



EXISTING VIEWS ON THE CORRIDOR AND PROPOSED, IMPROVED CORRIDOR



EXISTING STREET AND PROPOSED BIKE/PEDESTRIAN WAY - A COMPLETE STREET



Pond Street - Ashland/Route 126

A Road to Metrowest's Future

Pond Street Project Updates thru April 30, 2015

- R.O.W. takings - Even with R.O.W. takings MassDOT cites the project can still be advertised for FFY18. Ashland has reached out to property owners to discuss the project. We have letters of support and are getting others. The Planning Board supports this project and will work with owners to resolve R.O.W. impacts.
- Safety - The project adds much needed sidewalks and bicycle lanes for residents who regularly walk/bicycle the corridor. The Pond street design exemplifies the Complete Streets concept. The Ashland Board of Selectmen is endorsing the Town's Complete Streets plan.
- Regional impact - We have the full support of our legislators and are getting letters of support from surrounding towns that will benefit from this improved corridor. We have unanimous resident, business owner and town wide support for this project.
- Five year TIP. - Ashland fully supports the concept of a five year TIP
- Ashland and the Pond Street Project Working Group encourage placement of the project on the TIP for FFY18

Since the 4/16 meeting we have met with/spoken to CTPS, MassDOT, Ashland's MPO representative, numerous Town Boards, Towns surrounding Ashland and our legislators, all are in favor of the Pond Street project.

604123, Ashland, Reconstruction on Route 126 (Pond Street), from the Framingham town line to the Holliston town line, \$13,277,165 estimated construction cost (score)77, 25% drawings complete. Submitted, CMAQ, HSIP, TAP (funding sources)



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April 29, 2015

Mr. David Mohler
Chair, Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
State Transportation Building
10 Park Plaza, Suite 2150
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Dear Mr. Mohler,

As the Chair of the Ashland Board of Selectman, I wanted to share with you that our board recently voted unanimously to adopt a Complete Streets Policy for our town.

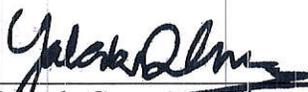
As I am sure you are aware, Complete Streets design is an approach to community transportation using design principles to ensure the safety, comfort, and accessibility for users of all ages, abilities, and income levels and for all the users of our streets, trails and transit systems, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, motorists, users of wheelchairs and other power-driven mobility devices, commercial and emergency vehicles.

In addition, Complete Streets can reduce congestion by providing safe travel choices that encourage non-motorized transportation options, increasing the overall capacity of the transportation network as well as decreasing consumer transportation costs and overall carbon footprint.

Completing Ashland's Route 126 project, which is designed to this standard, will be crucial to supporting economic growth and community stability in this corridor by providing accessible and efficient connections between homes, schools, work, recreation and retail destinations by improving the pedestrian and vehicular environments on this nearly two mile stretch of Ashland between North Holliston and South Framingham.

I cannot overemphasize the positive regional impacts this project will have on Ashland, Holliston, Sherborn and Framingham. Our commitment to Complete Streets is but just one of the many ways that Ashland is positioning itself to assist in executing this great project.

Sincerely,


Yolanda Greaves, Chair



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John Dudley, Chairman
Nathaniel Strosberg, Director

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Re: Ashland Planning Board Vote of Support for the Route 126 Revitalization Initiative

To Whom It May Concern:

At its meeting on April 28, 2015, the Ashland Planning Board voted 5-0 to support Ashland's Route 126 (Pond Street) Revitalization Initiative in the following ways:

- The Planning Board will work with property owners along Pond Street as needed to revise site plans and other regulatory documents to accommodate proposed design changes. Additionally, the Planning Board supported the reduction of parking spaces at Shaw's Plaza at 301 Pond Street to accommodate a proposed taking, and in connection, agreed to move forward, if necessary, with a site plan modification process for that property.
- As needed, the Planning Board will work with future applicants for projects along Route 126 (Pond Street) to ensure that proposed site plan designs accommodate all corridor design and engineering requirements.
- The Planning Board will cooperate with both the MPO and MassDOT to the extent necessary to ensure the success of the Route 126 Revitalization Initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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April 29, 2015

Subject: Route 126 Improvements

David Manugian
DPW Director
Town of Ashland
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Ashland, MA 01721

Mr. Manugian:

I have reviewed the 25% design for the proposed roadway improvements on Pond Street, Route 126, in Ashland. The current design calls for less than 5,000 square feet of wetland alteration with 1:1 mitigation proposed. The wetland replication area at the intersection of Pond Street and Butterfield Drive seems appropriate for the resource area impacts that will occur as part of this project.

If the potential wetland impacts increase to more than 5,000 s.f. as the design progresses, I believe this project is still permissible under the Wetlands Protection Act as a limited project under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(f).

Sincerely,

Matthew Selby, Agent
Ashland Conservation Commission

Ashland Pond Limited Partnership

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Re: Project 604123: Ashland Reconstruction of Route 126

Dear Mr. Mohler,

We are writing in support of the Route 126 reconstruction project being proposed by the Town of Ashland, and encourage the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to place this project on the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FFY19.

We value this project for a number of reasons. It will provide improved roadways lanes for both local and through traffic. It will provide accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists through its Complete Streets design. And it will improve safety and provide more opportunities for transit access.

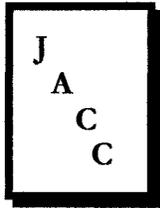
As a large stakeholder on the corridor, we are in 100% support of the revitalization of Pond Street and we look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Rechner
Authorized Representative

CC: Dennis Giombetti, Town of Framingham
Sean Pfalzer, CTPS TIP Manager



JOINT ASHLAND CONDOMINIUMS COMMITTEE

The Condominium Communities of Ashland, MA

Starlight Village ** Thousand Pines
Half Moon Village ** Spyglass Hill
The Village at Westerly

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Dear Mr. Mohler,

The Joint Ashland Condominiums Committee (JACC) represents the following condominium communities:

<u>Property Name</u>	<u># of Families</u>
Spyglass Hill	324
Thousand Pines	232
Starlight Village	196
Village of Westerly	76
Half Moon Village	72
Total	900

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As residents whose homes have direct access to this roadway we are in 100% support of the revitalization of Pond Street and we look forward to seeing it come to fruition as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Girard
JACC Chair

CC: Dennis Giombetti, Town of Framingham
Sean Pfalzer, CTPS TIP Manager



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As a developer with a project pending since 2008, I am in 100% support of the revitalization of Pond Street, not just for the Capital Group Properties project, for every business and for residents and visitors to the corridor. I look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Depietri', written in a cursive style.

William Depietri

President

CC: Dennis Giombetti, Town of Framingham
Sean Pfalzer, CTPS TIP Manager



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RE: Letter of Support – Ashland Route 126 Revitalization Project

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This corridor already provides many goods and services to Town of Framingham residents and given the economic development desires of the town for this corridor, the Town of Framingham will benefit even further. Again, projects such as this have a direct positive regional impact, supporting current and new businesses, and thereby improving the quality of life for all.

We support the Town of Ashland's initiative to get this critical project on the TIP and urge MassDOT to move forward with the 100% design as soon as possible and support this project throughout the MPO process.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Halpin
Town Manager

RJH/cjm



April 20, 2015

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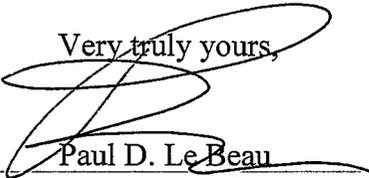
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This corridor already provides many goods and services to the Town of Holliston's residents and, given the economic development desires of the Town for this corridor, Holliston will benefit even further. Again, projects such as this have a direct positive regional impact, supporting current and new businesses, and thereby improving the quality of life for all.

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Very truly yours,


Paul D. Le Beau
Town Administrator

PDL/pc



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This corridor already provides many goods and services to Sherborn residents and given the economic development desires of the town for this corridor, Town of Sherborn will benefit even further. Again, projects such as this have a direct positive regional impact, supporting current and new businesses, and thereby improving the quality of life for all.

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