

Bungay/West Church/Botsford Reconstruction Project

Thank you for your feedback regarding the Bungay/West Church/Botsford Road Reconstruction project!

The following is an overview of the questions and comments that the Town has received from the community with regards to the project. Please understand the project is still in the design phase and is currently under review from the agencies that are administering the funding. Once we receive full approval and complete the procurement phase of the project, we will have a solid understanding of the construction schedule and timelines for the project. We will continue to work hard to address concerns of our residents and stakeholders, and we thank you for your continued support and patience.

Sincerely,

First Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis

1) Can the phasing plan be broken up into more phases or adjusted?

The phasing plan has been revised based on the feedback from our residents. The revised phasing plans are attached to this notification as well as a description of the areas of phasing detailed below:

Phase 1: Bungay Rd/Botsford Intersection to Poplar Drive

Phase 2: Poplar Drive to Bungay Terrace

Phase 3: Bungay Terrace to Emma Street

Phase 4: Emma Street to West Street Intersection

While construction is happening in any one phase, traffic in that area will be one way with traffic flowing up the hill. Traffic in the other phases will be two way when there is no work being done. After further discussions with our emergency services personnel, one way traffic up the hill will yield the fastest response times and will ultimately be in the best interest of public safety.

In addition to the feedback that this project will impact the residents with school drop off and pick up, the contractor will only be able to work in Phase 2 between the period of July 1st to August 15th. This will allow almost normal traffic patterns during the school year and will mitigate impacts. We will continue to coordinate with the Board of Education, and the school bus company for all phases of construction.

2) Can Bungay Road and West Church Street remain open to two lanes of traffic during construction? Has the use of a temporary traffic light been explored?

We have changed the phasing, and have revised the plans to include two way traffic in certain areas. We anticipate the contractor using multiple crews which will further impact the size of the construction zone. To ensure public safety, the road will be limited to one way traffic. We will continue to explore the possible effectiveness and safety of a temporary traffic light to control traffic direction, but at this time have not ruled it as a possible solution.

3) Has a traffic impact study been done on the current amount of traffic on Mountain Road and Derby Ave? And then the impact of the traffic being diverted to Derby Ave and Rt. 67?

The town has implemented a traffic study that focuses on the volume and speeds currently using Bungay/West Church Street. The study found that the largest anticipated volume of vehicles is during the evening commute between the hours of 5 and 6 pm which is when residents are returning to their neighborhoods. We anticipate that this largest volume of traffic will be able to continue to use Bungay/West Church Street to return home from the center of Town, heading up the hill of the project area as it does today. As a result, minimal additional traffic directed to Mountain Road is expected at this time of day. The morning commute traffic is spread out evenly over multiple hours and will have less of an impact on Mountain Road.

4) Are there plans to reconfigure the intersection of Church Street and West Street?

No reconfiguration of the intersection of Church Street and West Street is planned. Improvements in this area include pavement markings, adding an ADA concrete ramp and additional on street parking. Additionally, minor grading of the roadway is proposed to ensure proper drainage.

5) Can Balance Rock open a temporary second entrance off of Sagamore with a locked gate for emergency services to have a secondary access to the complex to ease with Great Hill Firehouse responding to the complex?

The detour plans have been reviewed and analyzed by the Seymour Fire Department and their response to both Bungay School and Balance Rock Condos were discussed in-depth in the event of an emergency. At this time a temporary entrance for this area will not be provided.

6) Can a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) be added at the crossing by Bungay School?

A RRFB has been added to the crossing by Bungay School.

7) Will there still be street parking for Hull Funeral?

During construction the town will coordinate with Hull Funeral and Town of Seymour Police to ensure access and parking for Hull Funeral. Once the project is complete the width of roadway will remain approximately the same in this area.

8) Will there be sidewalks on both sides of the street?

Overall, the project will close gaps in the existing sidewalk from Bungay High School To West Street.

9) Will the stone wall at the corner of Emma Street remain?

The stone wall will be removed in this area for both the realignment of the roadway as well as to improve visibility of oncoming vehicles at this intersection.

10) Will the project plans be available for residents to view?

At this time, the plans are still in a design phase and may be revised based on feedback from the NVCOG and the State of Connecticut DOT. Once the plans are finalized, they will be made available for viewing. If you have questions how your property will be impacted due to this

project, please feel free to contact B&B Engineering at 203-881-8145 or at megan@bbengrs.com and we will be happy to discuss the proposed impact. Please realize that the plans are not fully completed as of yet and may continue to change.