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Subject: Re: Traffic and Neighborhood Safety or TANS

Bill,

I presume that the group of Musket Drive etc. neighbors, aka TANS, that you wrote the Board about in early May was not ready to come before the Selectmen to provide us their input in regard to any proposed reconfiguration and/or signalization of the Main Street, Musket Drive, Hayward, Coughlin Street confluence at the Selectmen's 21 May meeting, as I suggested in my response to your 7 May message. As we do wish to move this matter along, with an eye to the proposed Fall Special Town meeting, I will ask the staff to reserve a 30 minute slot for TANS to appear before the Board at our next meeting, which is on 4 June 2007.

As I indicated in my earlier message, it would be helpful if you could provide the outline of the TANS' thinking before the 4 June meeting, so that Town staff could provide the Board their comments at the same time.

On another subject, I think that your more recent and well written Email concerning the appointment of a temporary Town Manager substantially assisted the Board members in coming to the decision last Monday evening to appoint John Murray to that position, to so serve between the time of Don's departure and the completion of a nationwide search for a new Town Manager. Thank you for your comments.

Regards,
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From: Dore' Hunter
Sent: Saturday, May 26, 2007 10:02 AM
To: William Mullin; Board of Selectmen; Don Johnson; John Murray
Subject: Re: Questions and Concerns from TANS

Don,

Please take Bill Mullin's Email and attached TANS questions for reasonable action.

In a quick reading the list of questions, and requests for analysis, it appeared to me that some of the information sought may go beyond the scope of a reasonable analysis effort necessary to determine the results of changing the unsatisfactory status quo at Hayward and Main. Nevertheless if the information sought is reasonably available or can be generated within a reasonable cost figure, and will be available before the projected Fall Town Meeting, please consider undertaking to provide reasonably obtainable responses to those wider questions.

It would probably be helpful to this neighborhood group if, by the time that the group appears before the Board on 4 June, your staff could be in a position to advise the neighborhood group what questions, if any, they would recommend not be addressed by the Town. This would allow the TANS folks to consider whether they wish to hire their own traffic consultant in order to pursue such matters.

It would also be helpful to the Board for it to have before it, at the 4 June meeting, the cost estimate and projected duration for the potential further reasonable study of the proposal to (1) provide an emergency intersection preemption arrangement allowing rapid public safety vehicle sorties from the nearby Public Safety Facility, and (2) time of day calibrated signalization to provide rational civilian vehicle passage through the Coughlin, Hayward, Main & Musket area. I would also appreciate comments from the Police Chief concerning traffic management there, including but not limited to the deployment of officers to get school buses through.

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From: William Mullin
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 3:22 PM
To: Board of Selectmen; Don Johnson; John Murray
Subject: Questions and Concerns from TANS

Hello-

As promised, attached are a list of questions and concerns gathered from our TANS members.

We greatly look forward to seeing you to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Bill Mullin

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**Transportation and Neighborhood Safety Committee
“TANS”**

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen; Town Manager

From: TANS

Re: **Questions as Input for a Request for Proposal for Traffic and Neighborhood Analysis**

Date: May 25, 2007

Pursuant to our e-mail exchanges, below please find a list of concerns and questions gathered from our TANS members. We greatly look forward to our June 4th meeting with the Board of Selectmen and to playing a positive role in improving traffic and neighborhood safety in our community.

Concerns/Questions for Selectmen

Traffic Study

1. In general, if traffic data is several years old for a corridor such as Rte 27 in Acton, how would you characterize the validity of the data?
2. What are the updated traffic counts at all intersections previously studied by VHB for the Rte 27 Corridor Study?
3. What are the current through-traffic counts on the “alternate routes” of Jefferson, Musket, Jonathon Swift, Lincoln, Charter and Taylor?
4. What are the projected increased through-traffic counts on the “alternate routes” of Jefferson, Musket, Jonathon Swift, Lincoln, Charter and Taylor?
5. What are the proper days and dates of a traffic study?
6. Given that the intersection is impacted in a major way by the school calendar, which is only 180 days per year, how does that impact a traffic study?
7. What are the current queuing statistics at Hayward, Main, Musket, the PSF and any other relevant intersection?
8. What are the projected queuing statistics if a light were to be installed at Hayward, Main, Musket, the PSF and any other relevant intersection?
9. What impact will the override capability of the PSF have on traffic queuing and speeds?
10. How far back (south) will the stop line have to be in order to allow trucks turning from Hayward south onto Main Street?
11. If queuing spills back onto the Rte 2 exit ramps, what are the needed precautions?
12. Why are we focusing on this intersection instead of the most dangerous intersections?

13. The VHB study recommends 6 new traffic signals between Acton Medical and Nagog/Main. Why are we ignoring the remaining parts of the study and focusing on this one?
14. How would VHB characterize the rush hour and Saturday morning traffic flows at the recent South Acton traffic signal?
15. What is the cost/benefit analysis used to justify the massive expense of this project vs. the perceived benefit?

Neighborhood Impacts

1. In general: If a standard traffic signal is installed, how will that impact the traffic flows on Hayward and Main and all other related streets?
2. What will be the neighborhood impacts on the “alternate routes” of Jefferson, Musket, Jonathon Swift, Lincoln, Charter and Taylor?
3. What will happen to speeds, specifically on Musket and Jefferson?
4. Will there be more accidents at Hayward and Main?
5. Will there be more accidents on related streets?
6. Given the projected queue lengths, how will cars behave in the alternative?
7. What additional signage will be needed to control increased speed and traffic counts, if any?
8. During summertime, a great deal of foot traffic, especially with very young children, occurs at the Patriots Hill Pool near the corner of Jefferson and Musket. What additional restrictions, if any, will be needed to ensure safety?
9. What additional sidewalks will be needed along affected streets.
10. How will increased through traffic, if any, impact property values in the impacted neighborhoods?
11. What is the additional carbon imprint, if any, of the increased idling cars at the Hayward and Main intersection?
12. Will there be any land takings to accomplish the planned installation?
13. Will any trees on either side of the road be cut down to accomplish the planned installation?
14. Will any trees in the Charlotte Sagoff Memorial Grove be cut down?
15. What have the businesses in the area said about the impact on their businesses?
16. If a light were installed, would it create delays when otherwise there would be none? Say, for example at mid-day?