

Department of Transportation

State Project No. 174-351 Federal Aid Project Number TBD Rehabilitation of Culvert Nos. 06667, 06679, and 06701 Towns of Burlington, Granby, and Thomaston

Public Informational Meeting Held at Senior Center Burlington Town Hall 200 Spielman Highway, Burlington Thursday, June 16, 2011

Minutes

Presentation:

- There were 6 attendees, including a Town Selectman.
- A colored plan of the proposed improvements was displayed. The Department presented a slideshow of the Preliminary Design proposal and explained the Rights of Way process to the attendees.
- The project involves the rehabilitation of three culverts in the Towns of Granby, Thomaston and Burlington. The meeting focused on the rehabilitation of Culvert No. 06667 consisting of twin 72-inch asphalt coated corrugated metal pipes conveying Negro Hill Brook under Route 69 in the Town of Burlington. The following improvements are proposed:
 - ⇒ Slip-line the existing culverts with smaller sized pipes consisting of 60-inch diameter spiral ribbed aluminum pipes.
 - ⇒ Inject grout in the areas between the existing and new pipes.
 - ⇒ Construct a preformed scour hole and vortex rock weir at the culvert outlet.
 - ⇒ Upgrade existing guiderail within the project limits.
- It is anticipated that a drainage right of way, a temporary work easement, and an easement to pond would be required.
- Estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million for the three culverts using 100% State funds.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013 based on the availability of funding.

Public Comments and Questions:

- The property owners on the downstream side of the culvert were concerned about the following impacts to their property:
 - ⇒ Removal of the vegetated earth mound between the roadway and their residence. The Department indicated that removal of the earth mound is required to provide a construction access road to the culvert end. It was not anticipated to put the earth mound back in place because its removal appears to provide better sightline out of Bradley Road, which is located approximately 200 feet north of the culvert. However, the Department would investigate placing a section of earth mound back in place outside the state's right of way.
 - ⇒ Removal of vegetation within the temporary work area including many large, mature trees. The Department indicated that replacement plantings would be provided and coordinated with the property owners.

- ⇒ Removal of the wire fence along their property. The Department indicated that the affected wire fence would be reset or replaced in kind.
- ⇒ Other concerns mentioned included increased noise and air pollution, increased flow to the brook due to the proposed clearing for the construction access area, loss of property value, possible flooding of the bridge carrying their driveway over the brook, and impacts on wildlife.
- The property owners on the downstream side of the culvert were also concerned about erosion on their property as a result of the construction duration and sequence of operations between the three culvert sites. The Department indicated that there are several factors affecting construction activities at each site such as time of year restrictions on unconfined in-stream work. However, it was noted that language in the contract documents would be included to limit Contractor's construction inactivity at each site to minimize the potential for erosion.

Adjournment: Although there was concern over the potential impacts of the construction work, the attendees recognized the need for the project and were not opposed to it. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.