



Meeting Notes

Place: Town of Red Hook
7340 South Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571

Date Held: December 4, 2015

Notes Taken by: John Canning

Project #: 29418.00

Re: Upper Route 9G Corridor Management Plan
Advisory Committee Meeting No. 3

ATTENDEES

Mark Debald, Shelby Tompkins and Emily Dozier, PDCTC; Nicolas Chobah, NYSDOT; Brenda Cagle and Robert McKeon, Town of Red Hook; Deanna Cochran and Laurie Husted, Bard College; Emily Majer and Susan Ezrati, Village of Tivoli; Bob Dennison and John Canning, VHB

Mark led the introductions and did a quick review of the project background and purpose, and provided a brief overview of the status of the Route 9G CMP including the draft technical memorandums prepared.

John gave an overview of the three draft technical memorandums, as described below, and comments on the documents were provided by committee members.

Technical Memorandum No. 1 – The Existing Conditions Report includes a comprehensive inventory of existing roadway, pedestrian and bicycle facilities for the three corridors and describes roadway cross-sections, alignments, intersection levels of service, travel speeds and vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle volume counts.

Technical Memorandum No. 2 – This Existing Crash Data report summarizes and evaluates five years of crash data from January 2009 through December 2013 for the study corridors. A total of 249 crashes occurred along the study corridors with three fatalities within the time period studied. Three additional fatalities occurred since the end of the five-year analysis period. The report includes collision diagrams and a crash rate analysis. Technical Memorandum No. 3 – This report documents the findings of a Safety Assessment conducted in September 2015. The report identifies five general issues related to road safety and includes several mitigation strategies to improve road safety for all users (near-term, intermediate-term and long-term strategies).

Discussion then ensued on the various safety issues raised by technical memorandums, as summarized in the following comments from the Advisory Committee (grouped by topic):

- General comments
 - Route 9G, CR 78 and CR 103 are unique roadways.
 - Revise map on Figure 1-37 showing Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT) bus route to show it on CR 103 through Bard campus (Mark will verify bus routing with DCPT).
 - Check width of Route 9G on north end; Desirable minimum 11' travel lanes and 4' shoulders.
- Speeds and Traffic Calming
 - 25 mph sign on CR 103 northbound should be moved to south of the bridge

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- Check speed on West Kerley Corners Road and Budds Corners Road east of Route 9G (55 mph)
 - Town is looking to contract more with the Village of Tivoli for speed enforcement
 - Route 9G speeds are inconsistent; 45 mph near CR 78, then 55 mph to south and back to 45 mph near Bard College. Provide 45 mph for entire stretch?
 - Advocate for extending the 45 mph speed limit to the south on Route 9G, south of CR 78
 - Check speed limit change on Broadway west of Route 9G – was it originally posted as 40 mph?
 - Recommend doing a before and after study of speed reduction on CR 103/Route 9G to determine effect of speed reduction. PDCTC will provide for CR 103; NYSDOT will need to provide data for 9G.
 - Provide traffic calming by measures other than signing.
 - Remove passing zone from Route 9G near Kidd Lane.
 - Update crash data from 2014
- Intersection of Route 9G and CR 78 (Broadway/W. Kerley Corners Rd)
 - Village sign on Route 9G was moved from line of sight
 - Look at method to delineate the intersection or make it more apparent
 - NYSDOT is studying the intersection
 - Lighting at intersection needs to be improved; move utility pole on east side near restaurant closer to the intersection or add a second luminaire that extends over Rt 9G.
 - Check sight distance on Route 9G northbound approaching intersection (it is OK).
- Bard College
 - Evaluate intersection of Route 9G and CR 103 during college events.
 - Bard is planning to move main entrance to Kelly Road, Campus Road will remain and access.
 - Contemplating reconfiguring the River Road triangle;
 - Bard is purchasing Montgomery Place, Potential for a new shared use trail.
 - Bard College is preparing a master plan, number of students will not increase, but more students to relocate back to campus from Tivoli and Red Hook, which should reduce traffic.

Next Steps

The draft memorandums will be revised to incorporate comments received and then recirculated. Based on the comments from the PDCTC and the Advisory Committee, a list of recommendations for improving safety will be prepared and circulated to the Committee for review. Once reviewed and approved, a draft technical memorandum

will be prepared (by mid-January 2016) outlining the safety recommendations. The recommendations will be presented to the public at Public Workshop No. 2, to be scheduled for February 2016, when Bard College is in session. The Workshop will include a noon/afternoon session (possibly at Bard College) and an afternoon/evening session (possibly at the Town of Red Hook or Village of Tivoli or both).