

Wendell Transportation Scope of Work for Executive Order 418

Road Research and Transit Analysis

This project will research the legal status of certain roads to determine if they are public ways, and will assess the current level of transit services for town residents.

Task 1: Research the legal status of the following roads to determine if they are public ways or legally discontinued and not eligible for “Approval Not Required” (ANR) development, road improvements, or maintenance. The roads are:

- Rockwell Hill Road
- Old Farley Road
- Old Egypt Road
- Kenfield Road
- Sears Road

If time or funding allow, additional roads identified by the Town will be researched. A report will be compiled showing all legal references found, along with an opinion of the current status of the road based on the research. The report will also include a procedural outline of how to discontinue any road, if so desired.

Cost = 25 hours @ \$75 = \$1,875

Task 2: Research and provide clarification on the legal extent (the width and the center point) of the following roads:

- Wendell Depot Road
- Lockes Village Road
- Montague Road
- Farley Road
- Mormon Hollow Road

Portions of Wendell Depot (between Farley and the center of town) or the length of other roads (Montague, Farley and Mormon Hollow) may have recently been defined during road construction. These, according to the Highway Commission, are the major roads where road width/location concerns may be facing the town in the near future.

The final product will include maps and/or plans showing the sidelines and/or centerlines of the subject roads to the extent possible based on the layouts of record. Tables of sidelines metes and bounds will also be provided. Note that in the absence of physical bounds being found, full or partial surveys to recover the bound locations would be required. The surveys are not a part of the scope for this task.

Cost = 40 hours @ \$75 = \$3,000

Task 3: Review current demographic, economic, and vehicle ownership statistics for the community based on data available from the U.S. Census.

Inventory and assess the current transportation services available to the community and collect information on transportation difficulties and unmet transportation needs. Transit services to be examined and evaluated will include fixed route bus service and dial-a-ride and paratransit (ADA) service. Wendell is interested in exploring the possibility of accessing fixed route transit like the G-Link that travels between Gardener and Greenfield along Route 2, and GMTA service along Route 63 to Amherst.

One source of information will be responses to a short written survey aimed at a sampling of members of the population regarding their frequency of use of current transportation services, the types of trips for which they have the most transportation problems or concerns, and which types of transportation service changes or expansions would be most beneficial to them. Information will also be collected through interviews with local service providers including the local Council on Aging and transit providers.

Recommendations for transportation service additions or improvements will be made.

Cost = 82.5 hours @ \$50 per hour = \$4,125.

Task 4: Attend two meetings of the Committee to review and provide input on work completed for the Transportation component of the Community Development Plan.

Cost = 20 hours @ \$50 = \$1,000

TOTAL PROJECT COST = \$10,000 to be completed by September, 2003.