



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: October 4, 2018
Submitted by: Public Works Director Kyle Fox
Department: Public Works

Date of Meeting: October 11, 2018

Time Required: 20 minutes

Speakers:

Background Info. Supplied: Yes: No:

CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Overview of the F.E. Everett Turnpike Widening Project

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Town Council to be presented with an update based on the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) public hearing that was held on October 3, 2018.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:	
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:	
Other:	N/A	

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes No: Chair/Vice Chair: Yes No:

Hold for Meeting Date: _____



TOWN OF MERRIMACK INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 5, 2018

AT (OFFICE): Department of Public Works

FROM: Kyle Fox
Public Works Director

SUBJECT: FE Everett Turnpike Widening Update

TO: Eileen Cabanel
Town Manager

Members of Special Committee appointed by the Governor and Executive Council hosted a Public Hearing on Wednesday October 3, 2018 to determine the necessity of the occasion of the layout of the proposed FEET widening project and to hear evidence of the economic and social effects of such a location, its impact on the environment, and its consistency with the goals and objectives of such local planning as has been undertaken by the towns. The project proposes to construct a third travel lane on the FE Everett Turnpike in three sections from Nashua to Bedford. Executive Councilor David Wheeler is the Chair of the Special Committee; Executive Councilors Christopher Pappas and Joseph Kenny are also members and were present at the meeting.

Following the hearing, the Committee will evaluate all matters brought to their attention at the Public Hearing and the ten days following, and make definite decisions relative to the layout.

Members of the Department of Transportation that presented at the Hearing included Wendy Johnson, Project Manager; Rob Faulkner, Project Manager from CHA consulting firm; Chuck Schmidt, Administrator of the Bureau of Right of Way; and Jon Evans, Air and Noise Program Manager. The team presented the history of the Turnpike, the proposed project including the widening of the three sections of the Turnpike, the reconstruction of several bridges along the corridor, including two in Merrimack that carry traffic over the Turnpike, Right of Way impacts, and the environmental considerations of the project including wetlands, and sound impacts to residents. Following the NHDOT presentation Executive Councilor Wheeler opened the floor to comments from the public. Following is a brief summary of the comments:

- All comments were positive regarding the need for the project
- Multiple speakers addressed the lack of proposed sidewalk on the Wire Road bridge
- Multiple speakers commended the Department for including sidewalks on both sides of the Baboosic Lake Road bridge
- Multiple speakers expressed concern over the lack of proposed soundwalls in the following locations:
 - Ministerial Drive/Vista Way neighborhood

- Mobile home Park on Camp Sargent Road by Exit 11
- East Ridge Condominiums

The meeting was recorded by MerrimackTV and NHDOT will be preparing a transcript of the meeting. The Special Committee will continue to receive comments from the public for a ten day period following the Hearing (through October 12, 2018).

The Merrimack Town Center Committee is preparing a letter to NHDOT requesting a sidewalk on the Wire Road Bridge and the Public Works Department will also be making that request. I spoke with Wendy Johnson after the meeting and she indicated that the request for a sidewalk would be given consideration following the request, and asked if the Town has a preference on which side of the road that it should be located.

As the project moves forward, we will continue to remain in close contact with the NHDOT team to ensure that Merrimack's goals are realized in this very important project.

CC: Paul Micali, Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager
Dawn Tuomala, Town Engineer/ Deputy Director of Public Works