

TAC meeting
1/23/13
Room 121

Joint discussion with SATSAC

- A key bottleneck may actually be northbound on Main St, for those trying to turn left onto Maple St. With only one lane there, a lot of people turning left could really gum up traffic coming up from Maynard and on High St. They may need to prohibit left hand turns during rush hours (which unfortunately undoes some of the benefit of the southbound platform...).

- Another area that could be gummed up is people driving north on Stow St (from Stow, Hudson...) who might hang out at that intersection with Maple St. waiting to pick up without going on the current one-way section. I really don't have a solution on this point.

While we'll have to address 'traffic calming' (which I think of as speed bumps etc), the committee will likely have to think through issues like these too.

One SATSAC member lives on Maple Street across from proposed drop-off area on South Side of station

Traffic cop might be a solution but not fully

Reverse Maple Street so that traffic is outbound rather than inbound to Maple and have a light for High Street

Getting onto High Street is not a problem at all hours of day

You could have two short turn lanes and synchronized traffic lights from RR Street to High Street

Decision on traffic flow is crucial for future of South Acton. Have to think about consequences for North Side of station: back-ups on Central Street.

Close off Maple Street as a dead end where it meets with Stow and use Stow as a circuit route.

There would be three houses past the dead-end piece of Maple.

Wondering about morning and afternoon being different.

Every morning Martin Street gets backed-up at Central

You better look at the whole area for choke points

The station is going to get done, we're going to see traffic patterns even before any major work on roads can be done. You need to order improvement so far in advance that timing will be out of synch.

Have to think about pedestrian and bicycle flow.

The fence ends before Martin Street. You'll not be able to get to the platform by cutting through houses on Maple Street.

Impact on residents of Maple Street.

People who might be walking on Main Street going south have sidewalk on south side, but need sidewalk on north side. Use the grass covered area for a sidewalk.

Need to deal with traffic issues once construction starts.

Have to bring in Roland when he's ready to talk to us.

Need an expert traffic study.

Other business:

CIC grant: we will hear late January/early February whether we will get the grant. The coalition is growing. The name would be "cross-town connect." It's all run by Doug Halley now.

House Bill 901 passed. Jen Benson worked hard at the end to get the bill through.

We own the West Acton fire station. We do not own the space at Calvary Church but they lease to the town.

We should discuss whether there should be stickers for parking spaces. Maybe the new meters can include a discount for Acton residents. When the station is built there will be a meter box in the station. TAC will send a note to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee that we want to see a move away from the sticker program and towards new technology that will result in more revenue from daily parking. But we may have to phase out the sticker prices gradually rather than have a big increase in cost all at once.

Frannie wants a fixed route system for the shuttle.

Minute Van and Road Runner are going well. There are now four hours of dispatch, twice the amount as before.

Still the primary users of Road Runner are the seniors. The service needs rebranding.

They have a new dispatcher. Sometimes there is no confirmation of reservations. Sometimes the van sits idle in various places, so it would appear that the service isn't being used efficiently.

Frannie has a town report on usage that she will send to TAC.

Frannie wants to have an event to thank all the people who worked on the video and publicize that we have a video. People still don't know that we have public transportation. But the people that need a ride know it exists: seniors, teenagers from the schools. Publicize further at high school, courts, medical centers.

Has bike rack been installed?

It's good to have spaces available for non-residents.