeting was called to order by Paul Materazzo at 12:02PM.

### **Introductions & Review of Working Group Charge**

The meeting commenced with introductions of committee members, Town Staff, and representatives from TEC, the consultant team. Town Staff provided an overview of the Working Group's charge and directed attendees to the project website for background materials and updates.

### **Rt 133 Corridor – Project Overview & Introduction to landscape and streetscape elements**

Jonathan Rockwell (TEC) presented the 25% design plan for the Rt 133 Corridor Project, highlighting the various transportation solutions along the corridor. During the discussion, Mr. Rockwell introduced various landscaping and streetscape elements for consideration and outlined the next steps for collaborative input on landscape and amenities design. During the meeting, members discussed the following:

- Three active garden clubs in Andover, including the Spade & Trowel Club (currently maintaining plantings at Shawsheen/Beacon intersection)
  - Recommendation to invite garden clubs to future meetings and explore potential maintenance partnerships.
- Plantings
  - Lower plantings preferred to not obstruct sight lines
    - Tree committee removed 3 trees recently in other areas for visibility
    - Create more separation in buffer between roadway and SUP
- Existing Conditions
  - Sidewalk is well used by pedestrians and cyclists
  - Parents don't feel it is safe for kids to walk alone
  - Cyclists often bike on the sidewalk as roadway feels unsafe
  - Coordinate school bus stops with safe crosswalks
- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB)
  - Existing RRFBs to be relocated to Lincoln/Chandler
  - TEC to evaluate additional RRFBs at mid-block crossings per FHWA guidance
  - Engineering judgment may be required in 30 mph zones

- Miscellaneous Issues Discussed:
  - Trash/Recycling Pick up
    - Standardize/designate locations may be desirable for bins to not block SUP
    - Town guidelines require bins within 3' of roadway and at least 3' clear on each side to facilitate automated pickup
  - Village Parking
    - On-street parking along village businesses feels unsafe in existing condition
      - Proposed striping and curb extensions will improve
    - Poor Street parking is under-utilized
  - Benches – Questions were raised as to the number of benches needed for Shawsheen Square and whether they would be utilized
  - Committee members suggested that Town should make efforts to draw people to Shawsheen Square
    - Previous rezoning efforts for the area were not received positively from the neighborhood
    - Residents previously had no interest in expanding business district/ rezoning down Haverhill Street
    - Rezoning discussion in Shawsheen Village may be secondary conversation with the community
  - Materials
    - Town prefers natural materials over stamped concrete/asphalt
      - Brick, cobbles, etc.
    - Ornamental lighting style – comment to match the surrounding existing style(s). Multiple styles exist throughout Andover. To be discussed at a future meeting on preferred style

### **Next Steps**

- Reach out to Preservation Commission & Garden Clubs for inclusion in future meetings (Town)
- Site Walk – August 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM
- Meet at Bowling Green
- Meeting with Landscape Architect – August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM
- Update Select Board following Fall public meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:22PM.