

Kellogg Road LTPAP Public Meeting #1 New Hartford Public Library February 28, 2003 @6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Attendees:

Dana Crisino, MBA, AICP, Oneida County Deputy Commissioner of Planning, Director - HOCTC

Julie Richmond, MPA, Transportation Program Manager – HOCTC

Adam Palmer, MPA, Senior Planner - HOCTC

Alexander Turner, Planner - HOCTC

Kassandra Burkhart, Planning Specialist - HOCTC

Katherine Ember, AICP - Planning4Places, LLC

James Levy, AICP - Planning4Places, LLC

Steve Wong, AICP, PP, PTP, RSP 1, PMP – Sam Schwartz

Doug Gerber, RLA – Weston & Sampson

Peter Loyola, RLA – CLA Site

Additional Attendees – see sign-in sheet

The meeting was held in an open house format with stations on land use/active transportation/ green infrastructure, neighborhood visioning, placemaking, and traffic and safety. Dana Crisino provided a welcome explaining the intent of the meeting, the planning process, and the project schedule.

What We Heard

- Land Use some residents noted they do not want additional commercial uses and would like an improved transition from the commercial area to the residential homes. Street trees were noted as being helpful to enhance the corridor.
- Placemaking there was interest in creating a Kellogg Road identity with pedestrian-scale lighting (with hanging baskets and banners), street trees, and possibly the creation of park space (adjacent to the railroad or Creek or at bus stops).
- Active Transportation sidewalks are a priority. Safe bicycle infrastructure needs were also
 mentioned but to a lesser degree. There was interest in creating loop trails near the railroad
 connecting the library and the apartments (Harrogate Road and Blackburn Court) to Kellogg
 Road. The public noted they would like to see a connection to the Rayhill Memorial Trail and the
 Sauquoit Creek. A connection between the two areas would be routed under the NYS Route 8
 underpass.
- Flooding drainage is a concern for residential properties between Harrogate Road and Tibbitts
 Road adjacent to the radio station property. No other flooding/ stormwater were concerns
 mentioned. It was noted by a resident that has lived in the Town for decades and who is a
 member of the Fire Department that with one exception, the Sauquoit Creek and Palmers Creek



have never flooded (the Palmers Creek culvert caused flooding once due to the creek being filled with debris, not an inability to manage the water flow).

- Transit look at Harrogate Bus Stop as an opportunity. If facilities were improved and routes easier to navigate, more people may choose to use transit.
- Traffic and Safety look at intersections of Oxford Road/Kellogg Road, Tibbitts Road/Kellogg Road/Dollar Tree, and at the Dunkin Donuts/Walgreens driveways for safety improvements and access management opportunities. The NYS Route 8 Interchange is difficult for pedestrians to comfortably cross due to steady traffic flows and lack of pedestrian signage and signals.
 - The intersection of Kellogg Road (Chapman Road) and Oneida Street is a safety concern. The driveways to McDonald's and Roma Deli are too close to the intersection. Vehicles exiting from McDonald's trying to turn left onto Oneida Street will block northbound traffic and vehicles traveling south try to turn left into McDonald's. Cars turning right onto Oneida St. often stop short for vehicles going into and out of Roma.
 - Crosswalks are needed at Kellogg Road and Oneida Street. People cross mid-block from the 7-Eleven to Packy's Pub and the gas station.
 - Crossing the interchange ramps feels unsafe. Needs crosswalks.
 - o Sidewalks are needed the length of the corridor.
 - Crosswalks needed at the Hannaford/Dunkin Donuts signal. Other crosswalks are desired at Tibbitts Road and maybe a crosswalk at Harrogate Road, depending on improvements that are recommended for pedestrian infrastructure.
 - There is a desire to be able to bike and walk safely to parks, the library, and athletic fields.
 - Traffic queuing, both east- and west- bound, to Hannaford's and Dunkin Donuts was a reoccurring traffic concern. A dedicated left-turn phase was recommended. Westbound queues reported back up to the train tracks.
 - The lane drop at Tibbitts Road was also identified as a concern. The condition needs greater signage to alert motorists. Ingress into the Dollar Tree was identified as a safety concern.
 - Although outside the scope of this project, sidewalks along Oxford are desired to provide connectivity to the library.
 - At the intersection of Kellogg Road and Oxford Road:
 - Sight distance from Kellogg Road onto Oxford Road is limited due to the skew of the intersection and vegetation.
 - Vehicles do not stop or slow roll through the stop sign on Kellogg Road.
 - Vehicles travel at high speeds on southbound Oxford Road to eastbound Kellogg Road.
 - The primary movement is to and from Oxford Road (north of Kellogg Road) to Kellogg Road.
 - There was discussion about a possible off-road trail along the rail lines using a potential sewer line easement. There is a vacant parcel of land the library has spoken to the developers (CRM) about, possibly building an off-road trail that could connect to the rail-trail.
 - o People walk through the woods behind Hannaford.



- Vision overall the public expressed enthusiasm for sidewalks and streetscape improvements
 with an interest in connections to the public library, the creation of trail linkages and park
 spaces, and the installation of bicycle infrastructure.
 - Community members indicated that Kellogg Road has several elements that create visible divisions the railroad tracks, NYS Route 8, and the Sauquoit Creek were mentioned as three such elements. When within a particular neighborhood along the corridor, parents are comfortable with children visiting friends on bikes or by walking. Parents are uncomfortable with children traveling to other neighborhoods by bike or walking and instead drive their children.
 - A gathering space for neighborhood residents, especially children, centrally located on Kellogg Road, accompanied by safe bike and pedestrian accommodations, would likely improve physical and mental connectivity between neighborhoods.
 - o Running, and running clubs, are popular in the area. Kellogg Road does not provide safe accommodations for activities and access for runners along the corridor.
 - Excessive cross-pitch, uneven and gravel surfaces along Kellogg Road shoulders are impractical for use by pedestrians, runners, and cyclists.

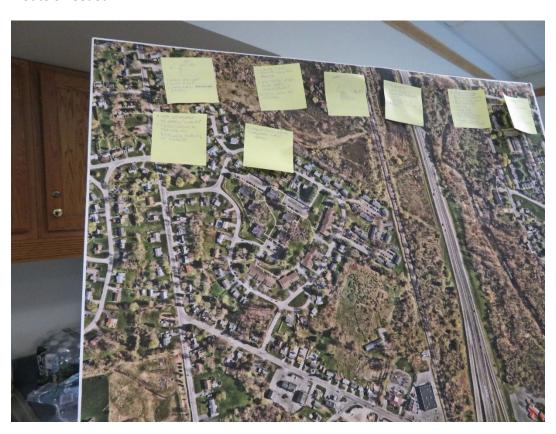


Raw Notes from Aerial Boards by Topic

Visioning Board

- Bad vehicle left
- Sump Pump
- Water main breaks
- Residential drainage in the back/swamp
- Tibbitts/Shoulder passing on Kellogg turn up Tibbitts
- Congestion when the gas station has a sale
- Identity/find priorities, hanging baskets
- Bus stop at Harrogate more space, small park?
- Kids no safe space to meet
- "Safety"
- Loop trail/running groups
- Kellogg's poor shoulder pitch
- Walk/morning right hand northbound Route 8 needed

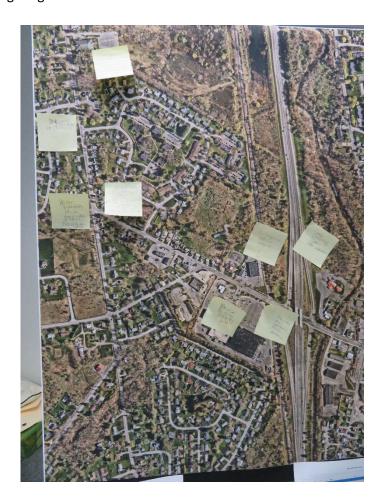
- Harrogate Bus Stop
- 2019 cyclist accident
- Poor shoulders
- Sidewalk
- Dollar Tree
- Kids/bikes
- Busy Street/Fast
- Lower Oxford
- Oxford Tibbitts poor intersection
- Harrogate drainage/curb
- Sidewalk
- Loop appreciated
- Walking
- Good flow
- Improve ped
- No signal





Land Use/Active Transportation/Green Infrastructure/Natural Resources

- Library sidewalks to Kellogg Road
- Sidewalks Oxford/Kellogg to Chapman
- Better visibility at Oxford/Kellogg (don't need signal there)
- Sidewalk on Oxford
- Challenge making left into Walgreens
- Need a safe crossing under Route 8 underpass
- Sidewalks down commercial section to Tibbitts
- Bridge used by kids biking to get to Hannaford
- Posts on Kellogg (near Oxford) tight safety concern
- Move up stop bar on Kellogg & Oxford Road
- People biking up Oxford
- People walk up Oxford
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian lighting





Traffic and Safety

- Sidewalks © Library to Kellogg
- Connect cul de sac to rail trail connection (library board)
- Increase visibility (Oxford & Kellogg Road)
- Walking through the woods dangerous
- Time traffic lights
- Extra lane for buses to stop for train tracks
- Crosswalk by Roma's, 7-11, Packey's, Sunoco & McDonalds





Placemaking

- Sidewalks connecting library to Kellogg Road
- Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks.
 Especially for folks with mobility aids and small children. Sidewalks make Kellogg more accessible.
- Rear end accidents happen at Oxford and Kellogg
- Sidewalks lined with lamp-posts (well-lit!)
- Seasonal floral baskets/banners
- Bus stop sign (Harrogate)
- City Water Issues

- Trees! Trees! Trees!
- Benches with flower planters
- Trail following the railroad tracks for bikers, runners, walkers
- A park next to the creek.
- Sidewalk south side.
- Left turn to Edgebrook.
- Don't let it be like Commercial Drive.
- Sidewalks and crosswalks
- The intersection of Tibbitts and Kellogg should be a left turn only lane.

