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Responses from DuBois & King:

- Question: Does VTRANS have a plan for the Mill Street segment of the project? Specifically, what will occur with the current access points and driveways/parking lots on Mill Street (Village Market, GRACE, Hays, etc)? There are no proposed changes to the existing access points (Driveway openings). Each drive will receive a new 4' apron. This will be constructed by milling or removing a 4' swath from the edge of roadway and repaving.
- Correlating Question: On page 44 of 78, will sidewalks be incorporated into the North side of Mill Street? Construction of new sidewalks is not within the scope of this project. Sidewalk improvements are mostly limited to bring pedestrian ramp to ADA compliance.
- Question: On the Bike & Ped Safety Walk Through, the discussion/action was "It was decided in areas of over widened pavement a standard width will be determine(d) and no additional milling/paving will be done at adjacent driveways." How will this affect the parking in those areas? This will not impact parking at all. The existing pavement in the exiting over widened sections will remain as is.
- Recommendation: On South Main Street/Route 14, retain the handicap spots near the church and shift the centerline. This can be incorporated. As the parking evaluation memo stated this will reduce the number of proposed parking stalls along the opposite side of the street.
- Question: Regarding non-compliant parking spots that are being removed by this project, does the Town or does VTRANS have the authority to re-stripe parking spots after the project is complete? VTrans is unable to stripe parking that does not meet current codes and standards. On Class 1 town highways the towns have the flexibility to stripe however they want at their own risk. Some municipalities choose to stripe these project or portions of projects once VTrans has come through with paving. Please let the design team know if there are any areas the town would prefer the project to leave unstriped for later striping by the town.
- Question: Would it be possible to install temporary bump-out "simulations" this year that mimic those in the proposal to demonstrate how they will affect both pedestrian and vehicle traffic? This will be discussed with the VTrans project manager, but I suspect this is unlikely. The town is certainly welcome to install in advance as a test.
- Recommendation: Remove the proposed bulb-out near the crosswalk on North Main Street by the laundry and across from the Inn. Replace the existing parking spot with a painted "No Parking" demarcation. There is no proposed bulb-out in front of the laundry. Work includes reconstructing the pedestrian ramp and installing a detectable warning surface. Plans also show striping a white edge line which may have caused the confusion. Please confirm the bulb out recommended for plan removal is at station 181+50 RT adjacent to the share the road symbols.
- Question: The initial parking evaluation states that on Mill Street the 4 parking spots in front of the laundry will be reduced to 3. Could this be clarified? Does it include the spots in front of the former Galaxy bookstore (bank building)? No. The spot which needs to be removed is in front of the laundry closest to North Main street. This is due to its proximity to the crosswalk. The two in front of the bank building can be restriped.

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Eric Remick

Mon, Aug 23, 1:46 PM (8 days ago)

to Christopher, me, Matthew, Jon, Stephanie

Hi Christopher,

I'm going to chime in on one point where the Select Board and the Planning Commission may not be in agreement.

- Recommendation: On South Main Street/Route 14, retain the handicap spots near the church and shift the centerline. [This can be incorporated. As the parking evaluation memo stated this will reduce the number of proposed parking stalls along the opposite side of the street.](#)

I think that the Select Board may be in favor of moving the handicap spots near the church to allow for more parking. Lets hold off on any final decision on this one until the Town can come to a unified opinion.

Thanks,
Eric