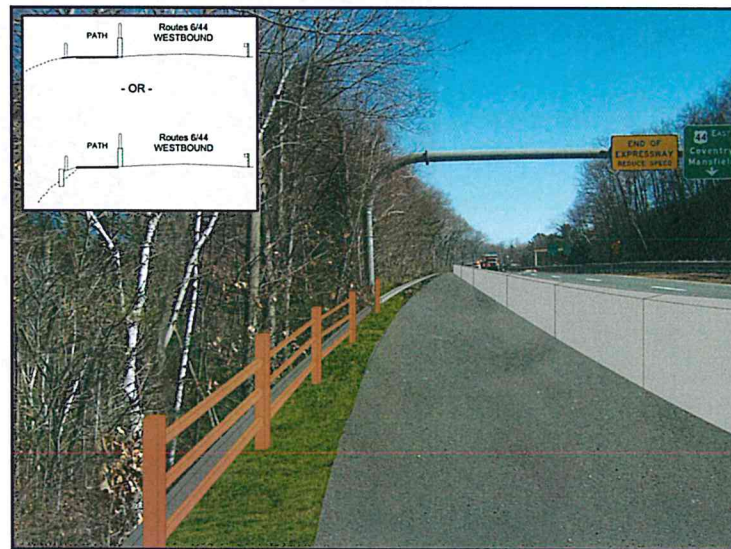
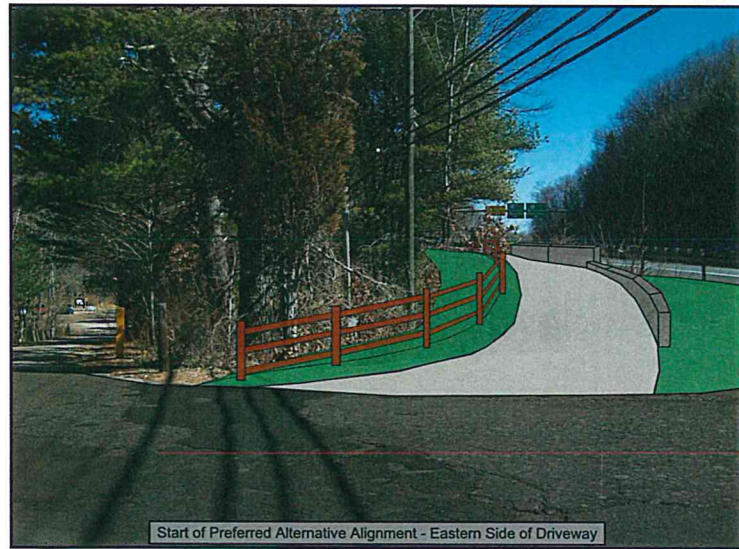


## Proposed Shared-Use Path — Hop River State Park Trail to Quarry Road

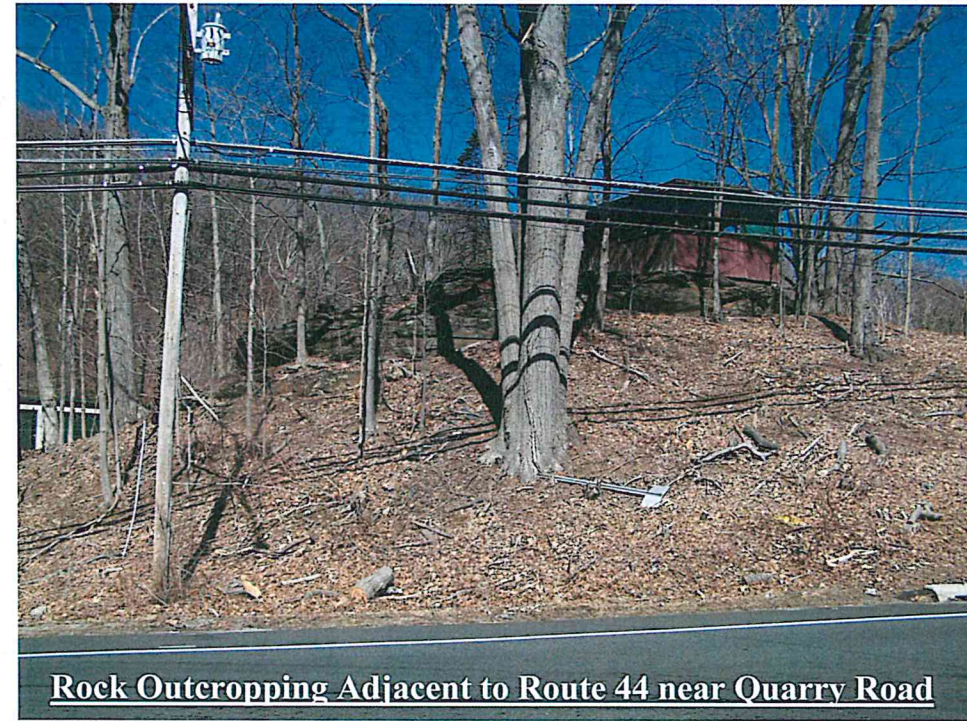
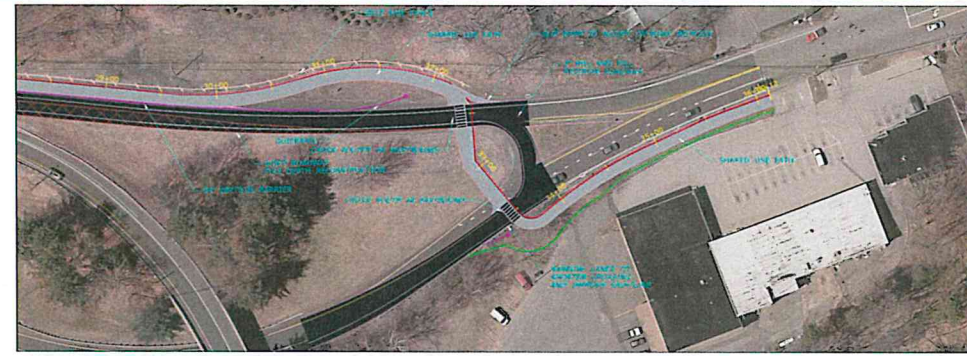
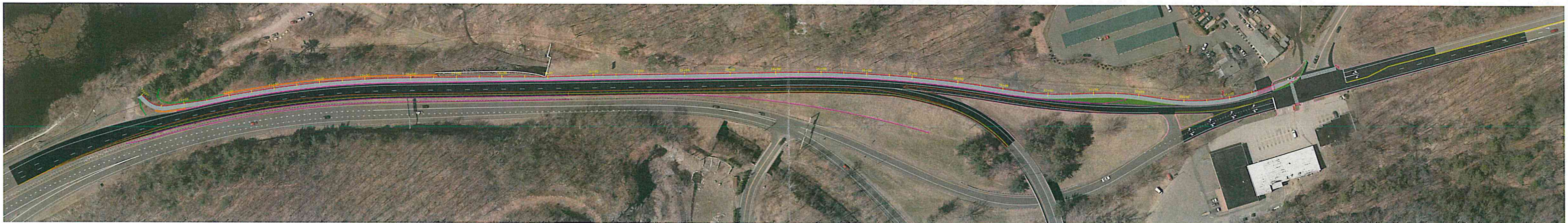
In February 2014, a public informational meeting was held for Project 12-96, the extension of the Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path in the Towns of Manchester and Bolton. At the meeting, Bolton Town officials and members of the public requested that the Department of Transportation (Department) extend the shared-use path from its planned terminus at the Hop River State Park Trail at Bolton Notch State Park to Quarry Road, a town road located approximately 0.5 miles to the east. During a subsequent meeting between the Department, Town of Bolton, and the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), it was agreed that the Department would study possible linkages between the Hop River Trail State Park and a shopping plaza located opposite Quarry Road.

In November 2016, the Department presented the findings of the feasibility study to the public and solicited feedback on the preferred path alignment. The meeting was well attended and over fifty written responses were received, a vast majority of which supported the shared-use path concept.

Tonight's meeting will review the shared-use path concept, including a second alternative for the path's termination at Quarry Road, and solicit feedback on the proposed project, which includes both the roadway work and shared-use path concepts.



## **Proposed Shared Use Path Alignment**



**Rock Outcropping Adjacent to Route 44 near Quarry Road**



Though public support for the shared-use path alignment was strong, following the November 2016 public informational meeting, the Department investigated alternatives to address the one aspect that had been the most commented about — the path's terminus at Quarry Road. Many meeting participants and most of the written comments supported the idea of keeping the path on the northern side of Route 44 as it approached the intersection. The original concept (seen to the left) crossed each leg of Route 44 to avoid impacting the steep hill adjacent to the roadway. After evaluating the intersection, an alternative path terminus was designed that reconfigures the intersection, shifting the roadway to make room for the path. Unlike the original proposal, this alternative will impact the existing traffic signal and the surrounding roadways. Changes to the stop-bar locations are necessary to allow for the installation of crosswalks and to accommodate truck-turning movements. The lane stripping on Route 44 EB will also be modified to allow for a wider shoulder.



**Existing Conditions**



**Proposed Roadwork — Notch Road at Route 6/44 & Route 6 Eastbound**

In the vicinity of the Route 6/44 interchange, Route 6 diverges from Route 44 with a compound curve, continuing to the southeast toward the Town of Andover. This proposed project will realign the roadway, removing the compound curve and constructing a simple curve to increase safety and drivability for roadway users. The proposed curve is shown in dark grey below.

The relocation of Notch Road is proposed to increase sight distance and decrease crossing length for vehicles turning onto Route 44 from the local roadway. It is proposed that Notch Road be realigned further to the west and that Bridge No. 04137 be removed. Regrading and rock excavation of the surrounding area will likely be included in the proposed work.



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