

Route 9 Enhancement Study and Plan

Public Forum



September 27, 2016

Wellesley Town Hall, Great Hall





What is the purpose of the Route 9 Study?

Develop a Plan based on an inventory and assessment that identifies the Town's goals and recommendations for the roadway, addresses issues, and capitalizes on opportunities.

Process

August
2015



Public Forum &
Survey
November 2015



Existing Conditions
Report
December 2015



Issues and
Opportunities
Report
March 2016

Public Forum
September 2016

We Are Here

Stakeholder
Meeting
August 2015

Stakeholder
Meeting
October 2015

Stakeholder
Meeting
November 2015

Stakeholder
Meeting
March 2016

Stakeholder
Meeting
August 2016

Phase 1
Inventory and Assessment of Existing Conditions
and
Identification of Issues and Opportunities

Phase 2
Recommendations



What we heard...

- **70% of survey respondents use Route 9 every day.**
- **Traffic volumes, sidewalks, and pavement conditions are the most common concerns.**
- **Pedestrian safety – including safety for school children – is important.**
- **Safety and overall aesthetics matter to the community.**
- **Route 9 is viewed as unsafe, divides the community, and is visually unappealing.**

The Recommendations are a blueprint to make Route 9:

- **A greater asset to the community – functionally and aesthetically.**
- **An improved roadway that better serves all users – drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.**



Topics that Rose to the Top!

52 Recommendations

Traffic

**Pedestrians and
Bicyclists**

**Public
Transportation**

**Natural Gas
Leaks**

**Corridor
Aesthetics &
Identity**

Roadway Design

Specific Sites

**Water Management
& Natural
Resources**

Maintenance

**Governmental
Collaboration**



52 Recommendations

ACT

Activities residents and businesses can participate in to achieve changes along Route 9.

ADVOCATE

The Town should collaborate with others for these recommendations.

POLICY

Recommendations that would be carried out after Town consensus to do so. Consensus would be reached by discussions with residents, town boards/commissions and staff.

INVEST

The Town would appropriate funding to help accomplish these recommendations.



52 Recommendations - Examples

ACT

- **Implement Adopt-A-Highway Programs.**
- **Develop a working strategy among Wellesley's residents, business community, Town government, and the State.**

ADVOCATE

- **Prioritize intersections and sites for improvements.**
- **Advance the Boulder Brook Culvert project.**

POLICY

- **Develop a comprehensive maintenance plan for the Route 9 corridor.**
- **Adopt a Complete Streets Policy.**

INVEST

- **Implement traffic signal enhancements that benefit pedestrians and bicyclists.**
- **Install and reconstruct sidewalks along the entire length of Route 9 to the extent feasible.**

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NEXT STEPS

- **Provide your feedback on the Route 9 recommendations.**
- **MAPC will present the Recommendations report and the feedback from this Public Forum at the Planning Board meeting on October 17, 2016.**
- **Recommendations report will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for their review and adoption.**