



TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, including back up information, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to the requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: May 18, 2022

Date of Meeting: May 26, 2022

Submitted by: Kyle Fox

Time Required: 15 Minutes

Department: Public Works

Background Info. Supplied: Yes No

Speakers: Kyle Fox

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 type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

TITLE OF ITEM

Letter of support and/or concern for the US 3 over Baboosic Brook bridge replacement project

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to consider writing a letter of support/concern for the US 3 over Baboosic Brook bridge project. Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC (QCC) is in the process of preparing environmental documentation for the project. In an effort to ensure that all issues / resources associated with the project are appropriately evaluated, the Town Council is being asked to review project information and provide comment to assist in the preparation of the environmental document.

REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

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

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"/>

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May 9, 2022

Town of Merrimack
6 Baboosic Lake Road
Merrimack, NH 03054

Via Email Only

Attn: Mr. Paul Micali, Town Manager

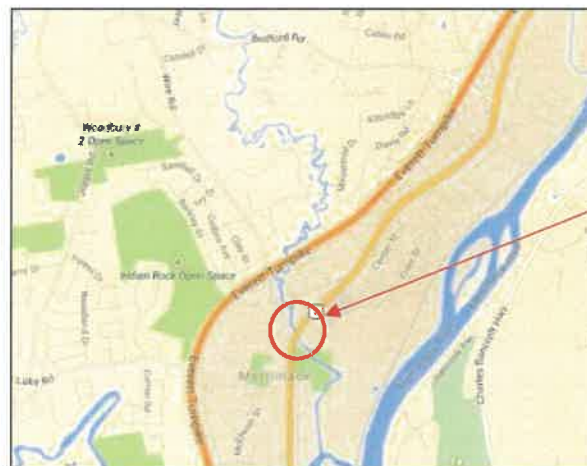
SUBJECT: MERRIMACK #29174,
US Route 3 Over Baboosic Brook
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) – Agency Outreach

Dear Mr. Micali:

The Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire (Town) is the local sponsor for a New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid (SBA) funded project for the bridge replacement of US Route 3 Over Baboosic Brook. The Town is also applying for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Quantum Construction Consultants, LLC (QCC) is in the process of preparing environmental documentation for the above referenced project. In an effort to ensure that all issues / resources associated with the project are appropriately evaluated, we request your agency's input. We would appreciate your review of the information enclosed and comment on the need for further analysis regarding this project. Any comments you may have concerning this project, or resources within the project area, will assist in the preparation of the environmental document.

PROJECT LOCATION



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will replace the existing deteriorating concrete arch bridge with a new steel girder and concrete abutment bridge. The current crossing is listed on the NHDOT's Red List for structurally deficient bridges. The current bridge is also a constriction of Baboosic Brook and causes elevated flood water levels at upstream crossings. The project will increase the span of the crossing and open up the waterway to lower flood levels at the US Route 3 crossing and upstream bridges.

The project also includes the construction of a temporary detour road on the downstream side of the bridge to allow for continued traffic flow along US Route 3 for the duration of the project. Approximately 600 LF of roadway reconstruction and new drainage will also be included as part of the project. Please reference the enclosed plan for scope of project.

New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources performed an inventory for historical properties in the project area and determined that none of the properties or the bridge itself were National Register eligible.

The deadline for the HMGP Application is July 1, 2022 and therefore we would appreciate your agency's comments by June 1, 2022.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

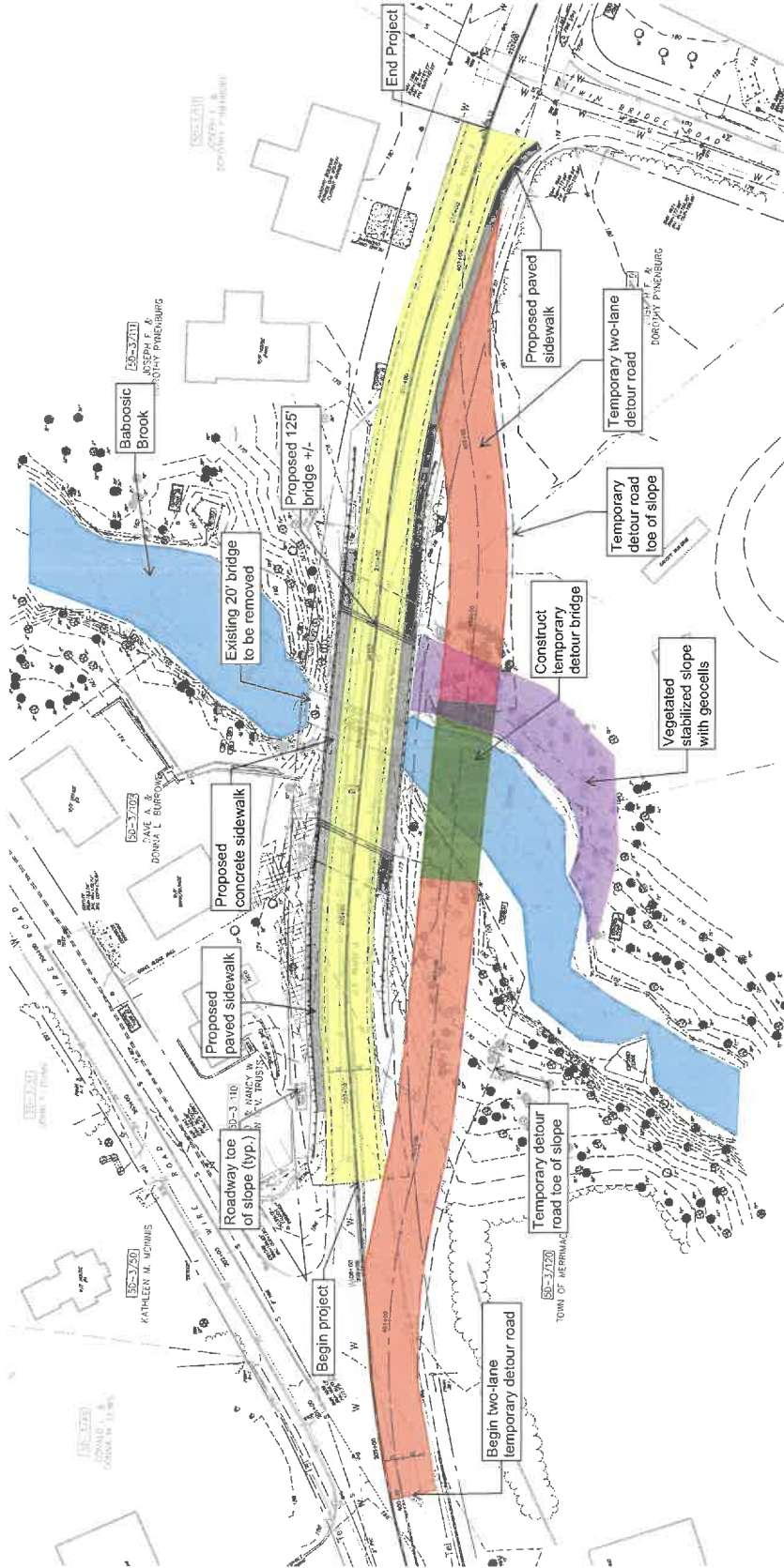
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Christian M. Rainey
Senior Project Engineer

Enclosures

US Route 3 over Baboosic Brook
 NHDOT Project #29174
 NHDOT Bridge No. 118/135
 Merrimack, New Hampshire
 Proposed Improvements Plan





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May 26, 2022

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Subject: Merrimack#29174,
US Route 3 over Baboosic Brook
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - Agency Outreach

Dear Mr. Rainey,

The Merrimack Town Council wishes to express our support for the US Route 3 over Baboosic Brook bridge replacement project. The project accomplishes a number of goals for the Town of Merrimack in the areas of safety, non-motorized traffic access, and flood mitigation.

The US 3 bridge is a red list bridge by NHDOT. First and foremost, the replacement of the existing structure that was built in 1933 will ensure that motorists have a safe corridor to travel while moving along the Town's primary north/south route. US 3 is the highest traffic volume local road in the Town of Merrimack, carrying more than 16,000 vehicles per day. The existing bridge does not allow for proper guardrail installation, increasing the safety concern for vehicles.

The replacement bridge is proposed to include sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, creating safe non-motorized traffic passage where virtually none exists today. The sidewalks are a key part of the Town's Pedestrian & Trail master plan that was developed by the Merrimack Town Center Committee in 2009 and endorsed by the Town Council. The Town has projects in our Capital Improvement Program to extend the newly created sidewalks on the bridge to connecting sidewalks along the corridor.

Assessing P: 603-424-5136 F: 603-423-8539	Community Development P: 603-424-3531 F: 603-424-1408	Finance P: 603-424-7075 F: 603-424-0461	Human Resources P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461	Media Services P: 603-423-8561 F: 603-424-0461
Public Assistance P: 603-423-8535 F: 603-423-8539	Public Works Administration P: 603-424-5137 F: 603-423-8539	Town Council P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461	Town Manager P: 603-424-2331 F: 603-424-0461	

The US 3 bridge is the final constriction of the Baboosic Brook before it reaches the Souhegan River. The Town has previously replaced five bridges upstream of this bridge, bringing the brook back to its natural channel width. Replacement of this structure will complete the goal of reducing restrictions to the brook that lead to increased flooding, including over the FE Everett Turnpike during the predicted 100 year storm event.

Thank you for reaching out to the Merrimack Town Council for our input on this valuable project. We look forward to its completion.

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