

Town of New Hartford NYS Route 840



Welcome!

Break In Access Public Meeting

Public Meeting Process

Administrative Details

- Sign in
- To comment today:
 - Fill out comment card & give to Kurt Schwenzfeier
 - Raise you hand if you need a comment card
- Spoken comments will be limited to four (4) minutes
- May simply state that you agree with a previous commenter
- Written Testimonials
 - You may summarize during comment period and submit entire piece to Town
- May also mail comments to Kurt Schwenzfeier, New Hartford Town Planner
 - Forms available at sign-in table
 - Due November 16

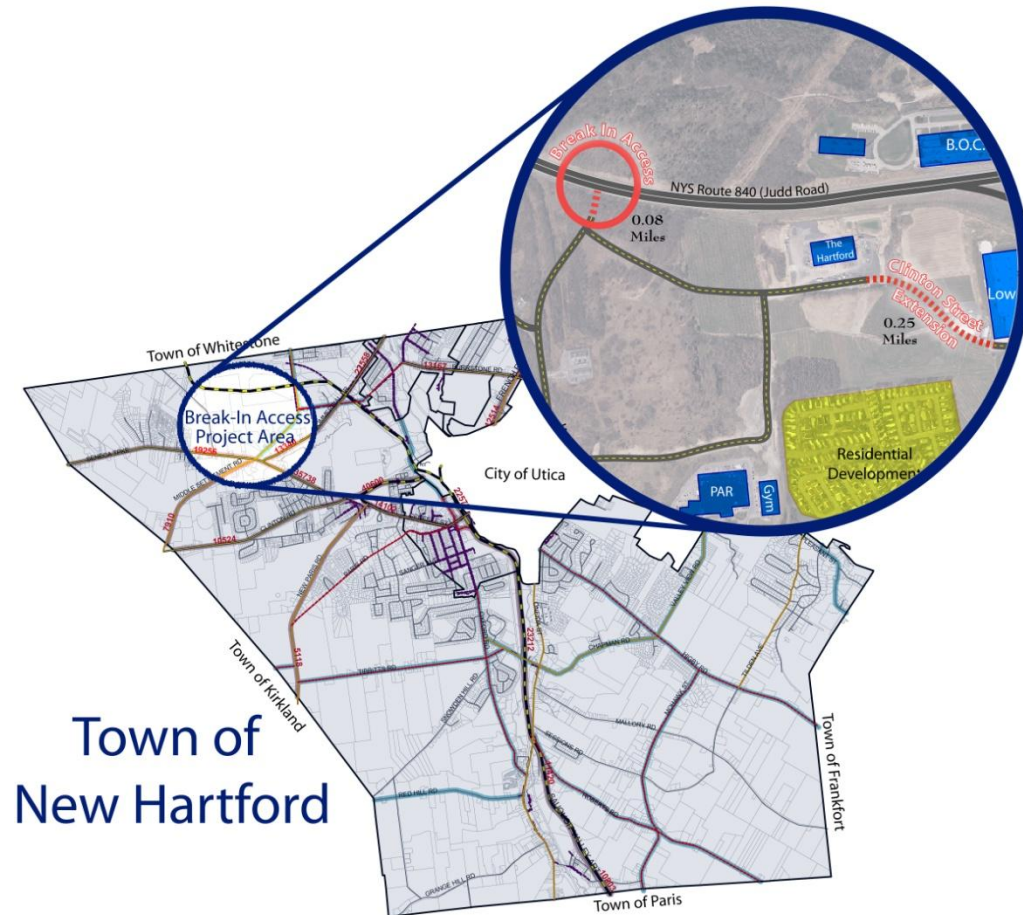


Proposal

Break-In Access Proposal

To provide access from Route 840 to surrounding lands, which will:

- Stimulate economic development
- Improve traffic conditions
- Further development of a safe transportation network
- Enhance public infrastructure





Agenda

Presentation Agenda

- History & Background of the Project

- Original Alternatives Considered

14 Original  3 Action Alternatives + Null Alternative  Choice Alternative to be determined

- Next Steps...



Purpose

Purpose of Today's Meeting

1. To Seek the public's input for a new access point on NYS Route 840 to connect to the Woods Highway Extension and NYS Route 5
2. To answer the questions citizens may have on the NYS Route 840 Break in Access



History & Background

The Proposed Project

1. Break-In Access of Route 840 to accommodate connection to Woods Highway Extension
2. Extension of Clinton Street from Middle Settlement Road to Woods Highway Extension
 - Facilitate access to New Hartford Business Park, PAR Technology, Lowes
 - Realize the vision of the original Town of New Hartford Business Park studied since the late 1990s



History & Background

The Future with a Break in Access

- A Bolstered New Hartford Tax Base
- 126 Acre Business Park
- Redesign of Woods Highway at NYS Route 5 that improves traffic and safety conditions currently under construction



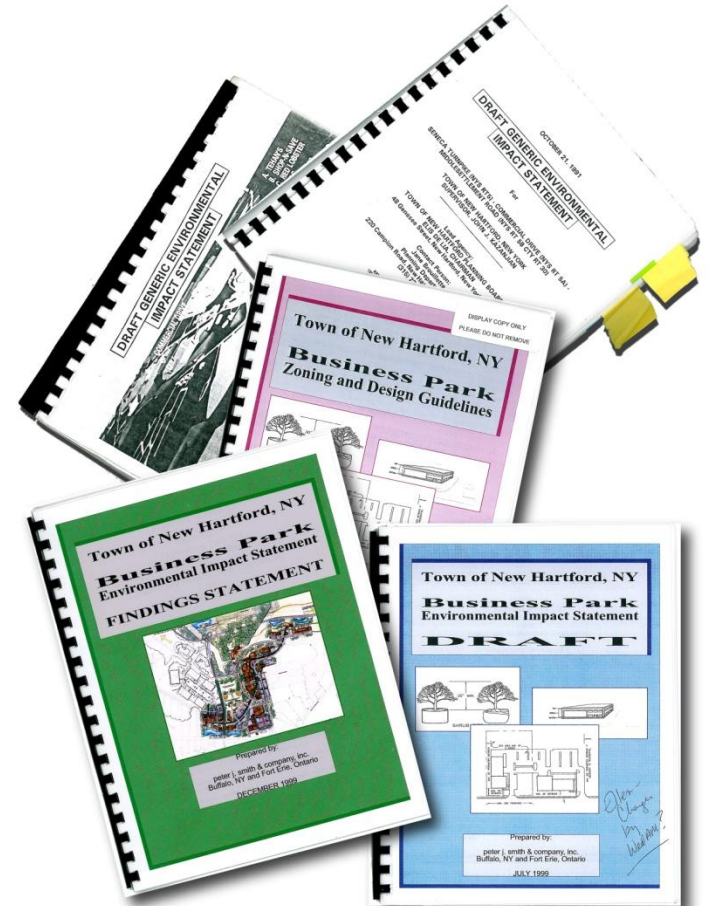
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History & Background

History of the Project

- 1992 Seneca Turnpike Final GEIS
- 1995 PAR Technology Park Feasibility Study
- 1999 New Hartford Business Park Study
 - Environmental Impact Statement
- 2003 Woods Highway Connector Link Study
 - Technical Memorandum No. 1
 - Technical Memorandum No. 2
 - Technical Memorandum No. 3
 - Technical Memorandum No. 4



History & Background

History of the Project

- 2006: Middle Settlement Road/Woods Highway/Route 840 Connector Link Study
 - Recommended Woods Highway – Route 840 connection to mitigate traffic congestion on surrounding roadway system
 - Recommended the Clinton Street Extension to mitigate traffic congestion on surrounding roadway system
- 2006-07: Town of New Hartford commences discussions with NYSDOT for a Break in Access



History & Background

Public Benefits

- Recent Growth
 - Lowes Home Improvement Center (2007) – Generates \$240,000 in taxes, annually
 - The Orchard Retail Center (2004) – Generates \$635,000 in taxes, annually
 - The Hartford Insurance Company (2008) – Assessed at \$9.9 million
- Job Production
 - The Hartford – 680 Employees
 - Lowes – 125 Employees
- Tax Revenue
 - Original New Hartford Business Park lands purchased in 2006 Generated **\$8,750**, annually
 - Presently, the NHBP generates **\$38,000**, excluding revenue from The Hartford Insurance Co.
 - Potential to generate **\$1,850,000** in taxes, annually, based upon a 15% land build-out



History & Background

Public Benefits

- Committed Developments: Pending the Break-in Access
 - Medical Office
 - Hampton Inn & Suites: 80-100 rooms
- Traffic Safety and Congestion Relief
 - Direct access from Route 840 to Business Park and PAR Technology Park.
 - Safety of area improved by reducing traffic congestion on surrounding roads
 - Improvements to Middle Settlement road as well as intersections of Route 5 & Middle Settlement Road, Route 5 & Woods Highway and Jay K Intersection
- “Shovel Ready” New Hartford Business Park development sites in the Town of New Hartford



Alternatives & Considerations

14 Original Concepts Under Consideration

1. Right in – Right out
without Clinton Street Extension
2. Right in – Right out
with Clinton Street Extension
3. Three-Legged Intersection
without Clinton Street Extension
4. Three-Legged Intersection
with Clinton Street Extension
5. Full Intersection
without Clinton Street Extension
6. Full Intersection
with Clinton Street Extension
7. Jug Handle
without Clinton Street Extension
8. Jug Handle
with Clinton Street Extension
9. Roundabout
10. Stop Sign
11. Diamond Interchange
12. Cloverleaf Interchange
13. No Break-In Access
with Clinton Street Extension
14. Null Alternative – No Break-In Access
No Clinton Street Extension



Alternatives & Considerations

Criteria for Evaluation

- Level of Accessibility and Connectivity
 - Traffic Capacity
 - Lands & roads serviced
- Impact upon surrounding transportation infrastructure
- Cost
- Future incorporation into transportation infrastructure



Route 840 – View East



Alternatives & Considerations

10 Concepts Eliminated

- ~~1. Right in – Right out
without Clinton Street Extension~~
2. Right in – Right out
with Clinton Street Extension
- ~~3. Three Legged Intersection
without Clinton Street Extension~~
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Alternatives & Considerations

Three Preliminary Action Alternatives + Null

- Right In – Right Out Intersection
With Clinton Street Extension
- Jug Handle Intersection
With Clinton Street Extension
- No Break In Access
With Clinton Street Extension
- Null Alternative



Woods Highway Extension



Alternatives & Considerations

Right in – Right Out Alternative

FEATURES

- Acceleration/deceleration lanes on RTE 840 east
- Non-Signalized
- Completion of Clinton St. Ext.

IMPLICATIONS

- Allows for free flow of traffic
- Access on and off 840 east
- No access on or off 840 west
- No access to land north of 840
- Low to Moderate Level of Accessibility & Connectivity
- Potential incorporation into future interchange
- Break In Access : \$800,000
- Clinton St. Ext.: \$480,000



Alternatives & Considerations

Jug Handle Alternative

FEATURES

- Ramp from RTE 840 west to Woods Ext.
- Signalized
- Acceleration/deceleration lanes on 840 east
- Completion of Clinton St. Ext.

IMPLICATIONS

- Will result in traffic stoppages
- Full access to NHBP from 840
- Highest Level of Accessibility & Connectivity
- Potential incorporation into future diamond interchange
- Widening required
- Break In Access : \$2.8 million
- Clinton St. Ext.: \$480,000



Alternatives & Considerations

Most Feasible Action Alternatives

Right in – Right Out

With Clinton Street Extension



Jug Handle Intersection

With Clinton Street Extension



Next Steps...

- Public comment period: 7 Days
 - Comments due by mail, November 16 to:
 - Kurt L. Schwenzfeier, AICP - Town Planner
 - Town of New Hartford
 - 111 New Hartford Street
 - New Hartford, NY 13413
- Choose final alternative
 - Town board meeting: November 18, 2009
- Finalize & submit Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT)



Next Steps...

Public Comment Opens

Thank you!

