

Summary of Results from Improvement Priorities Worksheet

Route 9W Corridor Linkage Study

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The following is a summary of results of an exercise conducted by the Town to rank priorities for transportation improvements in the Route 9W corridor. Participants at the March 11, 2007 Rt. 9W Study Open House were invited to complete a "Rt. 9W Improvement Priorities Worksheet" that was available at the meeting. The worksheet listed the various transportation improvement options identified by the Rt. 9W Corridor Linkage Study and asked respondents to rank the priority of each improvement. Response categories included: "*not a priority*", "*low priority*", "*medium priority*", "*high priority*" and "*top priority*". Fifty-three items of potential improvements were listed on the worksheet along with the item's associated cost. The worksheet was also made available on the Town website and many response forms were completed and submitted from this source.

Care should be taken in the interpretation of results. The exercise was not conducted as, nor was it intended to be, a random or statistically valid survey. Results **cannot** be interpreted as representative of the opinions of Town residents. The results simply reflect the views of those who filled out the worksheet. Also, It should be noted that results, to some degree, appear to be influenced by the respondents' place of residence and the number of respondents from a particular area of Town. Thus, the call for sidewalks along Feura Bush Road for example, may at least partially be explained by the number of respondents from Glenmont.

Items from the worksheet receiving the highest priority rankings are identified below.

1) The geographic distribution of respondents is summarized as follows:

Total Worksheets Submitted: 70

- Glenmont: 20
- Clapper Road Area: 16
- Delmar/Elsmere: 9
- Selkirk (outside hamlet): 9
- Maple Avenue Area: 6
- River Road Area: 6
- Other: 4

2) More than 20% of respondents identified the following improvements as a "*high priority*" or a "*top priority*":

- Install a roundabout at intersection of Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Road (36%)
- Install a roundabout at intersection of Rt. 9W and Delmar Bypass (21%)

- Install a second travel lane in both directions between Feura Bush and Delmar Bypass (27%)
- Install a second NB travel lane on Rt. 9W between Feura Bush Rd and Delmar Bypass (24%)

- Install a sidewalk along Rt. 9W between Beacon Rd. and Feura Bush Rd (30%)
- Install a sidewalk along Rt. 9W between Feura Bush Rd and Delmar Bypass (23%)

- Install a sidewalk along Feura Bush Rd west from Rt. 9W (33%)
- Install a sidewalk along Glenmont Rd east from Rt. 9W (23%)
- Install a sidewalk along Beacon Rd west from Rt. 9W (21%)
- Install bike lanes along Rt. 9W between Feura Bush Rd. and Delmar Bypass (30%)
- Install bike lanes along Rt. 9W between Beacon Rd. and Feura Bush Rd. (24%)
- Install off-road ped/shared use path between Selkirk and Becker School (26%)
- Install off-road ped/shared use path between Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd area (21%)

3) More than 33% of respondents (one in three) identified the following improvements as a “medium priority”, “high priority” or “top priority”: (Note that under this criteria three items fall off the above list and three new items are added.)

- Install a roundabout at intersection of Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Road (47%)
- Install a second travel lane in both directions between Feura Bush and Delmar Bypass (51%)
- Install a second NB travel lane on Rt. 9W between Feura Bush Rd and Delmar Bypass (40%)
- Install 5’ shoulders along Rt. 9W between Wemple Road and Beacon Rd. (41%)
- Install a sidewalk along Rt. 9W between Beacon Rd and Feura Bush Rd. (41%)
- Install a sidewalk along Rt. 9W between Feura Bush Rd and Delmar Bypass (40%)
- Install a sidewalk along Feura Bush Rd west from Rt. 9W (47%)
- Install a sidewalk along Glenmont Rd east from Rt. 9W (39%)
- Install bike lanes along Rt. 9W between Feura Bush Rd. and Delmar Bypass (39%)
- Install bike lanes along Rt. 9W between Beacon Rd. and Feura Bush Rd. (36%)
- Install off-road ped/shared use path between Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd area (34%)
- Improve Glenmont School access w/ full access at Bender Lane (39%)
- Improve mass transit/bus service along 9W w/ various physical improvements (39%)

4) Priorities that appeared to have some relation to the respondent’s place of residence included:

- Installation of additional travel lanes along 9W (Glenmont, Maple Ave, Clapper, Delmar/Elsmere respondents)
- Installation of flush median between Feura Bush Road and the Delmar Bypass (Glenmont respondents)
- Installation of sidewalks (Glenmont, Delmar/Elsmere respondents in northern section of corridor; Maple Avenue respondents for connection to Becker School)
- Construction of Selkirk Bypass (Maple Avenue and Selkirk respondents)
- Glenmont School access improvements (Glenmont and Delmar/Elsmere respondents)

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