

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING  
February 18, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Present were Supervisors Donald Lerew, John Shambaugh, Naomi Decker, Gary Brown and Secretary Nancy Zentmeyer. Also present were Planning Commission Members John Holder, Rob Edwards, Joshua Dourte, Charles Bowers, and Robert Yerger. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building, 150 Century Lane, Dillsburg, York County, PA.

**ROUTE 15 CONCEPT PLAN**

Supervisor Brown stated that this meeting is to discuss the Route 15 concept plan and about making a decision. The immediate, mid-term, and long-term improvement alternatives will be looked at.

The immediate improvements would be the most inexpensive to Route 15 and to provide safety. The State would do the improvements almost immediately. There would be shut downs to eliminate dangerous crossings. Range End Road south will be discussed. It was noted that all the municipalities should agree on the changes as it would be more likely to get these items done. It was noted that \$15,000,000. would be spent over a period of time.

At this time Ms. Beth Nidam from York County Planning Commission proceeded with the needs for Route 15. According to the schedule the end date is June 30 for grant money. On March 16 there will be a municipal workshop to review with the other municipalities. The next public meeting is scheduled for March 30 which will be held at the high school

**Immediate Improvements**

Some of the preliminary alternates under Immediate Improvements are: the vegetation along the road for sight distance, signage, a letter was sent to PennDOT regarding road maintenance, and in Carroll Township the signal lights for traffic control. There are 6 access improvements in Franklin Township as follows and suggestions on what improvements should be considered.

1. Glenwood Road – close west leg
2. Hickory Road – close both legs
3. Century Lane/Cabin Hollow Road – close both legs
4. Clear Springs Road – close east leg
5. Scotch Pine Road – close east leg
6. S. Ridge Road – prohibit left turn out

Glenwood Road - there was discussion regarding right turns and accidents. It was suggested to shut the median only.

Century Lane/Cabin Hollow Road – construct an overpass. Chief Whitzel from Franklinton Fire Company stated that this as a main route for the fire company wants to see this remain open. It was noted that Clearview Road is not a good alternative as the roadway is narrow. It was also suggested to cut the bank down on the Cabin Hollow Road side.

Hickory Road – close the median and have an acceleration lane. It was questioned regarding a right turn on either side. The east side should not be problem to close. Rear ending is also a problem without much of a turning lane.

Clear Springs Road – close east leg.

Close all medians except Franklin Church Road and Century Lane. Shut down the medians from County Line Road to Franklin Church Road. Roads #8 - #11, as indicated on the map handout, need access. These roads are Century Lane, Franklin Church Road, Clear Springs Road and Scotch Pine Road. Flashing yellow lights to be installed to warn vehicles to slow down was suggested It was also suggested to reduce the speed limit but it was noted that this road is designed for the current speed.

For Glenwood Road, Hickory Road, Clear Springs Road and Scotch Pine Road close the medians. Rumble strips were suggested but they cannot be placed on a high speed road such as Route 15 as there are design standards. It was suggested that the last median to be closed would be Clear Springs Road.

Once you adopt the comprehensive plan this is what you want to see. Once adopted PennDOT will be on top of these recommended changes. The plan will be adopted by a Resolution. It was questioned if the work can be done in phases and it was noted that may be possible.

Again, options that were discussed were left turns only for Clear Springs Road. Scotch Pine Road , Hickory Road and Glenwood Road close medians. County Line Road close the median and right turn only. It was noted that Adams County will not agree to County Line Road.

### **Mid-Term Improvements**

The Mid-Term Improvements will take longer to get done with a possibility of getting the work done in 2-year terms and were discussed as follows:

- modify east leg of Glenwood Road to right-in/right-out with accel/decel lanes
- close west leg of Clear Springs Road
- accel/decel lanes at Range End/Franklin Church Roads
- add jughandle at Cabin Hollow Road

An overpass at County Line Road would encourage development and at a later date make it an interchange. It was noted that Adams County in not in favor of this plan. Golf Course and Range End Roads (Carroll Township) make an interchange. This is in the agreement and would also help the school district. Have an overpass about one mile from the Golf Course and Range End Roads at either the Cabin Hollow Road/Century Lane or Franklin Church Road.

Again, Chief Whitzel indicated that road improvements would be needed on Clearview Road to Franklin Church Road if the fire company would be making that their alternate route to reach Route 15. With an interchange at Franklin Church Road there may be an issue with wetlands.

Diamond interchanges were discussed as they do not encroach on wetlands that much but if the bog turtle would be located in wetlands the project could not be done. The time frame for projects for mid-term projects is 10+ years from paper to construction. There was discussion on traffic impact fees to be paid by developers in order to fund the projects.

### **Long-Term Improvements**

Some of the access management improvements are:

- close Range End Road/Franklin Church Road
- close west leg of Scotch Pine Road
- close Mountain Road (in Adams County)

Decisions to be made regarding these intersections should be done by the March 16 meeting.

These improvements were again reviewed as follows:

### **Immediate Improvements**

- Hickory Road – close east leg.
- Glenwood Road – close west leg and have right turns.
- Close medians at Glenwood Road, Hickory Road, Scotch Pine Road and County Line Road.
- Cabin Hollow Road/Century Lane stay open for fire company. Chief Whitzel asked if the medians are shut down can gates be installed for emergency access. It would have to be crash proof. It was suggested that PennDOT take a look at this request.
- Left turns only at Clear Springs Road and right turns only onto Route 15.
- Close east leg of Hickory Road.
- There should be alternate routes for the public.

### **Mid-Term Improvements**

- Glenwood Road accel/decel lanes. It was suggested to have this done at all of the intersections but it was noted that if that is done PennDOT will not do an interchange.
- Do the overpass at Franklin Church Road and widen the shoulders

It was questioned if the grades could be lowered at the intersections of Glenwood Road and Cabin Hollow Road for better sight distance. The banks to the left to be cut back and this could be put on the list.

Chief Whitzel noted for safety purposes that a substation for the fire company be on the west side of Route 15.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Zentmeyer  
Township Secretary