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Subject: Re: Webbs Mills Demo Proposal Review and Timeline
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026 3:29:19 PM

Hi Tony,

I just got word from MaineDOT that Randy and Dennis think that it's a not good idea to implement the all-way stop with winter maintenance season coming up and instead want us to implement the AWS in the spring, monitor the results, and implement the rest of the demonstration project in the summer.

I know this pushes things even further out than what we'd already discussed. I'd be happy to set up a time to talk this through early next week if that would be helpful.

Best,
Lucy

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Subject: Re: Webbs Mills Demo Proposal Review and Timeline

Tony,

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility. I agree that we can find a way to communicate about this change that highlights its necessity and benefits. I am waiting to hear back from MaineDOT about a question on the location of the stop bars in the design and whether they need to do any more review before implementation. Once I hear back about that, let's nail down an installation date for the AWS. I will keep you in the loop.

Lucy

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Lucy,

While disappointed by MeDOT's direction, but I am not surprised by Randy's response. This is not ideal to proceed with the staggered approach; however I believe the alternatives are worse. Let's move forward with the staggered approach. We can communicate about the necessity for this change in planning and highlight some of the benefits associated with this approach.

Tony

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Subject: Re: Webbs Mills Demo Proposal Review and Timeline

Hi Tony,

I hope you had a wonderful time in Italy! I wanted to update you on the Webbs Mills demonstration project. I've been going back and forth with MaineDOT and unfortunately, Randy Illian who is reviewing the project said that while the all-way stop conversion that Dennis Emidy designed is "good to go", he is not able to sign off on the elements added in Jim Tasse's design (crosswalks and radius hardening) "until the efficacy of the AWS was studied after implementation". Matt Drost has suggested that we install and study the all-way stop this fall and then proceed with the other elements of the demonstration project in the spring/summer of next year once drivers have had time to adjust to the all-way stop.

I know this staggered implementation is not your preference (it's also not my preference), but I do think it has some potential advantages. We would be able to have the pedestrian demonstration elements up and study them for a longer period of time, and during a time of year when more people tend to be walking. Implementing the components at separate times would also allow us to have clearer data around the independent impacts of the different safety treatments. However, I know that we have communicated a different plan and timeline with Casco community members. Given MaineDOT's position, are you open to this staggered approach to the demonstration project?

Best,

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Hi Lucy,

Thank you for sending the questions. Attached is a signed copy of the demonstration project.

Here are my responses:

- **Project Duration:** The Town would prefer that the project remain in place for six weeks, as we believe this will provide the most accurate and meaningful data for analysis. I am not a fan of a four-week duration, but I understand the time limitations that may require a shorter demonstration period.
- **Staff Assistance:** I can make my team available almost anytime during September or October. I would like to clarify the expectations for their involvement and ensure that we have the necessary materials in stock before the project begins.
- **Divided Approach:** I do not believe the divided approach is ideal, particularly because our messaging to the public has consistently presented this as a single project. I understand the reasoning behind the approach, but I would prefer a singular treatment. If MDOT approves the project for long-term implementation, I would not have an issue with having our staff repaint the markings to further highlight the pedestrian areas.
- **Four-Way Stop:** I believe we should move forward with the four-way stop to capitalize on MDOT's willingness to provide the necessary equipment and signage.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any additional questions during the remainder of this week. I will be out of the office beginning Friday and will not be monitoring email or phone messages until September 14.

Thank you,

Tony

From: Lucy Sinclair <lsinclair@gpcog.org>
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Hello Tony,

Thank you so much for helping to make the community engagement event at Webbs Mills Park happen. I was great to talk to folks, and I was very encouraged by the level of support from the community.

I am attaching the preliminary design and proposal for the demonstration project for you to review and approve. Please feel free to share any questions or concerns. Once you return a signed version of the pdf, I will share it with MaineDOT for their review.

Depending on how long the MaineDOT review and NEPA processes take, we may be cutting things a bit close on timing. We have stated that we will remove the pedestrian elements of the demo project by November 15 to avoid any potential conflict with snow removal, and I want to make sure that the demonstration project is up for long enough to get a meaningful sense of its impact on roadway users. Do you have a sense of the length of time the Town would like the demonstration to remain in place? In my mind it would ideally be 6 weeks, and no shorter than a month. That would mean installing at the beginning to middle of October. Would that timing work for the town? Would public works be available to work on installation sometime in that time period? If the MaineDOT and/or NEPA reviews take longer than this, another option would be to stagger the project by installing the all way stop this fall to ensure we take advantage of the materials offered by MaineDOT and then performing the pedestrian improvement demonstration project in the spring.

Thank you in advance for reviewing the proposal and for sharing your thoughts.

Best,
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