

MEETING SUMMARY

Sand Creek Road Complete Streets Study Village of Colonie, NY

Agenda: Focus Group Session #3 - Business Stakeholders
Date & Time: Wednesday July 19, 2023, 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Platform: Hybrid Presentation held at the Transportation Council Offices, 1 Park Place, Albany

Study Advisory Committee Attendees:			
Name:	Representing:	Name:	Representing:
Kerry Bytner	Sunset Boulevard Neighborhood Association	Ed Sim	Village of Colonie
Jacob Beeman	Capital Region Transportation Council	Jim Rubino	Village of Colonie
Brian Sim	South Colonie School District	Jaime Blot	Village of Colonie
Frank Prevratil	Village Traffic Committee	Jim Mearkle	Albany County
Consultant Team Attendees:			
Megan Bacon, Andris Blumbergs, Lisa Wallin - MJ Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C.			
Attendees:			
David Perry	South Colonie School District		
Kristen Blaze	Tiny Town of Colonie		
Susan Olsen	NYSDOT Region 1		

Presentation Summary:

1. The presentation started at 9:30 AM.
2. Jacob welcomed the participants to the presentation and gave a brief overview of the study before handing the remainder of the presentation over to MJ.
3. Megan gave the technical presentation which covered the following:
 - Introductions
 - Study Overview & Objectives
 - Complete Streets Overview & Examples
 - Schedule Overview
 - Existing Conditions
 - Observed Site Conditions
 - Pedestrian & Bicycle Accommodations
 - Crash History
 - Intersections
 - Traffic Data Collection
 - Traffic Data Analysis
 - Next Steps
 - Q&A

Summary of Q & A Session:

The following discussion points were raised during the Q&A Session:

1. Susan Olsen:
 - A lot of employees walk the corridor at lunch time; it's hot during the summer and not much shade.
 - The access road that connects to Sand Creek via the Computer Drive South intersection was just paved by NYSDOT

because executive management requested it.

- The NYSDOT building is owned by OGS. Susan is going to check with OGS to see if they own or maintain the access road as well.
1. Kristen Blaze
 - Parents want to cross Sand Creek Road at Delafield Drive to get to Bauer Park. It is difficult to do so now.
 - A lot of people were observed walking on the east shoulder from South Family Drive to Shaker Run.
 2. Jim Rubino
 - Sand Creek Road, east of Wolf Road, has a center turn lane. Would that work here?
 3. Brian Sim
 - There are 11 school bus stops along the Sand Creek Road corridor from Shaker Run to Jodiro Lane; one of these stops being at Tiny Town of Colonie. Buses stop at these locations approximately 3 times per day between the elementary, middle, and high schools. There are concerns that adding a lane would allow cars to drive around stopped buses unsafely.
 4. Frank Prevratil
 - Frank wanted to reiterate that he disagrees with the traffic model as it does not represent the conditions observed in the field and questioned if future development was taken into consideration.
 - It was explained that the traffic analysis only analyzes the existing conditions. Any future development would be included in the proposed analysis typically done during the design phase of projects.