

SUMMER RESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 5, 2011

The Honorable Florence Seldin
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
549 Main Street
Chatham, MA 02633

Subject: West Chatham Corridor

Dear Madame Chairman:

The Summer Residents Advisory Committee has reviewed the various scenarios and discussions regarding the West Chatham corridor project. We have approached our review from the standpoint of the two priorities of summer residents as they use this corridor; namely, safety and recreational use.

One of the main reasons summer residents come to Chatham is because of the many recreational opportunities in town. Whether it be boating, beaching, biking, jogging, walking, etc the varied opportunities are a main draw. Therefore it is important that we maximize the recreational uses of the corridor. We must provide bikers, joggers, and walkers the capability to use this corridor. Furthermore, it should be designed to ensure their safety as well as the safety of vehicular traffic.

The Summer Residents Advisory Committee has unanimously endorsed the concepts of the West Chatham corridor contained in the Project Initiation Form as submitted to the Commonwealth in July 2011.

Specifically, we have concluded that the following are required:

- A sidewalk on the south side of Rt 28, separated from the road with a green strip, for walkers and joggers
- A multiuse path on the north side of Rt 28, separated from the road with a green strip, for bikers and joggers
- Cross walks for pedestrians and bikers at 3 places in the corridor
- A single lane roundabout at George Ryder Rd to slow traffic entering the corridor
- A signal at Barn Hill Rd to allow safe access to Rt 28 and allow safe use of a cross walk
- Finally, the road should be narrowed to two lanes to allow for the paths and green strips mentioned above and further slow the traffic in the corridor.

We feel that the improvements listed above will provide the best scenario to allow the safe use of the corridor for the recreational enjoyment of the summer residents.

We encourage you to speed the approval process for the PIF so we can enjoy these enhancements to a critical roadway in Chatham.

Thank you,

Peter Tarrant
Chairman, Sub-committee on Transportation & Safety

cc: Members of the Board of Selectman
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