

Lower Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Scoping Study

Local Concerns Meeting
July 29, 2014



Tonight's Meeting

- Review Background and Goals
- Process and Schedule
- Review and Discuss:
 - Existing Conditions
 - Goals and Concerns
 - Past/Ongoing Projects
 - Concepts from Other Communities

Project Team

- Barbara Elliott, Huntington Town Administrator
- Peter Keating, Senior Transportation Planner, CCRPC
- DuBois & King, Project Consultants
 - Lucy Gibson, P.E., Project Manager
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 - Roman Livak
 - Nancy Stoddard
 - Deborah Worthley
 - Jeanine Carr
 - Knox Cummin
 - Mark Smith
 - Aaron Worthley

Background

- Town applied for a grant from VTrans to study bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Lower Village Designation Area is defined as the study area.



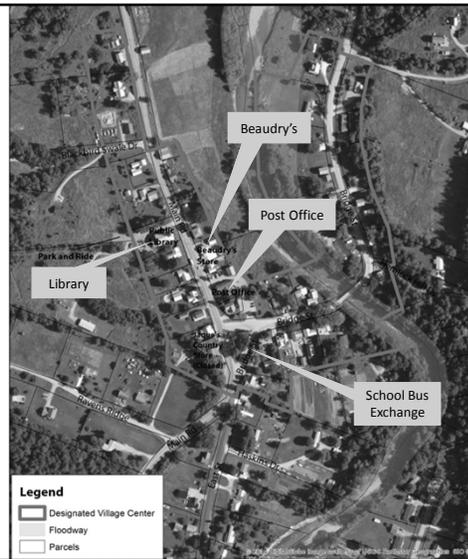
Project Goals

- “To prepare a scoping report that identifies potential bicycle and pedestrian improvement strategies in Huntington’s Lower Village. Selected strategies will not only improve transportation options in this, the primary settlement area of Town, but lead to public safety benefits as well. The combination of increased vehicle traffic with local pedestrian and bicycle activity means the potential for dangerous conflicts is growing. Implementation of this scoping report’s recommendations should alleviate these conditions.”

Village Goals

- “... To provide residential opportunities and community services **efficiently**, . . . Promote safe and efficient pedestrian and other transportation capability, and encourage the social and cultural aspects of neighborhood community life. **Pedestrian and bicycle uses are prioritized without sacrificing automobile accessibility.**

Project Area

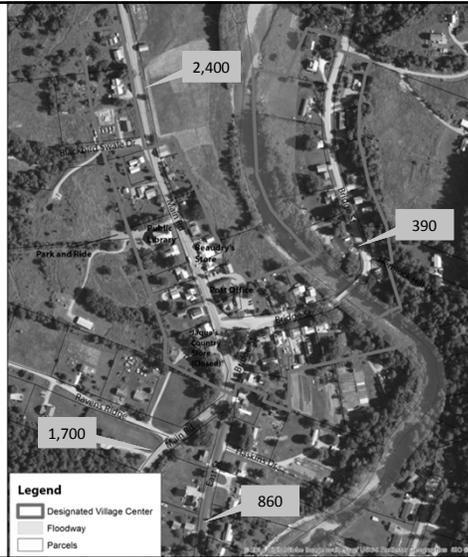


Existing Conditions

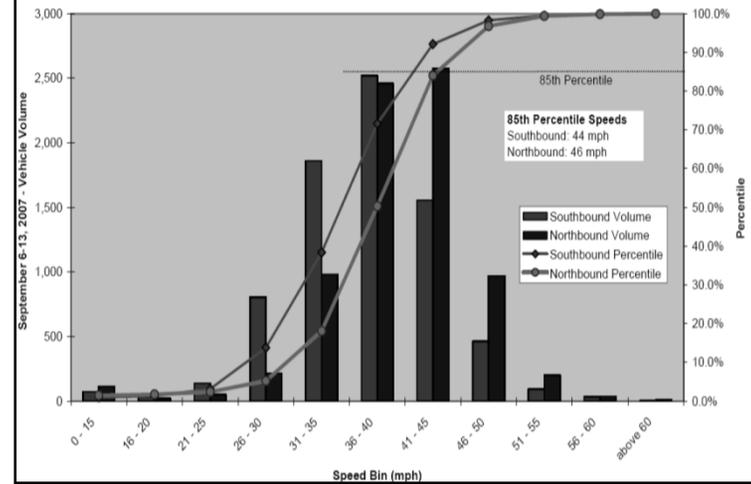
- Traffic Volume
- Speeds
- Crashes
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Right-of-way
- Environmental Resources

Volumes

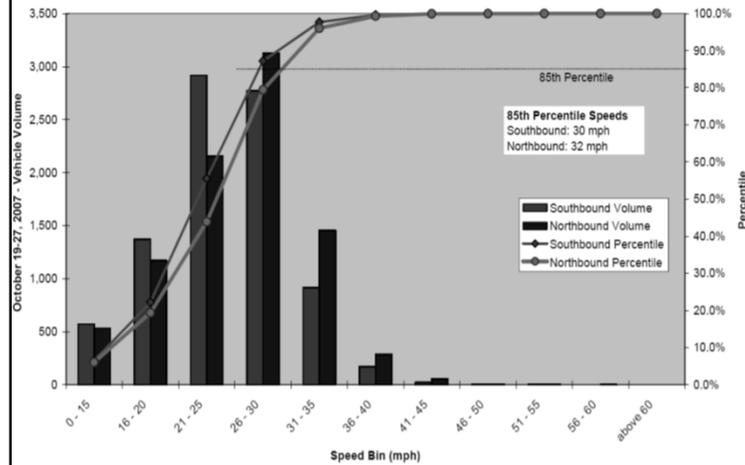
- Average Daily Traffic Volumes from CCRPC and VTrans
- Recent Trends show flat growth



2007 Huntington Main Road Speeds - Station HUNT-18
(Lower Village - 0.15 miles north of Bridge St - near cemetery)



2007 Huntington Main Road Speeds - Station HUNT-19
(Lower Village - just north of Bridge St - near post office)



Crashes

- One minor crash reported in past 5 years in study area, related to parking at Beaudry's.
- East Street intersection has been of concern.
- Local observations?

DISCUSSION

- Traffic
- Safety
- Speeds
- Pedestrians
- Bicycles
- Parking



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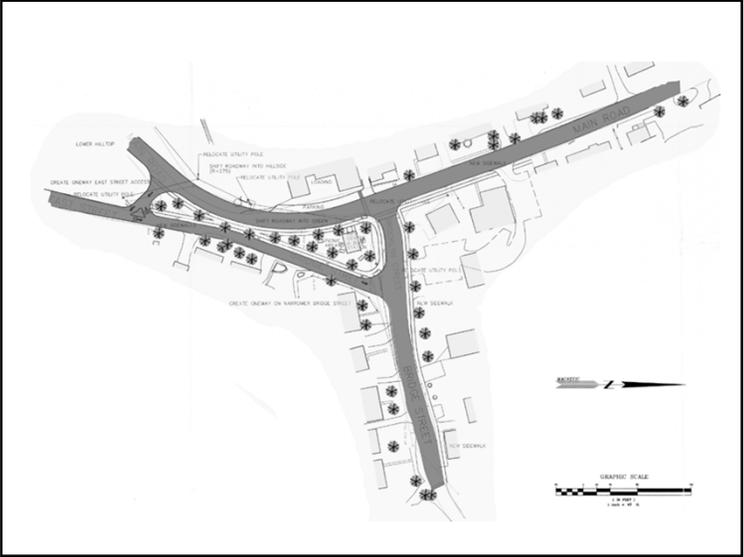
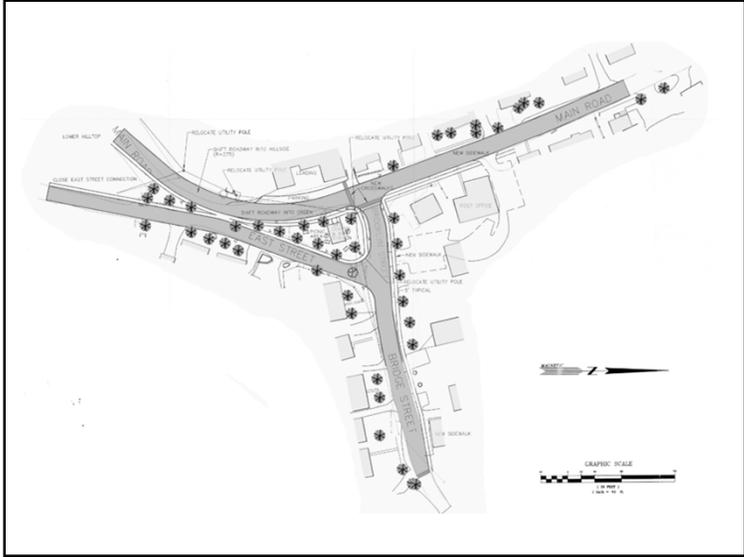


Build on past and ongoing work

- Intersection Reconfiguration Options (2000)
- Traffic Calming Study (2008)
- Village Code (2011)
- Pavement Study (2012)

Main Rd/East St Intersection





Traffic Calming Plan-2008

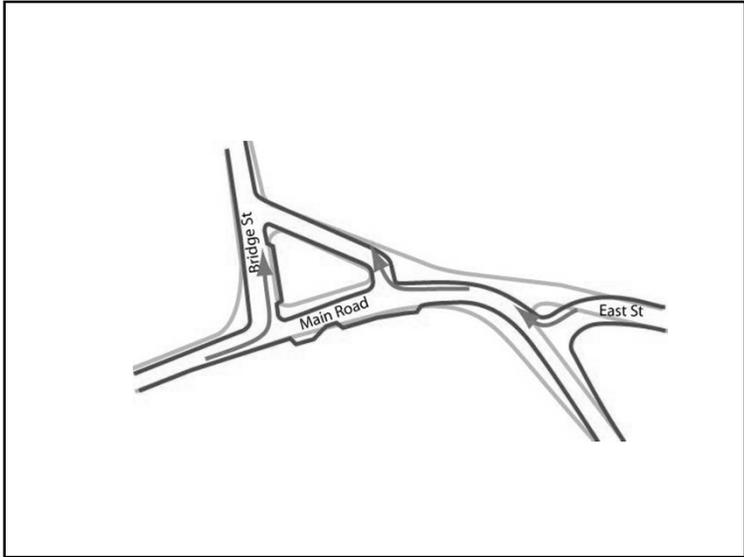
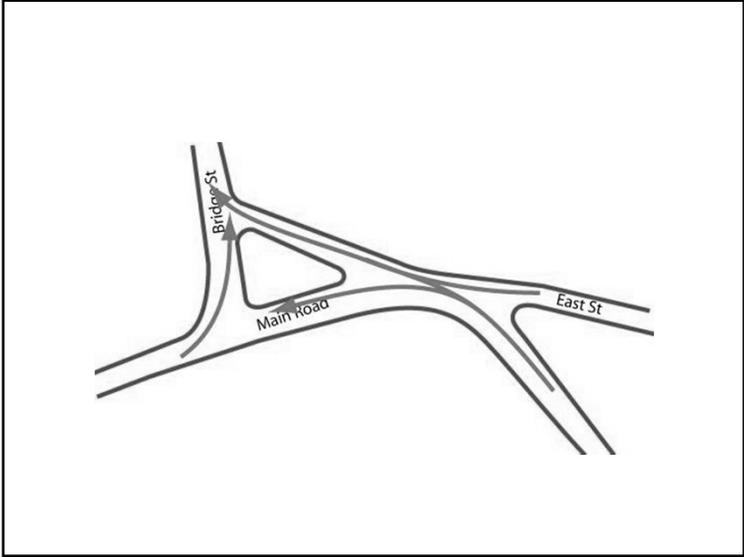


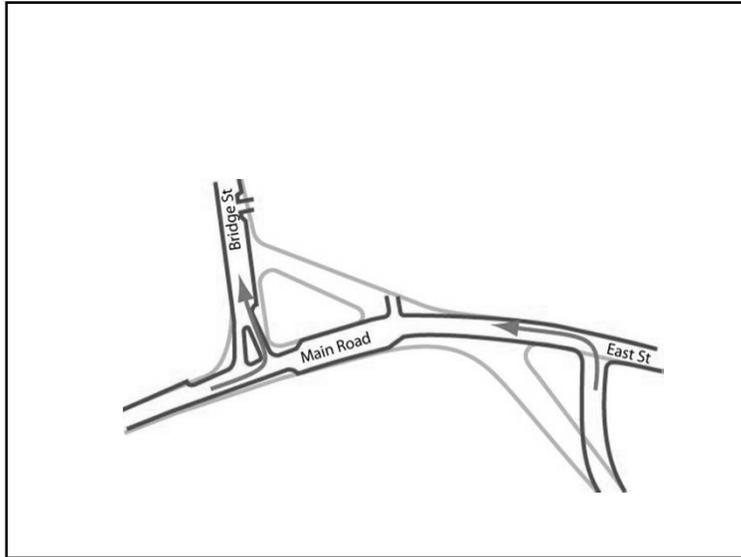
HUNTINGTON TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN
Final Report



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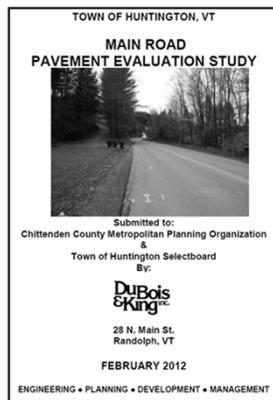




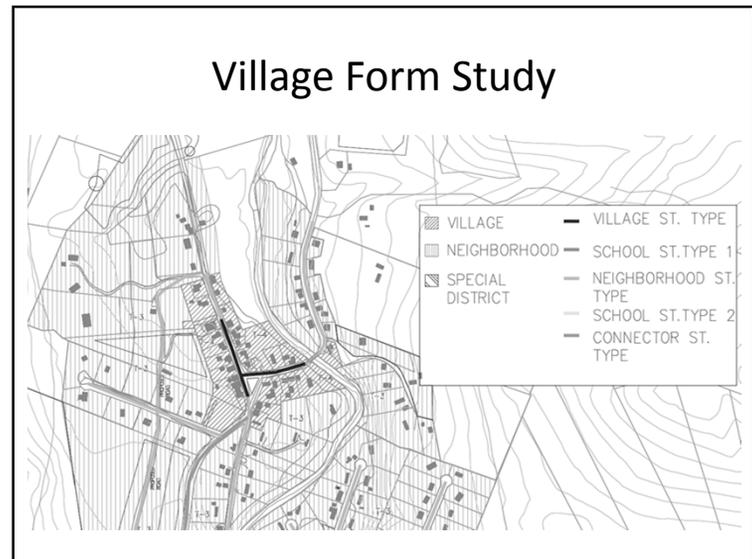


Main Road Pavement Evaluation

- Recommended full depth reconstruction and providing stormwater drainage infrastructure in Lower Village.
- Opportunity to establish curb line; integrate streetscape and natural stormwater management.



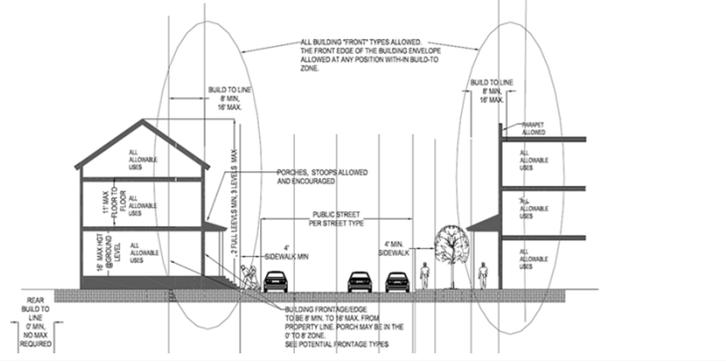
Village Form Study



Standards for Street Types and Buildings

VILLAGE BUILDING ENVELOPE STANDARDS
GRAPHIC STANDARD

PURPOSE:
THE PURPOSE OF THIS ZONE IS TO CREATE A STREET ORIENTED PUBLIC REALM THAT ENCOURAGES A DENSE MULTI-USE/MULTI-PURPOSE BUILT ENVIRONMENT. RESIDENTIAL, STOREFRONT AND COMMERCIAL USES ENCOURAGED. THE OVERALL EMPHASIS IS ON MEDIUM FOOT TRAFFIC PEDESTRIANISM. PARKING (NOT INCLUDING ON STREET PARKING) SHALL BE AWAY (OR HIDDEN) FROM THE STREET.



OTHER MODELS AND APPROACHES

Danville, Vermont *Traffic Calming and Streetscape*



Jericho Vermont *Streetscape*



Create Diversions



Traffic in Villages
Safety and Civility for Rural Roads
A toolkit for communities

Market Crosses offer benefits, with seating contribute to reducing vehicle speed, planting & herbs appropriate to the context & pedestrian usage, change road surface

higher speed the street
broad parking
no parking here practice
narrow front
narrow front
tail of road markings

APPROACHING THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE/TOWN

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Shared Space-Suggestion Lanes



