

In preparation for the January meeting of the Route 140 task force Princeton members met on Tuesday December 2, 2008 at the Princeton Highway Barn. The group then toured the length of Route 140 from the Princeton Sterling town line to the Princeton Westminster town line. Several stops were made with walking to sights of interest. Present were Alex Fiandaca, Glenn Lyons, Ken Whitney, and Joe O'Brien and Mickey Splaine. The results of the meeting are listed here amended to the original list of concerns developed in September 2008:

Route 140 Concerns:

- Bridge at Sterling Princeton Town Line (who's Bridge is it?)
 - Observation indicates the bridge is in reason condition
 - If there are going to be wider shoulders on an improved roadway is the bridge wide enough?
- Sawyer field proximity to road, fencing, and other child safety
 - Are grants available for improvements to the field
- Village:
 - The approach to the "village" may be best marked by the historic marker below Kristoff's property.
 - Can we have weight limits on the roadway?
 - Bridge Truck exclusion?
 - Proximity of houses to pavement
 - Intersection of Gleason and Route 140
 - Possible to better define with road markings
 - Road width
 - Moving utilities to south side of the road would free up space for sidewalks
 - Sidewalks and crosswalks
 - Possible "textured" cross walks as a visual indication of a village district
 - Four foot sidewalks with passing areas may allow for more lane width
 - Speed
 - Visual markers that define the village will help drivers to recognize that they are in a reduced speed zone
 - Lighting and utilities, can they be underground to gain space/width?
 - Moving utilities to south side of the road would free up space for sidewalks
 - Bridge, water retention for fire protection, failing today, historic significance of lattice work
 - Bridge is center of village is rated at "3" and a significant concern. Will probably need attention before the road project is started
 - Historic sites below bridge
 - Intersection of 140, 31S and Beaman Road
 - Possible "roundabout" to define the entrance to the village.

- Bog area just north of Hobbs Road
- Intersection of 140 & 31N
 - Needs a right angle intersection from Rte 31 south to Rte 140 with a possible “slip lane” to expedite Rte 140 North traffic onto Rte 31 North.
- Intersection of 140, Rocky Pond and Mirick Roads, should a hydraulic study be done to calculate the runoff which today tops the culverts
 - Vertical sight distances are an issue
- Sight distances in Everettville
- Bicycle traffic
- Entire route might need borings to determine the sub-base ensuring an enduring project.
- Vertical and horizontal sight issues are evident over the entire Princeton section.