

Town of Hooksett
Martins Ferry Roadway Improvements Project Informational Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 27, 2023

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2 This meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Hooksett Municipal Building.
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4 Meeting opened at 6:00pm
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6 Pledge of Allegiance
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8 Names of those that attended the meeting are attached
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10 Andre Garron opened the meeting and thanked the audience for attending. A. Garron provided a brief
11 overview of the project and introduced Bruce Thomas to provide a brief history of the Martins Ferry
12 intersection and culvert project.
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14 Seth Hill, GM2 was introduced to provide the background behind the two conceptual alternatives
15 provided in the presentation (attached).
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17 Understand that speed in the area is a concern. In Concept 1, the curve, that presently is the point of
18 the project, will be redesigned to a 25 mph standard which increases the curve of the turn to 225'
19 radius.
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21 Mr. Hill reviewed the 2nd concept of the proposed redesign of Martin Ferry Road. In both concepts, the
22 present culvert will be converted to a bridge. Also the Messer brook course will be redirected from the
23 sharp 90 degree turn to a more direct natural course. The initial feedback from NHDES, realizing that
24 we are still in the beginning stages of the project, has been very positive as to the redirection of the
25 brook to a more natural course.
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27 The meeting was turned over to hear from the public on the project.
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29 Mr. Smith expressed his opposition to the project for a number of reasons, mostly the cost of the
30 several improvements made to the area over the years and the potential cost of the current proposal
31 (\$1M+ in total costs)
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33 Mr. Rich (Rodes??) agrees that improvements are needed (Getting rid of what is there).
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35 A question was asked about the cost delta between alternative 1 and 2. Staff will seek answer.
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37 Response from GM2 was that both alternates will eliminate guardrail along the roadway section leading
38 to the bridge.
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40 The concrete of the current culvert is degrading. There was question on the material of the guardrail
41 before and along the existing culvert.
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43 Marlen Foye, Sherwood Drive, would like to see picture of the existing area.
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45 Matt Lavoie- 53 Martins Ferry Road, are there any plans of when this culvert was originally built? Sewer,
46 gas and water line will need to be accommodated. GM2 is aware of all utilities within this area.

47 How much would it be to just redesign the guardrail. Approximately \$48K response provided by Bruce
48 Thomas, unsure if that would include the culvert decking that would also need to be replaced to support
49 the guardrail posts.

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51 Raymond Bonney spoke about the Mother's Day Flood in 2008, and work was done to the Martins
52 Ferry Culvert then. There must be plans. Town Administrator stated that we have been looking for
53 plans for this area everywhere. Appreciated that 2008 information, Town will seek information.

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55 Dan McClane, not against the bridge, but does not think that that much bridge is needed. Seth Hill,
56 GM2, explained that the roadway lane width will remain at 11'. GM2 included extra space for the
57 shoulder and bikeway use.

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59 Another resident expressed that the bump outs were not working. Should seek a cost effective
60 solution.

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62 A. Garron asked the audience to think about what traffic calming methods would be acceptable to those
63 that live in the area. A. Garron also stated that Town Council voted to remove the current speed table.
64 It will be removed at some point in the future.

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66 Meeting closed at 7:24pm

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68 Respectfully submitted,

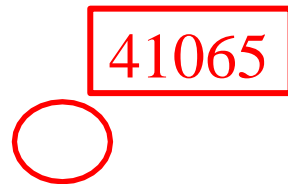
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70 *André Garron*

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Project Location:

**Martins Ferry Road
Hooksett, NH**

- 3/4 mile west of NH
Route 3



Project Team:

- Town of Hooksett
 - Andre Garron
 - Bruce Thomas, P.E.
- GM2: Engineering Design
 - Seth Hill, P.E.

Purpose of this meeting

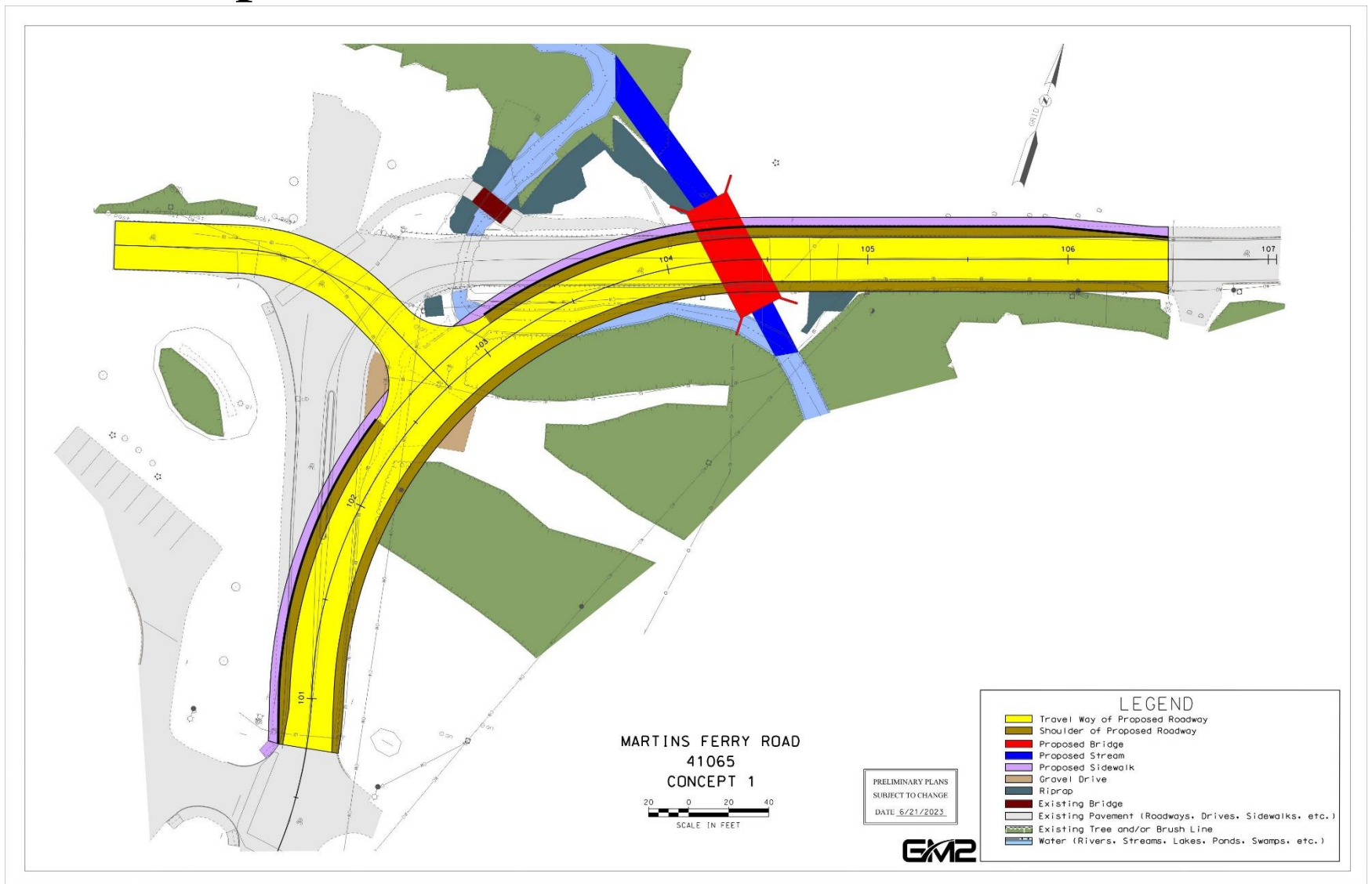
- Introduce the project to the public.



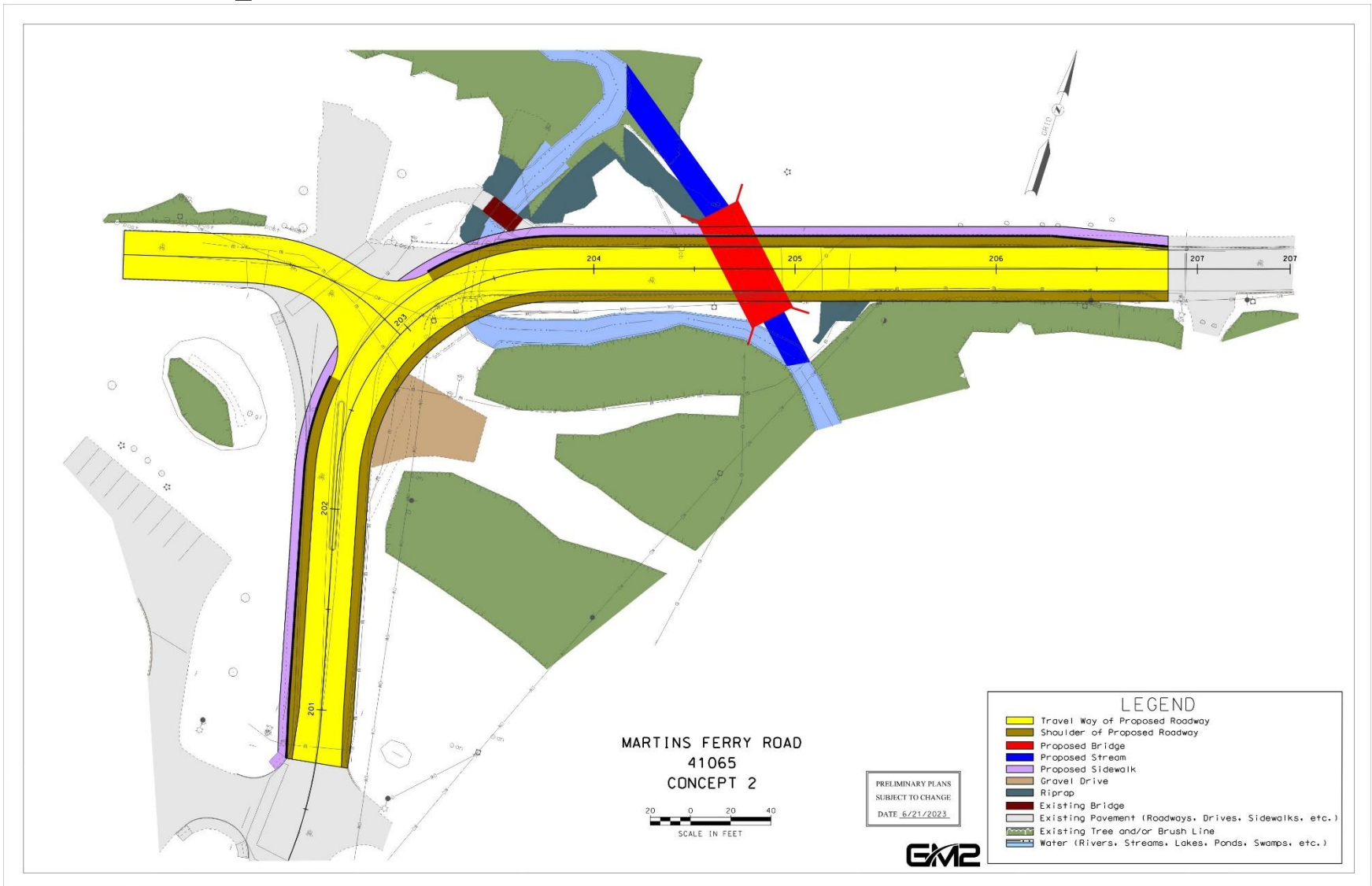
Project Purpose and Need & Background

- Address the deficiencies of the intersection to provide a roadway that:
 - Improves Safety and traffic flow through intersection
 - Eliminates ongoing erosion issues
 - Eliminates current guardrail issues
 - Restores the stream to natural course
 - Eliminates structurally deficient drainage structure
- New bridge creates opportunity for NHDOT inspections and State/Federal funding.
- *Doing nothing is not an option* as this will not address the issues at the intersection and will lead to additional funds being spent on repairs.

Conceptual Alternative #1:



Conceptual Alternative #2:



Project Schedule/Next Steps

- Alternative Selection
 - Target late summer/fall 2023
- Current Advertising Date
 - Early 2024

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Questions?