



MEMORANDUM of MEETING

Date: 2/8/2017

Date of Meeting: 1/17/2017

Time of Meeting: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Cranberry Township Municipal Bldg.

Meeting Description: Stakeholder Coordination Meeting
(Cranberry Township)

Work Order Number: WRA #35004

Contract Number: ECMS #E03625

Project: Route 228 Mars RR Bridge West
Expansion Project

CC: Mark Rozich (PennDOT D-10); Project File

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The meeting opened with Eric giving a brief overview of the project limits along the Route 228 Corridor. Discussions with Cranberry were aimed at reviewing and sharing information relative to any upcoming plans, projects, or interests in the vicinity of Route 228 that may impact WRA's overall corridor study and design.

Cranberry is willing to provide their master plan for project reference. WRA should coordinate with Mark Rozich (PennDOT Route 228 Project Manager) to send in a request for release of the Route 228 Corridor Master Plan. Additional details from or related to that plan include the following:

- Cranberry GIS data is available for reference, and requests should go to Kathleen for relevant road, sidewalk, bike, pedestrian, or other shapefiles.
- Cranberry will be updating their pedestrian and bike trail plan this year.
- Cranberry was envisioning an urban style road section (similar to the Freedom Road corridor) for Route 228. PennDOT, however, may require a wider section (e.g. including 10' shoulders, etc.).
- Cranberry's general pedestrian/bicycle philosophy is to provide alternate facilities, parallel roads, separate bike trails, etc., to keep peds/bikes off of Route 228.
- There is a long term vision for a trail system, but Cranberry does not have any design information to share at this time.

The intersection of Route 228 and Franklin Road has numerous planned improvements. These include a plan for future dual left-turns both eastbound and westbound from Route 228 onto Franklin Road.

- Cranberry can provide a concept sketch (See TIP Program)

- A future bike route along Franklin Road is planned as an on-road facility.
- Planned developments are anticipated in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. Any new access along Route 228 would be expected to be restricted to right-in/right-out (RIRO) only, whereas a new full-access intersection may be planned for the north leg of Franklin Road.

Relative to considering future pedestrian, bicycle, or development plans, there was discussion that the Route 228 design team will attempt to identify and consider pertinent connections, missing links, etc., that could potentially be incorporated (or at least planned for) within the confines of the Route 228 project and design/construction limits.

- One example may include accommodations to address a missing pedestrian connection / sidewalk link in the segment of Route 228 just east of Franklin Road.
- New linkages could tie together existing/future developments and/or local residential areas in the vicinity of St. Killian's, but would require coordination with all property owners, business owners, municipal plans, design issues, etc.

There was substantial interest from Cranberry Township in exploring an interim/shorter-term solution to help alleviate congestion along Route 228 east of Franklin Road (in the vicinity of the existing eastbound lane drop).

- Cranberry's primary concern is congestion along eastbound Route 228 that backs up (or is projected to back up) as far as Cranberry Springs Drive as a result of the existing two-lane to one-lane merge east of Franklin Road.
- If two through-lanes could be carried through the intersection and east to Castle Creek Drive, for example, Cranberry would not be opposed to considering removal of the existing median/separator island within that segment of Route 228 to help accommodate width for the extra travel lane(s).

ACTION ITEMS:

- **WRA:** Coordinate with Mark Rozich to request release of Route 228 Master Plan from Cranberry Township.
- **WRA:** Coordinate w/ Cranberry Township to request relevant GIS file. (*Note – subsequent to the meeting, this coordination was completed, and Cranberry Township provided two deliveries of shapefiles including ped/bike/trail data, and miscellaneous utilities data.*)

The above is a memorandum of understanding between the parties regarding the topics discussed and the decisions reached. Any participants desiring to add to, or otherwise amend the minutes, are requested to put their comments in writing to the writer within seven (7) days; otherwise, the minutes will stand as written.


Chad D. Reese, PE

