



Town of New Castle, NH
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April 12, 2021

Re: Wentworth Road Pedestrian Improvements Project
New Castle 42517, X-A004(889)
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Dear Resident:

As you may be aware, Ben Jankowski was the dedicated *Person in Responsible Charge* (PRC) for the Town of New Castle TAP Project. Unfortunately, Ben resigned from the Town of New Castle this past summer. The Town is currently interviewing for a Department of Public Works replacement. The Town of New Castle has received approval and authorization from the TAP program to allow me to act in the capacity of PRC until a replacement is found.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the Town and throughout the world. With that being said, I wanted to share with you our recent progress as it relates to the New Castle TAP project.

In our last update we informed you that we were in the beginning stages of the Qualification Base Selection (QBS) process. I am pleased to inform you that we have completed the QBS process and have selected CMA Engineers, Inc. as the firm in which we will be working with. The results and the letter of approval from our TAP Project Manager can be found under "News & Announcements" on the dedicated TAP page of the Town's Website. In addition, we have just received approval for the Scope and Fee associated with the first phase of our project, Engineering Study Phase.

I want to stress that no decisions or recommendations have been made at this time. The Town will conduct a minimum of two (2) public meetings where the public will be asked to participate as we progress through the process.

Lastly, it is still the Town's intent that improvements made to this portion of Route 1B remain within the State of New Hampshire's existing right-of-way (ROW). The ROW has yet to be determined and will be surveyed/researched prior to design and public meetings.

The Town received notification on Friday, April 9, 2021 that the survey work between Beach Hill Road and Pit Lane will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Sincerely,

Ken McDonald
TAP Project Coordinator