

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAFFREY, 16307, X-A001(234)

**Reconfigure “Dogleg” Intersection
of US 202, NH 124, and NH 137**

Hearing Commission Members

PUBLIC HEARING

October 2, 2019 - VFW Post 5613 Function Hall - 6:30 PM

Jaffrey, 16307, X-A001(234). This project will reduce the congestion and address safety issues within the central business district of Jaffrey.

This project involves the construction of five-leg roundabout at the intersection of Peterborough Street, Main Street, Blake Street, Stratton Road and Turnpike Road, as well as the relocation of US 202 from Main Street to Blake Street and the continuation on a new southwesterly alignment over the Contoocook River to intersect with the existing US 202 and River Street at a proposed three-leg roundabout.

The Department received comments during the Public Hearing by means of testimony at the Hearing, and by means of letters and emails subsequent to the meeting. The information from the testimony’s, letters and emails have been collated into at matrix format into two categories, “Support of Project” and “Non-Support of Project”; see *Attachment A*.

Following is a summary of means in which comments were received:

- 81 – Letters
 - 67 – Support of the Project
 - 14 – Non-Support of Project
- 23 – Emails
 - 18 – Support of the Project
 - 5 – Non-Support of Project
- 36 – Speaker Cards (from Hearing)
 - 17 – Support of Project
 - 13 – Non-Support of Project
 - 6 – Comment was generally Neutral

Based upon comments received by the Department, approximately 77% of comments are in Support of the Project and 23% are in Non-Support of Project (excluding Neutral comments).

The Department also received signed Petitions with three of the letters, they are summarized as follows:

- Support of Project
 - Petition with 4-signatures
 - Petition with 51-signatures
- Non-Support of Project
 - Petition with 154-signatures

Based upon number of signatures received on the Petitions by the Department, approximately 26% are in Support of Project and 74% are in Non-Support of Project. The Department did not vet the names/addresses of those who signed the petitions; therefore, it is not clear how those that signed could be affected by the Project.

The “Support of Project” matrix categorizes the comments received in the following categories:

- General Comment about Project
- #1 – Improvement: General Comment in Support of Project
- #2 – Improvement: Traffic Flow / Reduce Congestion
- #3 – Improvement: Downtown Pedestrian Use and Safety
- #4 – Improvement: Revitalize Downtown Business
- #5 – Improvement: Reduce Noise Pollution

The “Non-Support of Project” matrix categorizes the comments received in the following categories:

- General Comment about Project
- #6 – Concern: General Comment in Non-Support of Project
- #7 – Concern: Pedestrian Safety at Roundabout
- #8 – Concern: Impact to Property
- #9 – Concern: Reduced Parking
- #10 – Concern: Impact on Business / Bypass Town
- #11 – Concern: Demolition of Affordable Housing Bldg
- #12 – Concern: Cost of Project

The Department recognizes it is a significant change to the downtown area and there is not unanimous support. However, the Department worked through an extensive Public Participation process (3-Public Informational/Workshop meetings) in conjunction with the Town and the Advisory Committee (9-Advisory Committee meetings) to the Project to build a consensus, culminating with the Public Hearing to present the Proposed Action. The Project and addressing the “dogleg” is a high regional priority and has been for a number of years. The Proposed Action layout has support from the following Town of Jaffrey officials:

- Board of Selectmen
- Planning Board Chair
- Jaffrey Town Manager
- Office of Planning & Economic Development
- Jaffrey Economic Development Council
- Executive Director of Team Jaffrey
- Conservation Commission

- Jaffrey Chief of Police
- Jaffrey War Memorial Committee
- Rivermill Homeowner’s Association; as well as,
- Southwest Regional Planning Commission, and
- Chief of NH Bureau of Trails, Parks & Recreation Division, DNCR

The Department received many comments on the Proposed Action through the Public Hearing process in “Support of Project”, which were collated into the matrix and categorized as #1 through #5 (as noted above and detailed in *Attachment A*). The Proposed Action is also consistent with the Town Master Plan. Many of those supporting the Project note it being potentially transformative to restoring a vibrant downtown, a catalyst for downtown renewal, improve and facilitate pedestrian accessibility, an aesthetic enhancement, eliminate chronic traffic problems and noise pollution, among many others detailed in *Attachment A*.

The Department also received comments on the Proposed Action through the Public Hearing process in “Non-Support of Project”, which were collated into a matrix and categorized as #6 through #12 (as noted above and detailed in *Attachment A*). The following decisions are the Department’s resolution of concerns as a result of testimony presented at the October 2, 2019 Public Hearing and written testimony subsequently submitted:

Project Concern: General Comments (Matrix #6)

There were a number of comments with regard to traffic signal timing and opinions that the recent traffic signal timing modifications implemented by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) addressed the US 202 “dogleg” congestion problem. There were also comments and requests that if the project does move forward that the NHDOT continues public outreach, community/stakeholder participation in the Final Design phase, phase construction to minimize impacts to businesses and abutters, detailed MOT plans and requirements, implements stringent requirements for dust control, noise control, truck washing, etc., bi-weekly owner/contractor/town/community process meetings during construction, provisions for schedule recovery, and deployment of an on-site Clerk of Works to manage the project.

Response: An alternative was developed and evaluated that upgraded the traffic signal hardware and programming software at the two existing dog-leg configured intersections, which provided Flashing Yellow Arrow phasing for the Main Street westbound left-turn onto River Street and for the Main Street eastbound left-turn onto Peterborough Street. The results of the operational analyses reveal that the traffic signal modifications would modestly improve the efficiency of the existing condition but would not address the long-term purpose and need of the project. For this reason, the traffic signal enhancement alternative was not selected as the Proposed Action. Nevertheless, the NHDOT did implement the traffic signal enhancements as an interim measure to provide modest relief to the traffic congestion problem in the short-term.

As for the long-term Proposed Action, given the project’s proximity to Main Street and the need to minimize impacts to businesses during construction, the NHDOT is

committed to continuing a robust public outreach and community involvement process that will extend through the final design and construction phases of the project. The NHDOT will work with a community advisory committee to share and discuss information such as design features, construction phasing and schedule, as well as plans to maintain traffic/pedestrian mobility and access to businesses during construction. In addition to project status updates that would be provided to the advisory committee and Select Board, information will be disseminated through project newsletters as well as the NHDOT and the Town of Jaffrey's websites. The NHDOT will ensure that the contractor will adhere to strict requirements on dust control, noise control, etc. Additionally, the NHDOT will be requiring on-site construction inspection.

There were also a few attendees at the Public Hearing that requested information on examples of other New Hampshire roundabouts.

Response: The project team will pull together the requested information and make it available on the Project website.

Project Concern: Pedestrian Safety at Roundabout (Matrix #7)

Concern was voiced with pedestrian safety of school children, as well as blind and special needs individuals, at the proposed roundabouts.

Response: Roundabouts are traffic calming measures that serve to lessen the dominance of vehicular traffic by reducing travel speeds and presenting a “look and feel” to the downtown that raises motorists' expectations of pedestrian activity. Roundabouts are designed to improve safety for all users, including pedestrians. Crosswalks are set back from the circle, have shorter crossing distances, and involve only one direction of traffic at a time making crossings simpler and safer for both pedestrians and drivers.

It's important to note that after extensive evaluation and public input of various roundabout and traffic signal control options, in addition to support for the roundabout by many members of the community, the Select Board formally recommended the roundabout as the town's preferred alternative.

Nevertheless, given the proximity of schools, the NHDOT is committed to working closely with the town to consider potential enhancements to the proposed design. For example, as part of the final design phase the NHDOT will consider and evaluate the potential installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the roundabout crosswalks. RRFBs are user-activated amber Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) that supplement warning signs at crosswalks.

Project Concern: Impact to Property (Matrix #8)

Concern was voiced with the negative impact to existing businesses and the impact and/or acquisition of their own or other's properties.

Response: From the outset of the project, the NHDOT has been committed, and will continue through the final design, to work closely with the community to ensure a context sensitive solution. In fact, the following Project Purpose, which was developed by the community's Advisory Committee early-on, guided the selection of the Proposed Action.

The purpose of the project is to address the traffic congestion and safety related deficiencies associated with the current configuration of the US 202 dogleg intersections of Main Street with Peterborough Street and Main Street while enhancing pedestrian mobility and supporting the quality of life and economic vitality of Jaffrey's downtown.

RKG Associates, who were on the study team to evaluate the economic impacts of the project, concluded that the proposed roadway project, which would serve to reduce traffic congestion in the downtown, could, if coupled with enhanced streetscape and pedestrian amenities, facilitate increased business for existing merchants in addition to attracting new businesses and residential development.

As to the impact and/or acquisition of individual properties, despite efforts to minimize property impacts, the project does involve the full acquisition of two properties - the Lab 'N' Lager restaurant/pub and a six-unit apartment building at 15 River Street. The NHDOT has an established right-of way (ROW) process in place that is intended to appraise and negotiate fair compensation with the owners of these properties.

Note that under an earlier alignment alternative, Mr. Langoren's property (21 River Street) and Ms. Jean's property (19 River Street) would have required full acquisitions. To minimize property impacts, the alignment was modified to the Proposed Action, which now requires only a partial acquisition of 21 River Street and no acquisition of 19 River Street. Likewise, the Department will work with those property owners through the final design and ROW process to negotiate fair compensation for these partial acquisitions.

Project Concern: Reduced Parking (Matrix #9)

Concern was voiced with the loss of parking in downtown as well as in the vicinity of individual businesses.

Response: The Department has worked closely with town officials and the Advisory Committee to not only minimize the project's impact on parking, but to, where possible, increase the number of parking spaces. That effort resulted in an increase of two on-street parking spaces on Main Street, six additional on-street spaces on River Street and one additional on-street space on Blake Street totaling nine additional on-street parking spaces in the downtown. To accommodate the new connector roadway, the state owned 35-space off-street parking lot on Blake Street is being eliminated and replaced with a smaller 15-space lot. Constructing the new roadway on state owned property (the existing parking lot) was done to avoid the need to acquire additional private property. Fortunately, the town has plans to reconfigure and formalize the parking area adjacent to Blake Street at the ballfield. This is estimated to provide as many as 100 off-street

parking spaces between Blake Street and Union Street. The combination of the increased on-street parking supply and the reconfigured Blake Street off-street parking lot and the ballfield off-street parking lot will offset loss of parking and enhance parking opportunities in the downtown.

Project Concern: Impact on Business / Bypass Town (Matrix #10)

Concern was voiced with impact to downtown business both long-term and during construction as well as the loss of the Lab ‘N’ Lager restaurant/pub, and the loss of local property taxes.

Response: As stated previously under Project Concern: Impact to Property (Matrix #8), RKG Associates, who were retained by the Department to evaluate the economic impacts of the project, concluded that the proposed roadway project, which would serve to reduce traffic congestion in the downtown, could, if coupled with enhanced streetscape and pedestrian amenities, facilitate increased business for existing merchants in addition to attracting new businesses and residential development.

In fact, the Jaffrey Economic Development Council, which has expressed strong support for the project, has established a capital reserve fund that will be used to fund Town desired enhancements, to help compliment the Project, such as sidewalk furniture, business wayfinding signage, and possibly a new Welcome Center.

As to potential construction impacts to Main Street business, the NHDOT is committed to working closely with the town and downtown businesses in the development and implementation of construction phasing, scheduling, as well as plans to maintain traffic/pedestrian mobility and access to businesses during construction. In addition to project status updates that would be provided to an advisory committee and the Select Board, information will be disseminated through project newsletters as well as the NHDOT and the Town of Jaffrey’s websites.

Project Concern: Demolition of Affordable Housing (Matrix #11)

Concern was voiced that the acquisition of the apartment building at 15 River Street reduces the amount of affordable housing and the residents will experience difficulty in relocating within the downtown.

Response: The Department acknowledges that the proposed acquisition of the multi-unit apartment building on River Street may have a slight negative/undesirable effect on the overall availability of affordable rental housing in the downtown area of Jaffrey. Unfortunately, to implement the project design as proposed, that impact is unavoidable. However, the residents of the apartment building, who will be displaced as a result of the project impact to the property, will be afforded all relocation protections available to them under Federal and State statute including, rent subsidies to relocate to a replacement dwelling and reimbursement of eligible moving costs, along with relocation advisory services provided by the Department.

Project Concern: Cost of Project (Matrix #12)

Concern was voiced as to whether the town would be responsible for any cost overruns and question whether the total cost including utility relocations is too much to address a traffic congestion problem.

Response: The project is fully funded and the town would not be responsible for any project cost overruns. There may be some incidental costs due to utility relocations. Impacts to existing municipal utilities will be addressed through the Department’s Utility Accommodation Manual and the Department will work with the Town to minimize costs in Final Design. The NHDOT is, however, committed to coordinate with the town on any concurrent town sponsored projects within the project area. Obviously, the funding of any town sponsored project would be the responsibility of the town.

Lastly, there were several general comments from responders who were neutral on support of the project but raised questions or concerns about construction staging, signage and incident management at roundabouts, and additional Town Maintenance requirements.

Response: Generally, it is the responsibility of the contractor to identify and secure construction areas to support the construction according to their means and methods. As part of the construction specifications the contractor will be required to develop a detailed traffic control plan and maintain traffic through the construction zone. In addition, as part of the Final Design a detailed signing package will be developed to guide travelers through the new traffic configurations according to signing standards. In developing the project signing the Department will work with the Town to incorporate and coordinate appropriate business district and wayfinding signing. Roundabouts are designed to slow speeds and experience has shown that collisions that do occur are typically fender benders, minor in nature, and requiring no special incident management procedures.

Finally, the roadways and roundabouts will continue to be maintained by state forces. It is expected that the state will enter into a maintenance agreement for the Town to be responsible for maintaining sidewalks, much as they are today, and any landscaping or street hardware (benches, special lighting, etc.) that are included as part of the project in coordination with the Town.

Date: 7/15/2020



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SUPPORT OF PROJECT

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John and Stephanie Minter 194 Mountain Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 Received via email as well on: 10/9/2019 jfm1209@me.com		X	X	10/8/2019	10/15/2019	Yes	I am writing a follow-up letter to Jaffrey's Route 202-Downtown Project because we strongly support the bypass of Jaffrey's Main Street. We feel this is an opportunity that Jaffrey cannot afford to miss.	Jaffrey's downtown needs the opportunity to revitalize, and it won't happen with the current traffic pattern through Main Street.	Improved Downtown Pedestrian Use and Safety.	Revitalize Downtown: - improved entrances into Town - Signage to attract visitors to business district, incl. Park Theater - Improved Parking on Main Street - More space for green space with shrubs and perennials - Incorporation of Contoocook River as vital part of downtown - Beauty of a walk around town and use of the Veteran's Park.		
Carrie C. Webster carriecwebster@gmail.com		X		10/11/2019	10/17/2019	Yes		Strongly supports roundabout traffic pattern to eliminate "dog-leg" traffic pattern.		Supports all renovations to the downtown Jaffrey area with the elimination of the "dog-leg" traffic pattern.		
Peter and Jinnie Russell 4 Gilson Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		8/26/2019	Rec'd at Public Hearing	Yes		Support for the new rotaries and bypass for Route 202.	Believe it will reduce congestion.	Make it safer for pedestrians.	Be a long-term benefit to downtown businesses.	
Jack and Stephanie Minter 194 Mountain Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 jfm1209@mac.com (603) 532-7486		X		9/10/2019	Rec'd at Public Hearing	Yes		In favor of changing the current traffic flow through Jaffrey's Main Street and five access road intersection.	Improves traffic flow, reduce congestion. Roundabouts also eliminate the traffic lights and will save driving time and reduce fuel consumption.	Improved Downtown pedestrian use and safety.	Revitalize downtown; ease of parking, beautify Main Street, add to downtown parks, more user friendly environment	
Jack Belletete (via Judy Zola email) Selectman jbelletete@belletetes.com			X	10/2/2019	-	Yes		Full support for moving forward with the project.			Major improvement for the future of downtown Jaffrey. Example of Route 202 bypass downtown Peterborough for 20 or more years and downtown is thriving; hoping for the same for Jaffrey.	
Bruce and Sally Larsen 30 Harkness Road Jaffrey Center, NH 03452 bruce.larsen@myfairpoint.net		X		10/2/2019	-	Yes		Highly in favor of the project. No plan can be perfect, and there are no perfect solutions to our serious and frequently unsafe traffic routing through downtown. Believe the proposed solution is the best one considering: - safety, finances, convenience, as well as being comfortable, safe, and pleasurable for pedestrians.	Improved traffic routing.	Improved pedestrian safety and use.		
Petition - A Statement of Support for the Route 202 Dogleg Improvements for Jaffrey, NH Collected by: Carolyn Garretson and Harry L. Young		X		-	-	Yes		A Statement of Support for the Route 202 Dogleg Improvements for Jaffrey, NH. (4-signatures)				
Dominique Caissie 20 River Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		-	10/9/2019	Yes		Route support for the improvements on Rt. 202 and the intersections to community, with the property being affected by the change. Only requests to try to save tree.				
Tim Murphy Executive Director Southwest Region Planning Commission 37 Ashuelot Street Keene, NH 03431 Sent via email as well: tmurphy@swrpc.org		X	X	10/11/2019	10/15/2019	Yes	The Project is recognized as a top regional priority and in the opinion of the SWRPC, the Town of Jaffrey has maintained a robust open and transparent public process from defining the problem to the proposed solution today.	Would be hard-pressed to identify a community more prepared and invested in a Ten Year Plan project.	Improves traffic flow/reduce congestion.	Improved downtown pedestrian use and safety.	Improve vibrancy of downtown.	

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Robert B. Stephenson 347 Main Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 rob@rs41.org		X		-	10/3/2019	Yes		Supports the project now being considered. The two roundabouts present great opportunities for incorporating landscaping and public art that can bring identification to downtown Jaffrey. So I say let's get behind this project and see it through.	Main benefit of proceeding will be improved traffic flow through the downtown, smoother, faster circulation.	Pedestrian environment will be enhanced.	Downtown greatly improved aesthetically; sympathetic design should be considered for new bridge to preserve qualities of downtown.	
Petition - A Statement of Support for the Route 202 Dogleg Improvements for Jaffrey, NH (received with Robert Stephenson's letter) Collected by: Carolyn Garretson and Harry L. Young		X		-	10/3/2019	Yes		A Statement of Support for the Route 202 Dogleg Improvements for Jaffrey, NH. (51-signatures)				
Lynette Frederick PO Box 195 24 Carey Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		We need a state road system in our town to work better than our current dogleg system.	Jaffrey needs to improve the traffic situation from the 5-way intersection to the 4-way intersection. The town has identified the dogleg as a problem in the 80's and has been working to fix it since.			
John McCarthy Jaffrey-Rindge School Board 133 Squantum Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		-	10/9/2019	Yes	When present and former town leaders and elected officials spoke, they were largely in favor of this project. This is likely because they understand what some who oppose the project seem to miss. Despite an engaged citizenry that turns out for church services and which seems to support every sort of charitable and community activity imaginable, Jaffrey has become a commercial dead zone.	Like many other rural mill towns, Jaffrey has experienced a loss of consumer friendly businesses that attract people to downtown and make it a place to congregate. The safety and mobility will be improved for everybody, and will open the door for renewed investment and interest in our downtown.		Project will provide positive effect on pedestrian traffic in downtown. Project will be good for school children, who currently navigate two difficult intersections. With proper pedestrian safety lighting at roundabouts, believes safety and mobility will be greatly improved.	This project will benefit the kind of businesses that rely on foot traffic.	
Tim Gordon Chair, Jaffrey Planning Board Town Office Building 10 Goodnow St. Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/4/2019	10/9/2019	Yes	The Final project as proposed is the result of years of consultation and feedback with stakeholders in the community. We stand now at a point where the efforts of those residents, volunteers and professionals can come to fruition. The community has shown its support and engagement, and the residents of Jaffrey and its Planning Board have indicated their support.	This project is important to the community as it is central to several of the key principles which were developed and adopted in the update to the town's Master Plan of 2018.	The project implements first on the list of objectives in the Master Plan, to "Implement the Main Street/Route 202 "through pass." This objective has been a consistent priority in the Town's Master Plan since 2007.		The project, once completed, will support the community's efforts to revitalize the downtown area and will indeed "Promote improvement and business development in the downtown," as envisioned in the Master Plan.	
James Webster 188 Peabody Hill Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/8/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		Feels this is a wonderful opportunity for Jaffrey, one that is unlikely to come again if this project does not move forward now.	Believes the roundabouts will improve traffic congestion, as the current large truck traffic through downtown undermines the appeal of the town's center, making it less likely to see the kind of development that will encourage people to spend time and money.			Current truck traffic is loud, smelly and sometimes dangerous.
Elizabeth Moch Webster 188 Peabody Hill Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/8/2019	10/9/2019	Yes			This project is important to the community because trucks using Rt. 202 cannot safely navigate the turn.			
Lawrence J. Jadlocki 159 Proctor Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/9/2019	Yes	Although the apartment building will be lost, he appreciates the fact that the state will work to help relocate the affected residents. He would also hope that the state will also use some of its knowledge and resources to help the town find ways of addressing the need for affordable housing for all ages.	Strongly supports the proposed changes to the Rt. 202 five-leg intersection.	The proposal presented on October 2nd addresses the problem of traffic congestion caused at the intersection. The changes to timing of the lights has diminished the problem to a certain point, but it is not a permanent solution.		As a realtor, feels the majority of the existing businesses are not a strong draw to increasing the vitality of the community. Believes the change in traffic flow and some marketing and planning by the town, Team Jaffrey and the chamber will help draw businesses that will attract the general public and increase the vitality of the town.	

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Eunice K. Jadlocki 159 Proctor Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/9/2019	Yes	She has attended each of the public sessions and reviewed the information that is available on the website regarding studies and proposals for improvements. She has found the entire process one that at all times kept them informed, sought their input and answered their questions. She was very impressed with the team that handled the project.	She fully supports the project. It is clear to her that there is a need to make improvements that address the flow of traffic and the safety of pedestrians. The submission of a petition of support with the 51-names on it attest to the majority being in favor of this project, and adds her own voice of support.	Has witnessed the problem as a truck moved from River Street into Main Street in an attempt to make a left turn onto Peterborough Street; watched the light turn three times before traffic moving from Jaffrey Center into the center of town could move through the intersection. A truck attempting to make a turn caused a complete standstill to traffic.	Spoke with 2 individuals who told her that they hat roundabouts and were opposed to them; when asked about the existing intersection, they then said that they avoid the intersection all together because they don't like it and don't feel safe maneuvering the existing condition.	She heard business owners complain about the roundabout proposal and the impact on their business, but she has observed the congestion and it was clear to her that they must also be impacted by the back-ups that occur.	
William B. Raymond 8 Main Street, #6 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		This project is important to the community for a number of reasons. As the roadway is currently situated, i.e. The Dogleg, it is apparent that the commercial district of downtown Jaffrey will continue to be moribund into the foreseeable future.	The roundabout plan will get the trucks of that stretch of roadway and that alone will make downtown a more pleasant place to be.		The roundabout plan will make the downtown a more pleasant place to walk and a more appealing place to site a business.	The roundabout plan may also lessen noise downtown. As it is today, the big trucks employ engine breaking and acceleration multiple times to get through the dogleg. This "opera" goes on from early morning, all day and into the early evening.
Martha M. Raymond 8 Main Street, #6 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		This project is important to the community for a number of reasons. I have been a resident of downtown Jaffrey for the past 11 years and feel that this project would benefit the downtown community.		The project would enable the town to be a safer place for pedestrians, especially children.	Without the traffic streaming though, Jaffrey could enhance and beautify the downtown area which could lead to the possibility of more retail shops and a more cohesive, community oriented downtown.	Thinks that the project, with the two roundabouts, has the possibility of reducing the incredible truck noise in the downtown area.
Bruce R. Edwards 8 Main Street, #5 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		Attended the Public Hearing and is in favor of the project. This project is important to the community.				
JoAnn and Martin Greenberg 8 Main Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		Letter of support for the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey.				
Hannah R. Rierson 71 Bryant Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		-	10/7/2019	Yes		Highly support the proposed changes with traffic circles. The traffic currently disrupts the nature of the small New England town.	As a long time resident, has seen the increase of traffic, especially large trucks and the congestion they cause in the center of town.	The truck traffic is dangerous for pedestrians.		The trucks are noisy and the traffic never declines.
Timothy Furlong 8 Main Street, #11 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/4/2019	10/7/2019	Yes		Letter of support for the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community.				
Dawn L. Oswalt 43 Prospect Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/3/2019	10/7/2019	Yes	Asks that it would be great if the project could be completed by 2023 for Jaffrey's 250th celebration in downtown.	Letter of support for the Project. This project will benefit Jaffrey in the long run and people need to look to the future. Please do not give up on something that will benefit Downtown Jaffrey for years to come. This project is important to the community of Jaffrey and for its future.	Believes this change in traffic pattern will be GOOD for Downtown Jaffrey.	Hopeful that flashing lights will be taken into consideration at the crosswalks and a four way stop a the Four Way intersection.		

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Stephanie Porter Executive Director TEAM Jaffrey 28 Main Street, Rear Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-7168 teamjaffrey@myfairpoint.net		X		10/4/2019	10/7/2019	Yes		Letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey.				Most of our Board Members are in support of this project as we believe it will help revitalize, enhance and improve the downtown, which is our mission statement. It would be very disappointing if things remain status quo, our Main Street businesses are struggling, despite what was stated at the Hearing.	
William J. Weibel 8 School Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/4/2019	10/7/2019	Yes		Letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community of Jaffrey, as a downtown resident, would love to have these changes brought to the community.					
Jo Anne Carr Director Town of Jaffrey Office of Planning & Economic Development Goodnow Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-7880, x110 jacarr@townofjaffrey.com		X		10/3/2019	10/7/2019	Yes	The reconfiguration of the traffic pattern with two roundabouts and bridge in close proximity to the town center is the result of two and a half years of work with the town boards, the Advisory Committee and support from staff. While the project has been moving along in the preliminary design phase with the DOT, the EDC, through the downtown TIF District has established a capital reserve fund to complement any ancillary projects which will arise out of this significant change to downtown. Additional lighting fixtures, sidewalk furniture, wayfinding signage and possibly a new Welcome Center situated near the 5-way roundabout are anticipated.	Writing on behalf of the Jaffrey Economic Development Council in support of this important traffic improvement project for Route 202/124 dogleg.	This project can safely and efficiently accommodate both regional and local traffic.	This project will also enhance pedestrian movement and serve as a gateway to both the downtown and region.	This project is a high priority for the downtown revitalization and economic prosperity. The Jaffrey Downtown Master Plan seeks to promote redevelopment in the downtown area, fostering an active and vibrant economy on Main St. These assumptions depend on resolution of the dogleg constraint.		
Rick Lambert, President Jaffrey War Memorial Committee P.O. Box 565 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		-	10/3/2019	Yes	The Jaffrey War Memorial Committee has met and communicated with the NHDOT and the Town of Jaffrey regarding the major traffic changes proposed for downtown Jaffrey including a new river crossing, realignment of travel ways and the introduction of two roundabouts. It has been proposed that a portion of the present park be carved off to make the present proposal and that in return some land be made available to be added to the existing park. However, the Committee has some specific concerns related to relocation of affected monuments and park elements, and land added to the present park and developed at no cost to the Committee.	The Committee supports the improvement of downtown Jaffrey, its infrastructure, its commercial life, its townscape, and its traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Improvement indeed is called for and the Committee, as a significant presence in the downtown, is willing and eager to assist in the best way it can in this effort.			The Committee is receptive to working with the NHDOT and the Town of Jaffrey as it agrees that an improvement of the park and downtown Jaffrey will result and be a benefit to all. The Committee is open to discussion of the points of concern and is confident that a satisfactory arrangement can be reached that benefits NHDOT, the Town of Jaffrey, and the Jaffrey War Memorial Park.		
Deborah Roberts Whip-Poor-Will Farm (R.F.D. 1) Box 247 Fitzwilliam Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	-	Yes		Attended the Public Hearing and please accept this note in place of personal testimony in favor of the project. This project is very important to the community!!! We need it!!!					
Carl P.J. Dokla, Ph.D.		X		10/5/2019	10/8/2019	Yes	Wished to provide feedback on the project: - First, the full acquisitions for the project are minimal and not costly. - Second, the proposed roundabouts provide a rather elegant solution to the perennial traffic problem that has plagued Jaffrey motorists for decades. - Third, the negative economic consequences to the local businesses appear to be negligible to non-existent.	Hope that in the final deliberations that the project is fully approved and implemented. The needs of the many clearly in this case outweigh the needs of the few.				Believes that the improvements will have a very positive and beneficial economic effect in the long term.	

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Dana Tuscher 8 Main Street #13 Jaffrey, NH 03063 danatuscher@gmail.com		X		10/7/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community of Jaffrey and the residents of Rivermill Condo Association.					
William Graf 661 Gilmore Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452-6101		X		10/7/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. The Department has devoted considerable time and expertise to the project. While I do not find this proposal "ideal", I have faith that it will considerably improve the present situation and provide for future increases in traffic on Route 202.	Having lived in Jaffrey for 13 years, have witnessed traffic in the downtown dogleg grow progressively heavier. As a result, development in the downtown has stagnated during this period.	Another concern is the inhospitable nature of the downtown to pedestrian traffic. There are lengthy waits between opportunities to cross the intersections, and the distances are not convenient for those more elderly and the many students who use the crosswalks on a daily basis; you have a potentially dangerous situation.	There have been many changes in the business community, but few endure for more than a few years. I attribute this to the congested traffic pattern, lack of convenient parking, and crossing patterns not conducive to pedestrians. Now, with the new theater, feel the situation is exacerbated.		
Carolyn D. Garretson, Chair Jaffrey Conservation Commission Including 6-members: Pamela Armstrong, Kathy Batchelder, William Graf, Charles Koch, Francis McBride, and Elizabeth Webster		X		10/5/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. On behalf of the Jaffrey Conservation Commission, it is important to communicate that the Jaffrey Conservation Commission unanimously supports the 202 Dogleg Project and feels it will significantly benefit safety, reduce traffic congestion and encourage a pedestrian friendly downtown.	Project will reduce traffic congestion.	Encourage a pedestrian friendly downtown and significantly benefit safety.			
Francis McBride 43 Nutting Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/7/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. I fully support the project.	I have lived in Jaffrey for nine years. When I first heard about the roundabout solution to the problem I was a little skeptical. Although I first found roundabouts a little confusing, I soon learned the basics and see how they improve traffic flow. These two in Jaffrey shouldn't be confusing since they will only be one lane.		I did have concerns about trucks, kids, Stratton Rd., and the skirting of downtown, but I now see this as a beautiful plan. I don't understand the local merchants' resistance. If anything, the new plan facilitates access to downtown rather than impedes it.		
Russell Butler 34 Frost Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community of Jaffrey.					
Elizabeth Tong 34 Frost Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/8/2020	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community of Jaffrey.					

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John H. Van ness, M.Div., Ph.D. 11 Jaquith Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/8/2019	Yes	My wife's mother grew up in Jaffrey - on Main Street, and her father, Edward Adams Coburn designed the first water works in Jaffrey. From the first time I met her family in the 1950's, I heard how the State was planning to "fix" the dogleg. How long does it take?	Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey.	Have you ever missed an important appointment while waiting through one or two red light cycles, as one or two 18+ wheelers try to thread themselves through the turns and lights? I have. Do you think customers for the new rebuilding of the Park Theater will endure the traffic snarl through the dog-leg to get to the theater? I don't. If you want Jaffrey to grow in the 21st Century, please approve the new traffic circle to enable traffic to move smoothly through Jaffrey. My grandchildren and I will thank you.			
Allen & Susan Leach 8 Main St. #14 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/4/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community of Jaffrey.				
Donald A. MacIsaac 19 Stony Brook Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/8/2019	Yes	Be aware that the Town of Jaffrey has applied to the State Division of Economic Development to designate the Jaffrey Downtown an Economic Revitalization Zone. There is a significant number of vacant underutilized properties, e.g. brownfields sites, and several which are tax delinquent. Aside from the Park Theater and renovations at the Monadnock Plaza, there is very little new investment downtown properties. This project can be a major step in revitalizing Jaffrey's Downtown and improving property values of the whole town. Help us to take this giant step forward.	Thank you for allowing the flexibility to provide additional written testimony concerning the project, which is vital to the future viability of Jaffrey. Concerns are for the pedestrian safety and future viability of Jaffrey. Jaffrey would like to provide every available advantage to prospective investors. Improvements to safety and traffic flow will improve walkability and accessibility and encourage future investment.	DOT evaluation concludes that changing the timing of the signals is temporary at best. Jaffrey would like to provide every available advantage to prospective investors. Improvements to safety and traffic flow will improve walkability and accessibility and encourage future investment.	Not mentioned at the Public Hearing was the fact that on Sept. 25 there was another pedestrian (11 yr. old) incident with a van at Maine St. and Stratton Rd; just continuing evidence of the necessity to improve safety at the 5-way intersection. The current proposal provides pedestrian islands allowing crossing one lane of traffic/one direction. It is unclear whether these improvements would have mitigated the incident, but is certainly directionally correct. Status quo is not an option.	The Roundabout project is a catalyst for Jaffrey's long term viability. Jaffrey's downtown is a major asset; the project affects not only the viability of downtown businesses, but also property values of the entire town. Jaffrey has Mt. Monadnock, a world-renowned attraction. The potential to become a destination town depends on being a viable, attractive destination. If the Park Theater is to realize its potential, it needs a supporting cast of attractions.	
John O. Field 38 Monadnock View Drive Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/4/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept letter as testimony in support of the project in downtown Jaffrey. Strongly support the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project for two reasons: 1. (See #2 and #3) 2. (See #4) If Jaffrey is willing to think big on this, the results could be transformative.	Improved traffic flow.	Improved pedestrian safety.	Catalyst for downtown renewal: - Especially as a needed stimulus to business activity by facilitating access and parking while diverting traffic; - Also for reasons of aesthetic enhancement appealing to citizens and visitors alike, with consequent benefits to businesses as well.	
Edward and Julanne Surprenant 53 Milliken Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/4/2019	10/8/2019	Yes		Accept this letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community businesses, traffic congestion and all considered.				

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Chief William Oswalt Jaffrey Police Department 26 Main Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/8/2019	10/10/2019	Yes	<p>Writing to express my support for the state's proposal for modification to NH Rte 202 in the downtown area of Jaffrey.</p> <p>It is my sincere hope that, in your assessment, you will recognize that this project will not only benefit the State of New Hampshire with the increased efficiency of the new traffic pattern but also the long term benefit to the people of Jaffrey. Change is certainly difficult and frightening but resisting change can also lead to stagnation and economic decline.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to offer this input. I look forward to the continuation of this process and a positive outcome for all involved.</p>	<p>I have been a resident for over 32 years. I have been on the police force for 27 years and Police Chief of the Jaffrey Police Dept. for 12 years. During that time I have been closely involved with traffic management issues that have occurred on Main Street.</p> <p>I have personally stood on the corner of the 5 way intersection and addressed those instances when cars were backed up between the traffic lights due to lack of storage capacity and people forcing their way into already clogged intersections because they don't want to wait for another long cycle of the traffic lights. I have taken numerous complaints over the years regarding traffic light violations.</p>			<p>The current traffic configuration of the traffic flow through our downtown area is at the least uninviting and at its worst intimidating for anyone that wants to travel through or to patronize those businesses that seem to struggle to survive on Main St. over the years.</p> <p>Change is difficult and frightening. I completely understand when those business owners express objections to this project primarily out of fear that, first the construction process and then the impact that the new configuration will have on their businesses. My response and hope for these business owners is in my faith and confidence that the NHDOT will honor their commitment to keep the welfare of these people in mind as plans are made to move forward with this project.</p>	
Mary Ley 28 School St. Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/8/2019	10/10/2019	Yes	<p>I was surprised to hear some of the emotional complaints about the project that seem so short sighted. Sure the construction will be inconvenient for awhile, but in the long run this project will be so beneficial for our community.</p> <p>Sometimes I think Jaffrey has an "inferiority complex". I have witnessed this type of negativity in the past, when there was a proposal for a new high school, but was voted down due to all the naysayers complaining that our kids didn't need a fancy new school. There was funding for most of the cost, but we turned it down! The funding for this project is guaranteed and we need to say YES!! We want to improve Jaffrey for the future.</p>	<p>Accept this letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. I attended the public hearing, but I do not enjoy public speaking, but I strongly support the project and would like to make sure my voice is heard.</p> <p>I work in Keene and have been amazed how the roundabouts there have eliminated traffic backups.</p>	<p>I am a frequent walker and try to avoid the 202 intersections on my walks as much as possible.</p>			
Anne S.N. Webb 43 Thorndike Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/10/2019	Yes	<p>My greatest concern about the project is for those who are being displaced from their homes and for those whose businesses will not survive the construction. We have heard that the owners of buildings that are being taken down will be compensated for their property, but those who rent or run small businesses will be in very big trouble. I would like to hear more about how those people can be accommodated.</p> <p>The second problem I see is the lack of parking. We will soon have a large theater; without parking, there is no business. Perhaps the Town becomes responsible for the parking rather than the State. In any event, I think we need to hear more about that.</p>	<p>Accept this letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey.</p> <p>I believe that these concerns can be addressed, and I hope that you will move forward quickly. Jaffrey really needs this project.</p> <p>For many years now we have been relegated to being a path for tractor trailer trucks on their way to and from other places. Parking was reduced to make it easier for them to get through, and much of the charm that was downtown Jaffrey was gone.</p>		<p>I think the Roundabout Project, as presented, is our best chance of restoring a vibrant downtown center to a vibrant town.</p>		
The Reverend Richard C.L. Webb 43 Thorndike Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/5/2019	10/10/2019	Yes	<p>Some merchants and residents of the downtown area show spoke in opposition oat the hearing seem to be under the impression that the entire project area will be torn up for two full years, which they justifiably regard as disastrous. Surely that is incorrect, and needs to be corrected. I suspect that this will be a piecemeal project which will inconvenience people for much less time, and much less seriously, than is thought. Specific information from the experts, and references to other towns which have been similarly placed, would be very helpful.</p>	<p>I write in vigorous support of the Roundabout Project for Jaffrey, as presented.</p> <p>For some, roundabouts may take some getting used to, but there are now many others in the area which people have learned to navigate with ease. In every case, they have improved traffic flow and safety. I look forward to the completion of this long-awaited project.</p> <p>I urge the Commissioners to find in favor of the Project, which such modifications as may seem best.</p>	<p>I have been a resident of Jaffrey since 2003, though a frequent visitor to my wife's family there since 1969, when the difficulties of traffic congestion in downtown Jaffrey were already evident. I am not surprised that even then there were plans afoot to relieve the situation, which has grown steadily worse.</p>		<p>The current plan seems to me to represent not just an amelioration of traffic difficulties but also an opportunity for a transformation of the downtown area into a place where pedestrians and motorists alike can feel welcomed into a precious space with a history and a natural beauty that has for a long time been obscured.</p>	

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Carolyn D. Garretson Member 202 dogleg Committee		X		10/5/2019	10/9/2019	Yes	<p>During this long process, my job on the committee was to gather information from as many Jaffrey residents as possible and deliver these opinions to the committee. In talking with many residents since the hearing, I am finding that numerous residents felt that since they gave their input previously, those comments would be included in the official record and considered in the final decision.</p> <p>I believe it would be a fair and equitable procedure to include these opinions of Jaffrey residents. I am including herewith copies of testimonies (via email) that I have kept.</p> <p>(These emails will be referenced back to my letter - Carolyn D. Garretson's letter.)</p>	<p>Accept this letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. I have been a member of the committee and testified in person.</p> <p>So many residents are aware that the commercial base of Jaffrey has significantly declined, the population base continues stable, with very limited options for the downtown area. The 202 project will give Jaffrey an incredible opportunity to improve safety, make Jaffrey pedestrian friendly, improve and increase access to our lovely downtown. This long-term investment in Jaffrey will be felt for many decades to come.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration to a fair and inclusive process in making this important decision for the future of Jaffrey.</p>				
Stephanie Minter (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter) stephanie7686@gmail.com			X	10/4/2019	10/10/2019	Yes		<p>We understand that you (Carolyn) are gathering signatures from those supporting the concept of a roundabout to remove the unwanted traffic from Main St. Steph and I (Jack) are both in favor of the proposed plan and would like to sign your petition.</p> <p>I did send a letter to Marty Kennedy for documentation already.</p> <p>Thank you for all you are doing to help Jaffrey get beyond the obvious feeling of may to stay with the status quo.</p>				
John O. Field Former Chair of Conservation Commission (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter) john.field@myfairpoint.net			X	11/11/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		<p>I strongly support the 202 Project for two reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved traffic flow and pedestrian safety (See #2 and #3). 2. Catalyst for downtown renewal (See #4). <p>If Jaffrey is willing to think big on this, the results could be transformative.</p>	Improved traffic flow.	Improved pedestrian safety.	Catalyst for downtown renewal: - Especially as a needed stimulus to business activity by facilitating access and parking while diverting traffic; - Also for reasons of aesthetic enhancement appealing to citizens and visitors alike, with consequent benefit	
Kenneth Campbell (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter) kendcampbell@gmail.com			X	11/11/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		<p>I have attended most of the meetings and the test driving with buses and trucks at Conval.</p> <p>I heartily endorse the current 2-roundabout solution to Jaffrey's Rte. 202 traffic problem.</p>				
Susan Schenck 63 Monadnock View Drive Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		<p>The Route 202 project is necessary to improve the traffic flow, and have safe intersections in the center of Jaffrey.</p> <p>I feel it is important to proceed with this project in a prompt fashion to prevent further deterioration of the traffic problem.</p>	Improve traffic flow.	It will also allow for safer pedestrian crossings.		
Elizabeth Webster 188 Peabody Hill Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		<p>I believe the new routing will enable people to stop and linger.</p>	I would like to see the traffic improvements made so that Jaffrey can develop a downtown, rather than a space where one sits while waiting for the light to change.			

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John Van Ness 11 Jaquith Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		I am writing in strong support for the project to re-route Rt. 202 through Jaffrey.	Since I first started coming to Jaffrey in 1953 with my wife, who had been born here in 1925, and have come nearly every summer since, I have been appalled at the traffic jams in the center of town. Please express my position to state DOT reps when they are here. Thanks for taking on this challenge.	The pedestrians also struggling to cross the street, all have made downtown Jaffrey extremely unpleasant.	If we are ever to attract shops and shoppers to downtown Jaffrey, I believe the daunting traffic must be re-routed.	Then we moved here to live full-time in 1985. The long waits (sometimes two cycles of green lights to get through), the fumes from the constantly increasing number of 18 wheelers and school buses.
Allen & Susan Leach 8 Main St. #14 Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	11/13/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		Jaffrey has needed a downtown by-pass for decades. Although this project does not give us a true by-pass, it will significantly reduce the downtown through traffic. Downtown viability will naturally be enhanced with less through traffic. Susan and I are in favor of this project and believe its completion will help bring our wonderful little town up to its potential.				
Heather Ames 12 Blackberry Lane Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter) Heatherwames@aol.com			X	11/11/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		I support the Route 202 project as I believe it is a first step in revitalizing the downtown of Jaffrey and bringing business here that are so needed.			First step in revitalizing the downtown of Jaffrey.	
Bill Raymond President Rivermill Homeowner's Association (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		I absolutely support the two roundabout solution as presented. In addition, I have emailed all the residents of the Rivermill condominiums at 8 Mill St. to inform, advise and request their support. I hope that they will respond by emailing you or attending the meeting.	As a resident at 8 Main Street, we are right in the middle of this traffic nightmare and we see this two roundabout plan as a very viable solution to Jaffrey's "dogleg" traffic problem.			
Bill Weibel 8 School St. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		I do support this project since it will revitalize our downtown area and, hopefully, make it more appealing for new business and friendlier to pedestrian traffic.		Will make it friendlier to pedestrian traffic.	Will revitalize our downtown area and, hopefully, make it more appealing for new business and friendlier to pedestrian traffic.	
Harry Young 125 Jacquith Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		I think that the 202 project is absolutely excellent and long overdue.				
Florence Rawls 8 Main St. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter) flopawls@gmail.com			X	11/12/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		I wholeheartedly give a thumbs up to the proposed double rotary rearrangement of the traffic pattern.	I live at 8 Main St. and am a regular witness to the traffic on 202 that crawls over the bridge making its way through the two 90% turns that happen in quick succession. 18 wheelers are barely able to negotiate the turns without jumping the curb posing a real danger to pedestrians including the many school children.		It is a bottle neck and the extraordinarily wide street presents a daunting barrier to foot traffic thus isolating the businesses on both sides of that stretch effectively killing any hope for retail business growth.	
Francis McBride 43 Nutting Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter) fr42mcb@yahoo.com			X	11/12/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		I have lived in Jaffrey for over eight years. I am constantly annoyed at this obstructive dogleg when traveling through Jaffrey on Rte. 202. I don't understand how the natives have tolerated this situation for years and years when it appears to be fixable. The double roundabout solution appears to be the best answer. I want the DOT to implement this proposed plan.				

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Pamela Armstrong and Fran McBride 43 Nutting Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Carolyn D. Garretson's letter)			X	-	10/10/2019	Yes		We want you to know that we strongly support the changes proposed - starting with some adjustments to the present light system and ending with the best roundabout that is feasible - hopefully with a diversion down Blake Street and crossing back to River St. just beyond the park.				We really need this to revitalize downtown Jaffrey.	
Jo Anne Carr Director Town of Jaffrey Office of Planning & Economic Development Goodnow Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-7880, x110 jacarr@townofjaffrey.com		X		10/7/2019	10/10/2019	Yes	I have been asked to relay comments that have been submitted through the Town and VHB project page. These have all been submitted via email, correspondents assumed these were to be part of the record. (These emails will be referenced back to my letter - Jo Anne Carr's letter.)						
Anthony (Tony) Scholl 357 Thorndike Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 352-6046 (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) tschollster@gmail.com			X	8/23/2019	10/10/2019	Yes		I am definitely in favor of the solution of two roundabouts to help solve our dog-leg problem in downtown Jaffrey. This has been a long time in coming and I think that all of the discussions and presentations have finally helped to design an excellent solution. I am sorry that I will not be there in person to express my approval of the two-roundabout solution.					
Patty Scholl 357 Thorndike Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6046 (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) pschollster@gmail.com			X	8/21/2019	10/10/2019	Yes		I am definitely in favor of the solution of two roundabouts to help solve our dog-leg problem in downtown Jaffrey. This has been a long time in coming and I think that all of the discussions and presentations have finally helped to design an excellent solution. I am sorry that I will not be there in person to express my approval of the two-roundabout solution.					
Suze Campbell 435 Mountain Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) suzecampbell@mac.com			X	11/15/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		I can't make the meeting but want to record my support for the 2-roundabout proposal. Thank you for your work on this project.				I think it will help revitalize Jaffrey.	
Gunilla Johanson 28 Thorndyke Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) gunilla.i.johanson@gmail.com			X	11/15/2018	10/10/2019	yes		I am Gunilla Johanson and I support the By Pass.					
Charlie Palmer 258 Gilmore Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) outlook_F32DAC339F0B046B@outlook.com			X	11/15/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		I want you to know that I am a strong supporter for the project. This discussion has been going on for at least the past 20 years and a plan needs to be implemented ASAP.	We need a bypass to eliminate the chronic traffic problems in the dogleg.				
Stephen Weiner 42 First Tavern Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Jo Ann Carr's letter) SMEW18@msn.com			X	11/15/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		Pat and I firmly support the project. We are not that well versed on this project, but if it benefits the township and eases traffic we are all for it.					

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Herbert and Colette Gramm 270 Gilmore Pond Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) colfrangra@live.com			X	11/15/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		We are strongly in favor of the proposed rerouting of Route 202 and the rotary in the downtown area. Let's not lose state and federal financial support for this project by the opposition of a few vocal but misguided opponents.	The dogleg design of this major road with huge 18 wheelers and logging trucks to negotiate the tight turns is dangerous and subject to traffic jams.	The trucks and traffic jams also detracts from the small town pedestrian ambiance.		The trucks and traffic jams also detracts also increase pollution.
Carol Gehlbach (Email via Jo Anne Carr's letter) gehlbachs@yahoo.com			X	6/28/2018	10/10/2019	Yes		Although I have been unable to attend any meetings on this issue in recent history, it has not been for lack of interest and concern. I would like to state my support for a plan which avoids the dogleg intersection in Jaffrey and shoots the traffic straight through from the Peterborough direction down the east side of the river, even though it will involve expensive land acquisition, a bridge and taxes. Thank you for the time and attention you have put into this important project.				The importance of the bypassing of the main part of town will be seen as we will have the opportunity to develop a more user friendly and attractive downtown area.
Carl Querfurth 8 Turner Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 Emailed Letter: carlq@bluesbone.com			X	10/7/2019	10/7/2019	Yes	I do feel that the parking as proposed in the plan may not be ideal. It would be more beneficial to the businesses on Main Street to have more parking in front of their stores. I hope you can find some way to accommodate this idea.	Accept this letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important to the community. Thank you for your time and attention to this important project.	The proposed plan will ease the traffic.	The proposed plan will make the downtown a much more pedestrian friendly place.		
Carol W. Gehlbach 225 Gilson Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452 gehlbachs@yahoo.com			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes		I would like to go on record as a supporter for the planned Jaffrey roundabouts. Thank you for all the work that has gone into this project.	With the increasing length of trucks which go through Jaffrey on Rte. 202, it is imperative to ease the congestion which arises when they get "stuck" in between the current light arrangement.			I know the planners have done a thorough job of considering numerous alternatives in a quest for finding a suitable plan. Although not everyone will be pleased, I feel the proposal does address the major issues and will greatly benefit Jaffrey and give it a chance to renew the downtown and prosper in the future.
Chris Gamache, Chief NH Bureau of Trails Parks & Recreation Division, DNCR 172 Pembroke Road Concord, NH 03301 (603) 271-3254 Chris.gamache@dnrcr.nh.gov			X	9/18/2019	9/18/2019	Yes	Our concerns would be limited to safety of trail users crossing Stratton Road and NH Route 124 from the State-owned Monadnock Branch Rail Trail to the Town-owned section of the rail trail. The proposed plan calls for sidewalks (purple areas) to be installed at the north end of the rail trail, at the junction of Stratton Road and Rte 124 and then on the north side of Rte 124. The connection to these sidewalk sections is proposed to be crosswalks; the southern portion being a crossing to an island before the rotary and then back to the junction of Rte 124 and Stratton Road. This proposal would accommodate the majority of the permitted summer recreational trail users on this trail, however this would be problematic for winter snowmobile use. We would like to propose that the sidewalks be tipped down to the street surface, in a direct line between the Monadnock Branch Rail Trail and the proposed sidewalk across Rte 124. This would allow for a straight crossing of Stratton Road and Rte 124 for snowmobiles and the trail groomer. Granite curbing is problematic for snowmobiles to get over and the machines do not turn well on pavement, as such we would request that the ability to continue the straight crossing of these roads, as is done today, be accommodated for the winter season.	Accept this email as initial comments on the proposed Jaffrey Project 16307, X-A001 (234). Our office previously met with Victoria Chase regarding this project and its potential impacts on the Monadnock Branch Rail Trail, owned by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. We are supportive of the Department of Transportation's plans to improve safety and traffic flow at the intersections of Routes 124 and 202 in Jaffrey. Thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed plans for this project in Jaffrey.				

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Dorothy McCagg 8 Turner Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 Emailed Letter: carlatory@me.com			X	10/7/2019	10/7/2019	Yes	I also understand the concern about housing. Given that the project is still 1-2 years out, I wonder if the town and state could work this out so that the displacement would be minimized. Perhaps houses being used for Air B&B and other such things could be rented for the displaced people. If it costs more, either tax rebate for the home owners, or a subsidy to the renters form the state could be made. Out of the box thinking is something that is needed here in order to allow for progress. Also known as change. Which is coming either way. Best to be prepared. I also wonder if there has been any thought to putting EV charging stations in the new lot. That would encourage people with EVs to stay a bit longer, check out the town. With time, hopefully more businesses could open up - coffee shops, grocery, restaurants, etc.	Accept this letter as testimony in support of the Route 202 Traffic Improvement Project in downtown Jaffrey. This project is important for myriad of reasons. Though many people are concerned with the short term consequences, it seems the long term consequences should be considered as well. Thank you for your time and attention to this important project.	By the time the work is done, there will be no normal and the resulting flow of traffic will be a welcome relief.	Regarding the safety concern, that pedestrians are used to the traffic stopping and might be taken unaware by continuous movement. I would suggest that this might be a benefit of the chaos of the rebuild of the roads. Construction will break all sorts of habits, and make way for new ones.		
Dorothy Coates 21 Cutter Hill Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 dcoatespoole@gmail.com			X	10/12/2019	10/12/2019	Yes		My husband and I spend five months each year right here in Jaffrey. We do hope the roundabouts will be approved for the safety of all concerned.	We love being here but find the 18 wheelers on 202 dangerous, frightening, etc.			
Elizabeth (Betsy) and David Trimble 401 Main Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 bdtrimble17@yahoo.com			X	10/14/2019	10/14/2019	Yes		This email is being sent in support of the Round Abouts in Jaffrey.			We feel that our "Downtown" clearly needs to be walkable. It is obvious that the Round Abouts will make I possible for more small business to be brought to the downtown; that the parks and lawns will be more appreciated; small restaurants will benefit from a downtown where members of the community and guests stroll instead of "park if you can and run in "; The Park Theatre is going to make a huge difference in our town...a walkable downtown will be important.	In this day of Climate Change and our concerns for our towns' environment. It would seem that the round abouts would bring less exhausts / fumes into the downtown.
Gwendolyn Gundlach 11 Jennifer Lane Jaffrey, NH 03452 ggundlach52@gmail.com			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes		I am writing in full support of the Proposed Jaffrey Roundabout Project. I truly hope that the roundabout project will be approved so that the future of the wonderful town of Jaffrey, a gem in the Monadnock region, can begin.			The new design will tremendously enhance our downtown, not only improving the traffic pattern and flow, but also for pedestrians, businesses, and future improvements to our town. Despite the sacrifice that some business owners and homeowners may face with these changes, the benefits far outweigh the few buildings that may have to be "relocated" to make room for the roundabouts. Furthermore, the loss of housing and business space will enable the town planning board to assess further needs of not only downtown, but also affordable housing needs and business needs for the town as a whole.	

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Herbert and Colette Gramm 270 Gilmore Pond Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452 herbert_gramm@yahoo.com			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes	Although I spoke at the Oct. 2nd Public Hearing in Jaffrey, I'd like to add a few comments. To miss the opportunity of this long planned improvement because of the vocal opponents of a minority would be another example of lack of progress benefiting society at large because of the abhorrence of change by a few.	As summer resident of Jaffrey since 1968 I've been aware of the deteriorating traffic situation in downtown Jaffrey. At present traffic merely passes THROUGH downtown where drivers don't find an inviting atmosphere.	The will thought out and frequently discussed improvements will when completed will make a pedestrian friendly town. With a visitor kiosk at Rt. 202 north and south and signage for parking tourists are invited to stop for a meal, shopping and a relaxing walk on the riverside rail trail instead of being stuck in a line of cars and trucks trying to navigate the "dogleg".	While I can understand the concern of some of the residents about the impact of construction, this is temporary and pales in comparison to the benefit of a revitalized downtown.		
Kenneth and Susan Campbell 435 Mountain Road PO Box 416 Jaffrey, NH 03452 ken.campbell@mac.com			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes	We urge you to approve the NHDOT two-roundabouts plan for the US 202-NH 124-NH 137 five-way dogleg intersection in Jaffrey. We believe the planners have done a good job that will have long-term beneficial effects on the town of Jaffrey. We have been to several of the public meetings and Ken attendee the rodeo at the ConVal High School; we have been impressed with the job done by NHDOT and Marty Kennedy of VHB.		We trust that they can make improvements to the plan that will alleviate pedestrian and some other issues raised by opponents and nearby businesses, and that the planners can come up with a construction-phasing plan that should minimize the economic and traffic impact of construction.			
Margaret and Gene Pokorny 24 Parsons Lane Jaffrey, NH 03452 mpok@384@gmail.com			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes	While I was not able to attend the public hearing, I have followed the coverage of the meetings and the pros and cons expressed very closely. My husband and I, 30 year residents of Jaffrey are in complete support of the two roundabouts solution that was presented.					
Mary Amirsakis Precious mary.amirsakis.precious@gmail.com			X	10/12/2019	10/12/2019	Yes	I vote yes for the project.					
Nancy R. Beiter 769 Gilmore Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (306) 532-7225 beitern@gmail.com			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes	I write in support of the proposal.	I just came back from downtown and those of us waiting to turn left onto 202 from 124 had to rearrange ourselves to accommodate an 18-wheeler who was clearly not experienced in making that very difficult right turn from 202 onto 124. I think we have lucked out so far that no truck has overturned.	I do have some concerns about pedestrians (who will, for the most part, be children) crossing the roundabout. While it may be clear to cars entering the circle that they need to slow down I'm less confident about cars exiting the circle. Perhaps you might consider adding speed bumps and/or flashing lights.	While the construction period may be painful for our small businesses I believed that, when the project is complete, those small businesses will be able to count on a new thriving downtown.		
Richard Stein ricks999@myfairpoint.net			X	10/11/2019	10/11/2019	Yes	I'm writing to register my enthusiastic support for the 2 roundabouts proposal for Jaffrey.	On grounds of improved traffic flow and reduced congestion.	And on grounds of aesthetics, safety and pedestrian quality of life here, this is a plan which will work!			

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Robert B. Stephenson PO Box 435 Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6066 Supplementary Statement via email: rob@rs41.org			X	10/8/2019	10/8/2019	Yes	<p>These comments supplement ones given at the hearing and previously submitted.</p> <p>Many of the negative comments related to roundabouts seem to me to have been said out of ignorance, possibly by those who have had little experience with them. They are the rule for intersections throughout the world and not the exception. I have full confidence that DOT with its experience in designing and maintaining roundabouts throughout the state knows what it's doing and that vehicles of all types and sizes will be able to navigate those proposed for Jaffrey safely and without difficulty.</p> <p>One comment focused on lack of mention of construction staging areas in downtown. This is premature but I can think of several without much difficulty: St. Patrick school parking lot, the Municipal Parking lot; the Ballpark parking area; W.W. Cross; the Welcome Center parking (owned by my condo association).</p>	<p>I would like to add some commentary based on my attendance at the Hearing on Oct. 3, 2019.</p> <p>Despite having heard the testimony of others at the hearing, I stand by what I said in my original statement.</p> <p>Many of the statements in opposition seemed to me to be from those who would be impacted by the project because of land taking or perceived harm to business. It's expected that those who might be adversely affected by the project - or believe they will be - should be in opposition, mildly or forcefully. I believe the Commission should take this into account and give it only minimal consideration.</p> <p>Granted that the two-year construction period will make downtown Jaffrey a difficult place at times to navigate and to carry-on a business. However, such disruption needs to be balanced against leaving the situation as it now is: years of traffic going through the center of downtown, continued congestion and noise, likely increasing over time, indefinitely and with no end.</p>	<p>Not to mention the positive effect the project will have on traffic flow and congestion.</p>	<p>I do not believe a case has or can be made that pedestrian crossings at the roundabouts will be more dangerous to pedestrians than the present situation. There is no need for any warning lights; actual crossing lights (stopping traffic) would defeat the whole logic of continual traffic flow that is the basis for roundabouts. Signalized roundabouts are only found in situations where the traffic volume is far higher. I know of none in New Hampshire.</p>	<p>I'm strongly of the opinion that the project will ultimately be of benefit to Jaffrey's downtown both economically and aesthetically.</p> <p>There were several comments at the hearing to the effect that there is a parking problem in downtown Jaffrey. Only if you insist in parking in front of your destination is there a parking problem. I have never in 40 or so years not gotten a parking space in downtown within, say, 50 feet of where I wished to go. Invariably when I go to shop in Market Basket in Rindge I have to park 100 feet or more from the front door.</p>	<p>Also, the positive effect the project will have on noise.</p>
Stephanie Dionne Eric Dionne Alec Dionne Briana & Andrew Rivard Gabrielle Dionne Olivia Dionne esdionne96@gmail.com			X	10/9/2019	10/9/2019	Yes		<p>We as a family have had many discussions on the lights and the round about. We are all for the project and smooth traveling on our busy commutes!</p> <p>My oldest is 21 and my youngest 16 of 4 kids. Please make this happen and sooner the better!</p>			<p>I know a lot of people think the downtown businesses will loose customers and I just don't see that happening. The traffic now continues to move on their route and not stop at any of them. These businesses have their regulars and no new customers just passing through town!</p> <p>Seriously who stops at the Realtor to shop or the barbershops or the CPA's to get some accounting done on a whim? There is nothing in this town to draw outside shoppers.</p>	
Rep Dick Ames 12 Blackberry Lane Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	Yes		<p>I'm very impressed with the good work that's been done by the planners and by the presentation. It's thorough and helpful to all of us, I think, whether pro or con. That's really a- remarkably good job, so thank you.</p> <p>I am supporting this project.</p>	<p>I think it will help rejuvenate the downtown, help with traffic flow, and -- and be a great improvement over what we now have that has the deficiencies that have been described.</p>			

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Jon Frederick 24 Carey Road Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	Yes	Town Manager thanked NHDOT, VHB and the Advisory Committee for all the work they put in over the last 2-1/2 years. A lot of civil discussion has taken place and, you know, with the purpose that was developed, the purpose of the project was to address the traffic congestion and safety-related deficiencies associated with the current configuration that we see in our downtown, while enhancing pedestrian mobility and supporting the quality of life and economic vitality of Jaffrey's downtown. This is the proposed plan coming out of that, and I think that that meets the purpose. Has a couple of things that were brought up that would like to see happen; flashing beacons on the crosswalks for pedestrians, discussions during final design regarding the 4-way intersection at River & 137, 124 whether it be 3-way or 4-way stop, or lighted, and the parking at the Community Field, options. So I am in favor of the project, and I thank you for being here.					
Rob Stephenson POB 435 Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6066	X				10/2/2019	Yes	On May 3rd, 1990, I appeared at a similar hearing at Pratt Auditorium that concerned Jaffrey's last major downtown project, which resulted in traffic lights, new parking configuration, the placing of utilities underground and the creation of a municipal parking lot. Despite my being the owner of that lot, which still exists on Blake Street and despite it being taken from me by eminent domain, I spoke in general support of the project.	And I appear tonight nearly 30 years later to support the project now being considered.	The main benefit of proceeding will be improved traffic flow through the downtown. It's undeniable that the proposed traffic pattern with the two roundabouts and the river crossing will make for smoother and faster circulation.	I also believe that the downtown would be greatly improved aesthetically and that the pedestrian environment will be enhanced.		
Franklin Sterling Selectboard 79 Highland Ave. Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	Yes	This isn't just a project about relieving the traffic congestion downtown. This is an opportunity for the Town of Jaffrey to recapture a major segment of our downtown. The segment between Perborough St and River St has become a dead zone. The four-lane highway has completely destroyed what used to be a very vibrant commercial center. We need this to bring people to our downtown, pedestrians and businesses.	There's only a finite amount of distance between those two intersections. The traffic isn't going to get any lighter. It's only going to increase. It's not going to go away. And Jaffrey right now is known as someplace to get through. It would be nice if Jaffrey was known as a place to go to.	Taking the large tractor-trailers off Main Street and cutting the number of lanes from four to two with intermediate steps to get across some of the intersections is great --is going to make pedestrian traffic much safer. There are a lot of other things we can do working with the DOT in the final design phase to enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing - crossing those intersections.			
Ken Campbell 435 Mountain Road PO Box 416 Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-8686 ken.campbell@mac.com	X				10/2/2019	Yes, strongly	Question: Has there been an economic impact statement of what this \$8.6 million project will mean to the local economy? Answered: No.	I strongly support the project.		The project will also improve safety for drivers, school kids and pedestrians, I believe. I'm looking forward to walking the loop that we are creating and seeing new perspectives on this town, and I strongly support the project.		
Monique Coll Ken & Monique Transport 75 Typler Hill Rd Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6925 KTM_Monique@yahoo.com	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	Question: Are you going to have an apron on the roundabout for the trailers. Answer: Yes Question: can you put lines not curbing on the exits of the circle so wheels won't be damaged going over them? Answer: The roundabout is being designed to accommodate large trucks without the need for their tires to cross over the outside curb.					

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Sheila Ellis 75 Turnpike Rd Jaffrey, NH 03542 (603) 532-6937 preskittie@aol.com	X				10/2/2019	Yes		I know we have good businesses and good people, and I do have a concern about our downtown. I would like to see it revitalized. I'm not saying I'm against the roundabout, because I -- I am in favor of it. I'm just asking that people base your decision on facts and not your emotions or your fears.					
Carolyn D. Garretson 202 Committee 125 Jaquith Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-9998	X				10/2/2019	Yes		I have a statement of support, which is just a petition, and I have 51 members, and I will try to get some more in the next ten days, but these are the people that I've spoken with that are in support of this project. And I hope those of you who are opposed to it will take a different look at it and really, really see that over these many, many years -- and I'm going back to the charrette and what was suggested from the charrette. I really think this will be very, very beneficial for Jaffrey.		I have been privileged to work my fanny off for two-and-a-half years on this 202 committee. We have taken it very, very seriously. I also participated in the charrette. And we -- the first thing that we did was to -- to make up a mission statement, and our mission was really to improve Jaffrey and to improve safety and to make it a more pedestrian-friendly town, make it a town that small businesses could move into and survive in.			
Herbert Graham 270 Gilmore Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-9319	X				10/2/2019	Yes				I also am concerned about the crosswalks. Now, I've traveled a lot in England and in New Zealand and Australia, and they have rotaries, roundabouts, all over the place, and the crossing is very safe because on these crosswalks, it isn't just the zebra stripe, but people can push a button and there is a flashing light that alerts the cars to someone about to cross. And because these crossings are so short, it doesn't stop the traffic much, because as soon as the person is on the other side, the traffic can start again. It isn't a light that's going to be for, you know, 15 seconds or 20 seconds. It's very short. So it will not impede the traffic.			
Suzanne Green 38 Woodbury Hill Rd Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	Yes				I wanted to echo some of the sentiments with regards to the students that would be using those crosswalks.	One thing we talked about awhile ago was supporting the economic viability of those businesses that are downtown. The reduction in the number of lanes in that part of the road, that there was a request of some of the folks that had businesses downtown for a return for slant parking to increase the number of parking spaces to enhance their ability to have more people be able to pull in and have access to those businesses, and the only thing I would request is that early request be fully realized in this plan or is considered in this plan to help support those businesses that are going to see less traffic going in front, to encourage more people to be able to have the opportunity to stop and park.		

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Sam Greene 785 Gilmore Pond Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 533-5152 greenappraisal@gmail.com	X				10/2/2019	Yes	<p>Questions: the size of the roundabout? In comparison to say Keens roundabout. Answer: Marty Kennedy will get that information.</p> <p>Question: will there be additional parking spaces? Answer: Yes there will be.</p>		<p>But I did want to ask about traffic calming. Is there going to be a policemen or -- and, you know, the bumps before you get to a sidewalk, or would there be a light that would slow traffic as they're approaching the roundabout?</p> <p>Answer: The layout all combined will calm traffic.</p>	<p>One big issue is the lack of parking and the lack of walkability in downtown Jaffrey.</p>		
Steve Jackson 54 Thorndike Pond Rd Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 562-9010 sjax@mac.com	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	<p>CEO of the Park Theatre</p> <p>I would assume a robust sign program, informational sign in addition to crosswalk and yield signs, would be part of the plan of the DOT, but I also know that there are very stringent rules of what DOT allows on their roadways. and so I ask at what point -- it probably is premature in terms of a sign plan at this point, but I would ask that there be a robust sign program so that we don't have people -- the ease of going around the two roundabouts on 202, it's like I'll just keep shooting through without taking a stop downtown, because that's really what we want to make sure, that they know that there is a business shopping downtown, there is a theatre downtown, and that Jaffrey is not bypassed.</p>					
Rick Lambert, President Jaffrey War Memorial Committee P.O. Box 565 Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-7946	X				10/2/2019	Yes	<p>There is a portion of the park land that is proposed for the project contains utilities, granite bollards, walkways, landscaping and other landscape elements. These will be relocated elsewhere in a consistent manner in a way agreed to by the committee, according to mutually agreed -- agreeable plan and at no cost to the committee.</p> <p>Land taken for the project by NHDOT abutting, but not necessarily within the bounds of the park, shall be added to the present park and developed at no cost to the committee, in accordance with the plan developed and approved by the NHDOT and the town, and the committee.</p> <p>The committee is open to discussion on these points and is confident that a satisfactory arrangement can be reached that benefits NHDOT, the Town of Jaffrey, and the Jaffrey War Memorial Park.</p>	<p>The committee supports the improvement of downtown Jaffrey, its infrastructure, its commercial life, its townscape, its traffic flow and pedestrian traffic -- safety.</p>				
Rep Douglas Ley 28 School Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-8556 dartley58@gmail.com	X				10/2/2019	Yes		<p>I think this moment is sort of a moment where Jaffrey's at a crossroads. I think this project will move us in a very positive direction.</p> <p>I'm happy to see that the direct impact on properties is limited. I think that's a good thing.</p>			<p>And I think really having the roundabouts in this way and doing the traffic configuration this way will change the way Jaffrey looks to a lot of people, and I think it will help enhance making Jaffrey more of a destination.</p> <p>We have a theater being built downtown, which is going to be hopefully a new economic draw into the downtown. I think that will help stimulate other businesses along Main Street.</p>	

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Laurel McKenzie 103 Fitch Road Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	Jaffrey resident and currently serve on Jaffrey's Planning Board and the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board, but representing her own opinion. Question: What will Jaffrey's role be in maintaining this new configuration, impact to town finances with respect to snow removal, landscaping maintenance, and any other maintenance or cost issues should this project go forward? Has that been researched and quantified? Answer: It hasn't been quantified. The state routes will still remain the Department of Transportation's responsibility. We do not plow or maintain sidewalks or landscaping. So any enhancements or additional sidewalks will be the town responsibility. Question: Is the parking lot that is shown on the proposed plan still a state parking lot? Answer: It's on state land, yes.	Should this project go ahead, I would strongly recommend that there be a four-way stop at the junction of Main Street and River and North Street. Everyone knows how to negotiate a four-way stop and they clear quickly.					
Renee Sangermano 14 Nutting Rd Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 593-5499 sangermano.renee@gmail.com	X				10/2/2019	Yes	Recreational director for Jaffrey speaking as a resident.	So I am hoping that you all support this project and move forward, and I'm looking forward to the new sidewalks downtown and the more parking.		But when we are talking about pedestrians and getting from a 12-foot space versus 125 feet, that is a huge difference. And when you have children passing through these streets, it's very important for us to know that they only have to get 12 feet and looking for one direction for a vehicle, where right now the impact that they could receive is from multiple angles.			
Rachel & Andrew Schwartz 39 Woodbury Hill Rd. Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	-	Received speaker card at Public Hearing, but chose not to speak.						
Marc Tiegen 18 Bradley Ct. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-8765 info@tiegenrealty.com	X				10/2/2019	-	Received speaker card at Public Hearing, but no comments in Transcript.						
Harry L. Young 125 Jacquith Rd Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-9998	X				10/2/2019	Yes		Look at the people here. Look at the tables. They're lined up with experts, of civil engineers, the works. I had no idea that Jaffrey would attract this kind of attention and this kind of expertise, and yet here they are. I am not going to tell them what to do. They know. They know really, really well. I have no concerns about what they have done here. Folks, it's been a long time. 1932 is a long time ago. We need to do something about Jaffrey downtown, and we need to do it soon. Let's vote yes and move on with this project.	Jaffrey has a long history of problems downtown. The first that I know of was in 1932.				
Clay Hollister	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	Question: What portion of the cost of the project is Town paying? Question was answered, did not speak.						

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Stephanie Kavouras 15 Ellison St. Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	-	Received speaker card at Public Hearing, but did not speak.					

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Bjorn Langoren (abutter) 21 River Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 bjorn@langoren.com (617) 599-3529		X		-	10/17/2019	No		Concerned about: - property with the roundabout located where current oval driveway exists - decision process for acquisition - value of potential appraisal options - feels paralyzed by project.		Concerned about decision process for home ownership and impact to property. Order of personal preference: 1. Cancel the project 2. Sell entire property 3. Sell portion of property Requesting appraisals for preferences 2. and 3.				
John M. Peard Jr. (abutter) Owner/Operator Red's of Jaffrey 12 River Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/14/2019	10/17/2019	No	Believes there is room for improvement in Jaffrey traffic with less invasive, less expensive measures.	Opponent of the downtown Jaffrey roundabout & bypass project from the beginning due to the affect on business started in 1955 by grandparents.	Pedestrian safety concern, especially school children, and blind or special needs individuals	Bypassing business will result in negative impact on long-term operation; lack of traffic and loss of easy accessibility. - Concerned about impact to properties on River St.	Reduced on-street parking for businesses.	The motoring public will be focused on driving through town, not visiting town. Removal of viable business, Lab n' Lager, which has brought much needed younger to downtown. There are six multi generation downtown businesses that feel they may suffer an adverse effect with the bypass.	Demolition of a multi-family apartment house; lose affordable housing.	Concerned about the cost of the project and what happens if the cost increases.
Jack D. Kitchen Associate General Counsel Consolidated Communications 350 S. Loop 336 W. Conroe, TX 77304 Sent via email as well: Jack.Kitchen@consolidated.com (936) 788-9911		X	X	10/9/2019	10/21/2019	No		Formal notice of objection to the currently proposed design for the Route 202 Project in Jaffrey, NH. Requests a redesign that addresses the concerns listed under #10.				Three main concerns for utility company: 1. Prolonged disruption to service 2. Timeline for completion of project is not feasible 3. Effects on Consolidated's operations		
Tracy Meehan 93 Fitch Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6735		X		10/9/2019	10/11/2019	No		The downtown will not be improved by this project. Opinion is that this project is not needed for the town; believe that if the majority of citizens of Jaffrey were allowed to vote on this project it would not proceed.	Safety will always be a concern, but feels a rotary between two schools will result in more traffic congestion as multiple crosswalks will need to be used to access parts of the downtown. Should consider more cost effective measures to the crosswalk structure.	Destroying tranquility of two home owners with highway going through private yard. Will also affect the War Memorial.	Net loss in parking spaces, and loss of parking spaces near businesses.	This project will destroy what businesses have built, such as Lab n' Lager (being demolished), and Pizza Barn and Candy's will suffer during construction.	Destroying an apartment building that offers an affordable place to live within Jaffrey (within walking distance to all those affected businesses).	Doesn't feel like there is a traffic issue or know of any recent truck accidents a the intersection that warrants spending \$6M on this project
Susan Lovell 99 Stratton Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/9/2019	10/11/2019	No		There are more important things than traffic flow; our lives are in your hands.	Beg to reconsider the safety of the crosswalks approaching the roundabout; concerned about unescorted school children, as well as teens and adults, and drivers becoming confused when approaching or leaving the rotary.					
David Kemp Charlone Street Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		-	10/11/2019	No	A better long term solution would be to address the needed upgrades to the substandard southern end of Route 202 (River St.) including, but not limited to, the bridge over the Mt. Stream.	The thru pass routing 202 down Blake St. and onto the old rail bed, crossing the river in the area of the Contoocook lake dam would be a far better long term solution to the problem and would correct many of the heretofore ignored and unaddressed problems caused or dismissed by the current roundabout proposal.		Unmentioned land taking for additional sidewalks shown on River Street. Route 202 S. sidewalks on both sides of the road proposed by Cournoyer's funeral home; most likely affect stone walls on west.	Loss of parking for businesses and will affect parking for new Theater being built. Addition of additional sidewalks and sidewalk widening (affects parking opportunities and snow storage).	The addition of a second Roundabout to placate a wealthy vocal member of the committee.		
Laurel MCKenzie 103 Fitch Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 Jaffrey resident and currently serve on Jaffrey's Planning Board and the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board, but representing her own opinion.		X		10/9/2019	10/11/2019	No	If it moves forward, requests the following: 1. Thoughtful outreach to citizens adverse to project 2. Community/stakeholder participation in the design process 3. Careful phasing of construction to minimize impacts to businesses and abutters 4. Detailed MOT plans and requirements 5. Stringent requirements for dust control, noise control, truck washing, etc. 6. Bi-weekly owner-contractor-town-community progress meetings during construction 7. Provisions for schedule recovery 8. Deployment of an on-site Clerk of Works to manage the project.	The proposed Route 202 traffic configuration has been developed to address traffic congestions, increase pedestrian safety, and revitalize the downtown business area: - This solution will not revitalize Jaffrey's downtown in and of itself. - The changes made to the traffic light timing have greatly improved traffic back-up at both intersections, eliminating it during most times of the day. - The goal to improve pedestrian safety when crossing the current intersections could be met with "scramble" crossings providing adequate time for pedestrians to cross any corner that is their ultimate destination. Traffic light timing has greatly improved traffic back-up.	Believes improved pedestrian safety could be met with "scramble" crossings at intersection vs. roundabouts.		Solution does not revitalize Jaffrey's downtown in and of itself.			

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Kevin Chamberlain 18 Darcie Drive Jaffrey, NH 03452 Resident of Jaffrey; Former Asst. Fire Chief, former Town of Jaffrey Budget Committee, currently appointed Interim Selectman.		X		10/8/2019	10/9/2019	No	Final traffic management of the four-way intersection needs serious consideration for traffic and pedestrian safety issues. Concerned about economics of project and potential for costs to be incurred by Town of Jaffrey; question statement that the project will have NO cost impact to the town. Confused by the need to "Revitalize" Main Street, as currently all Commercial and Residential space in the project area is 100% occupied. Traffic management could be addressed with further enhancements to traffic signals and in the future, with the use of autonomous vehicles.	Very concerned with the current plan and the increased number of crossings; and number of school age children that will need to cross.	Properties adjacent to the project area will be impacted, usable land will be compromised. In addition, impact on the tax value, and serious impact on the resale value of the properties.	The overall impact is fewer parking spaces available in the Downtown area; with no handicap parking spaces identified.	Current "concept plan" removes taxable property from the project area which will impact the tax revenues to the Town of Jaffrey forever. Future business expansion limited. Most active business, Lab n' Lager will be forced to close; and concerned about traffic and construction impacts to local businesses.	The tenants of the Apartment Building proposed to be razed will be hard pressed to locate a new residence within the downtown area of Jaffrey.	Utility relocation cost associated with the project have never been discussed; concerned about significant issues raised by Telecommunications, Electric and Consolidated Communications. Between the following entities Federal, State, Municipal, Utilities and the private sector; this project will have a financial impact greater than \$10M. This is a significant price to pay to deal with traffic congestion.	
Kelly L. Jean (abutter) 19 River Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 540-3570		X		-	10/17/2019	No	Many of us would love an improved downtown, but we would also like it to focus on the pedestrians, not paving around downtown. Please consider a walking bridge into Bjorn's butterfly garden instead of a traffic bridge.	Never got a chance to provide input, nor did anyone reach out for input. The only ones who will benefit is the retired folks in condos who seem to be the ones pushing the project. They are the ones making the decision for all us hard working, younger generations who just want to participate.		Bypassing downtown will not only ruin businesses but will put traffic in my neighbor and my driveways. Don't see how we could get out of our driveways safely, block the noise it'll bring to our front steps, and how it would even increase our property values.				
Petition - To save Downtown Jaffrey. A Statement of Non-Support for the Route 202 Dogleg Improvements for Jaffrey, NH (received with Kelly Jeans letter) Collected by: Kelly L. Jean		X		-	10/17/2019	No	Support upgrading the current existing downtown leaving it as close to original as possible, and ask for a different configuration with every Jaffrey citizen, merchant, and visitor in mind.	Petition of Non-Support of the project (154-signatures).	Proposed project will put children at risk while walking to school.	Proposed project will displace many families and reconfigure property and business owner's current property.		The proposed project will bypass the vital established businesses downtown, resulting in loss of revenue for the town.		
James C. and Jeannelle F. Moore 28 Libby Court, P.O. Box 526 Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/6/2019	10/8/2019	No	Ourselves and many other community members feel that no significant survey has been done or considered regarding the project. We feel a town-wide voting scenario would happen. So far there have been a few mid-week announced sessions attended by a hundred or less community members. We truly feel a ballot voting at an annual voting venue would yield a truer and more valid feeling of this project from the townspeople.							
Cathy and Joel Proulx 508 North St. Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6002		X		10/6/2019	10/8/2019	No	Thoughts about the Project are listed here and in subsequent columns: 1. It doesn't benefit Jaffrey; it benefits the people driving through Jaffrey. 2. It will forever change the character of our town. No going back. 3. Don't mind the red light...allows time to enjoy the view of my town. I see the river from one direction and the steeples and flag pole and mountain from another. 4. (See #10) 5. (See #11) 6. Small rotaries don't work, Shaw's in Peterborough is a perfect example of a poor choice small roundabout. Can't undo that now that it is in place! 7. (See #7) 8. Perhaps a stop sign for all vehicles making the right-hand turn from Peterborough onto Main St. would work. The problem there is cars block the intersection because they turn when they shouldn't. 9. Consider vehicles from Peterborough turning right into either one of the two lanes. If they want to go towards the library get in the lane near the sidewalk. If they want to go to Rindge either lane will do and they need to zipper merge before Red's. 10. It seems that many people who want the roundabout moved into Jaffrey, maybe even by 20 years. More of the life long residents were against it. 11. (See #7) 12. Thought the drone video of the truck was not typical. Trucks can handle that turn. It seemed to be bias, as was the video of the kids running in to the road. Did this happen? Obviously it did, but it is not typical. 13. Have never seen a fender bender or accident in the 5-way. EVER! What is the count of accidents this past year? In the past five years?	7. Can't conceive how a tractor trailer truck coming from Peterborough and going east onto 124 towards Millipore can make the circle and enter onto Turnpike Road especially since the road becomes narrow as it meets up to the roundabout. Narrow so it is safe for crossing, but too narrow for the truck. 11. We may need to put some crossing guards in the five way for the school kids.			4. The businesses on Main St. will suffer and possibly close. Believes Aubuchon Hardware left during the construction on Main St. back in the early 1990's.	5. It was mentioned the people losing their homes in apartments will be compensated when finding a new place. Will Lab and Lager be compensated when they no longer have their business revenue on a yearly basis?		

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David Carpenter Principal Orion Product Development PO Box 503 13 Stratton Road, Unit A) Jaffrey, NH 03452 (508) 479-3283 (Email via Jo Ann Carr's letter) dcarpenter@oronpd.com			X	12/1/2018	10/10/2019	No		I have owned a home an operated a home-based engineering consultancy at 13 Stratton Road in Jaffrey since 2005. My home is one building removed from Stratton Road's intersection with Routes 202 and 124. I have been following the topic of downtown traffic flow improvements since more or less the time I purchased the property. I have recently become concerned that the Jaffrey Select Board seems to have convinced the NHDOT that the five-way roundabout at the subject intersection is the preferred approach to pursue. I am not opposed to improvements to traffic flow and pedestrian access to downtown. I appreciate Jaffrey's dense core and take advantage of my proximity to many local businesses by almost never driving. However, I consider this a safety concern of the highest priority and am asking you to reassess the situation in light of this. I would deem converting Stratton Road to a dead-end to be a considerable improvement over the existing conditions; however, I purchased the property well aware of the existence of the five-way traffic light (of course) and am not included to demand improvement, only to strongly resist a substantial degradation in the safety and utility of my home, so would also accept Stratton Road remaining a through street with a signal at the intersection to stop traffic periodically. Given how rapidly the situation seems to be evolving after years of stagnation, your consideration and rapid response are requested and will be much appreciated.			However, I am vehemently opposed to a five-way roundabout at the subject intersection. I have no driveway to speak of; my garage gives directly onto Stratton Road. During the school year, there are several hours at the beginning and end of each school day when the only reason I can possibly exit or enter my garage is because there is a traffic light. With no traffic light, I will be literally trapped in my garage during those times. There are multiple dwelling at this end of Stratton Road that will suffer the same fate if this project proceeds in the direction of a five-way roundabout; including where I live, is a 4-unit townhouse style condominium complex, next door is a 6-unit apartment complex, the East Side Apartments, and across the street are five multi-family dwellings. I am estimating that on the order of 20 households would be negatively impacted.				
David and Gail Wilkie 12 Stratton Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		-	10/10/2019	No		Writing to voice concerns about this Rotary Project in Jaffrey. I have over 30 years in the trucking industry and I have never had any problems turning in any direction in the square. I have lived in Jaffrey since 2006 and in that time, I have seen a lot of traffic jams, but not in Jaffrey. I believe that the change in traffic lights is working fine. Sometimes there are a few cars here and there, because of the right hand turn-traffic coming from 202 on the Main Street. What I see is that the right turn sometimes interferes with the rest of the traffic, who have the green light. The 202 traffic continues to turn right on red, so the other traffic with the green light ends up in the middle of the road, which blocks all of the other traffic when their light turns green. I think that the "no turn on red" light should be used more often and the walk-light for the pedestrians should be longer, to ensure that they cross in a safe manner. I feel this project is being forced upon us and we have very little to say about it. WE DON'T WANT THIS PROJECT!			Private Property rights: People by property as an investment, home or business. It is part of the American Dream to own property. I do not see the justification to take any building via eminent domain for this project. I am a Vietnam Era veteran and I am very passionate about the Vets getting the respect that they deserve. I was very insulted to hear that the project would take part of the Memorial.				I have a huge concern with the \$8.6 million dollar cost of the project because our taxes could increase and possibly the cost of the maintenance of the Rotary. There is also a problem with accidents and clean up within the Rotary, which could cause problems with traffic. I live close to the square, I get a birds eye view of the traffic, there is no problem with emergency vehicles getting through the square to respond to a call. New Hampshire has always had a reputation for being frugal, but this project is a huge waste of money.
Donald Stewart 43 Hunt Road Jaffrey, NH 03452		X		10/9/2020	10/10/2019	No	The general idea of a bypass was put down by the project representative, stating the towns generally die off when bypasses are put in too far from the centers of towns and I remember thinking "sure" like Milford? It's booming. Peterborough? Booming. Rindge? Where would they be without the taxes collected from their bypass businesses? Hillsborough? Doing o.k. What a lot of folks don't understand is when a bypass is put in it creates that much more taxable and usable road frontage. I have lived here for my whole life. I was asked to be include in their advisory committee and agreed not knowing what I was signing on for. Initially I felt the idea of a roundabout in Jaffrey was a good one and was excited to be a part of the work going in to it. As a result of attending meetings and working through them I gradually became disenchanted with the whole idea. River St.: Six parking spots created to replace parking lost. A very good addition to the parking in Jaffrey but eliminates a turning lane. The project ends on 202 S. as School St. From that point on 202/River St. is sub standard all the way to the narrow bridge (D2) crossing Mountain Stream. There are utility poles very nearly whittled in half by contact with State Highway plows. The bridge on 202 S. has no way for pedestrians to cross the bridge. It is VERY narrow. Please view this for yourself. There will be the exact same number of vehicles moving through Jaffrey on Rt. 202, 124, 137. As stated many times in meetings by citizens, it never takes more than 2 or 3 minutes to navigate Main St., even when it is peak rush hour in the afternoon. According to Jaffrey Chief of Police, an inordinate amount of traffic accidents in Jaffrey occur from the intersection of School St. to the bridge over Mountain Stream on 202 S. This project does not address any of this issue. My personal feeling is this project will do very little to correct a minor traffic problem in Jaffrey, yet compromises safety of residents and does not address the much larger problem of the condition of 202 S. of Jaffrey.	To my knowledge there has been no pedestrian studies done by the DOT. I have done this on my own twice. One day, starting at 2:00 p.m., weather was not good and focused primarily schools letting out. Only 54 kids came from the direction of the Conant High School. The second time I watched 81 kids come to cross Blake St. also a few bicycles. Kids tend to look down at cell phones, not paying attention, some with ear buds in place. There are also Grade school kids walking Main St. going to Stratton Rd., etc. The solution of "safety islands" in the crosswalks won't work, picture a number of seventh grade boys on a safety island pushing and shoving...someone will get hit. The danger to pedestrians will increase with no lights to stop traffic.	The Lab & Lager building on the corner of Blake St. is slated to be demolished to make room for this project. What about the former railroad station, now a retail /apartment space directly behind the Lab & Lager? IT IS NOT EVEN ON THE MAP! The building on River St. to be removed is also NOT ON THE MAP! It was discussed that the apartment building near Veterans Park would be purchased and removed for room for the roundabout. This building is also NOT shown on the map? Private driveway access to the proposed roundabouts as shown on the map...is there any other roundabout in NH that has private driveway access directly onto a state route roundabout?	At the first meeting a garage owner on River St. complained that he would no longer get as much business at his garage because the initial proposal came out onto River St. further south than his garage. Next meeting the DOT folks are proposing TWO roundabouts in Jaffrey...one very near his garage. Local members of this study group had to point out that parking counted as public in two areas was indeed not public but in fact privately held. Blake St.: The municipal lot where the project bridge will be located will be reduced to make room for the bridge. Replacement spots on Blake St. are located even further from Main St. and will only be used by Rails to Trails higher and renters at the end of Blake St. The Pizza Barn on Blake St. will likely close from loss of street parking; it's been there for 40 years and goes from 4 on street parking spots to zero, and possibly some private parking area.	The only business to open in Jaffrey in a dozen years, the Lab & Lager, and be successful will be gone.				

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Jessica Livingston jessica93livingston@gmail.com			X	10/4/2019	10/4/2019	No	<p>If you want the round about to help with traffic and pedestrian safety, I think it would be better to turn the whole area into a one way. Similar to how Troy NH has traffic routed around their common. Have traffic flow north, over your new bridge into the round about, and south the same way it currently does. This would allow for increased parking downtown. It would also make crossing the road a little easier, only having to worry about traffic travelling in one direction.</p> <p>If you made all of downtown into an oval, you could avoid the lower roundabout and simply put in a median and a slip exit for south flowing traffic. Putting in the bridge and lower roundabout looks like it's going to take out what limited parking there is downtown, and wasn't part of this plan to increase business traffic downtown? It's all so flawed. But if you want to commit to this crazy idea, I suggest one way traffic flow.</p>	<p>While I no longer live in Jaffrey, I do work close to the center of town. It currently looks like you plan to keep traffic flowing in both directions, through the roundabouts and through the current traffic pattern. I don't think that's the way to go.</p>						
Margie Clark-Kevan 125 Sherwood Lane Jaffrey, NH 03452 margieack@gmail.com			X	10/9/2019	10/9/2019	No		<p>Can some creative alternatives be presented? Perhaps a pedestrian bridge/skywalk? If not, then perhaps something that blocks foot traffic from cutting across the shortest distance - a wall? A green space? - and leads walkers to the crosswalk that is located further down.</p>	<p>I have concerns for future walkers trying to cross the round-about, especially going from Main Street to Stratton Road.</p> <p>I feel that some walkers will choose the shortest distance between two points if the current design stays as it is. I'm also concerned that the drivers will do as Reuben Duncan stated - look at oncoming traffic to merge and keep moving rather than be focused on kids who are crossing the road. Drivers have been trained to slowly move into traffic circles rather than stopping for pedestrians. These two factors make for a dangerous situation- especially during travel to and from nearby schools.</p> <p>I also feel that some way for walkers and bikers to stop traffic is necessary too.</p>					
Mark Palermo ironmarq@att.net			X	10/5/2019	10/5/2019	No		<p>My concerns with the proposed roundabout changes for Jaffrey is the rise in auto insurance rates associated with roundabouts. States like NJ spend much money on projects that eliminate roundabouts because when there are accidents, everyone has some fault. It is unclear who has a right of way in a roundabout. Has the proposed plan for roundabouts in Jaffrey addressed this issue of increased auto insurance rates?</p>						
Nick Panagiotis (603) 562-9336 npanagiotis@gmail.com			X	10/4/2019	10/4/2019	No		<p>I own the Jaffrey Pizza Barn. I know something has to be done about the dogleg in town. Trying to leave from Blake Street is a test of patience. But after this summer with the water main project in town and the blacktop project of route 202 my business was hit very hard. My lunch business was a joke. People did not want to come to me because of detours and traffic backups. No signs to alert people how to get to me and the police details not helping people to get to me were major problems. Allowing the water main construction crew to take over the municipal parking lot was a major blunder also. It was gridlock.</p>						
Angela Beecham 13B Stratton Rd, Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 593-5215	X				10/2/2019	No	<p>I own a condo on Stratton Road. I think that my main concern is that I don't think that these roundabouts are anything that we need. I live right next to Hill Insurance in a condo there, and I have seen a drastic improvement since they've adjusted the lights. I think that that has solved a whole lot of the traffic problem.</p>		<p>Concerned they are going to take away her driveway to put in sidewalks, they will spend some time with her at the end of the meeting.</p>					<p>I think that that the adjusted lights have solved a whole lot of the traffic problem, and I think that with a little bit of money, we could probably make that even better, and not \$8 million.</p>

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Candy Curtis 1 Main Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-6666	X				10/2/2019	No								She owns Candy's Hair Salon. So I have a total of three parking spots in front of my business. So I have three and I'll be going to one, is what you're saying. So you're trying to improve downtown businesses, but you're taking my parking. and I'll have tow years of construction. This does not help me at all. I am so against this. Not a good thing for me.	
Birgit Johanson Main Street Business owner 51 Johanson Dr Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 831-4267	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	I think the bridge in the middle of town that hasn't been done over since, what, a hundred years ago, needs to be done over. And if you concentrate your traffic flow design around the bridge and keep the other one maybe for walking and bikes, you're going to have a walkable, beautiful downtown that's alive and can accommodate the parking and encourages people to get our on foot and I think it would be beautiful.	I live out further up north on 137, but we've had a family business since the '40s. It's a barbershop that's been there well over a hundred years. And I've had a lot of family in the area that have run a lot of businesses, and very few of them are on Maine St now, but I am. And my kids will be, which I take a lot of pride in because a lot of people leave this town, and my kids have no intention of leaving. So I grew up around the Emerald Necklace in Boston, and the architect of that made very, very good use of parkways and rotaries and bridges, and it centered around people. And this design is not centered around people. Everything in the middle is going to be kind of a dead zone, very hard to get to, very isolated, no parking. And I think you've got to redefine the problem again. The problem isn't trucks, okay? The problem is Jaffrey's gone dead since they took away the angle parking.							
Kork Little 21 Main Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603)532-7991	X				10/2/2019	No	The changing of the light structure has been working. Question: What's the plan with the existing bridge? Does that now become the town's responsibility? Or is the state still going to maintain that bridge? Answer: It's still a state route; with this project, it remains and continues to be New Hampshire 124.	I own property on 21 Main St. I have been -- my commute for 233 years has been Main St. in Jaffrey. I started there when I was in high school. I've seen the transition of the diagonal parking, the loss of parking spots. Everybody talks about bringing businesses downtown. We don't have any vacancies downtown. All the buildings are full downtown for businesses, so I don't know what y'all are talking about, about bringing more business downtown, because we are full. I'm not for this. I don't know of any business owners on Main St. that want this project to come through. Red's too. Nobody from the state and nobody from this town has come and asked me as a business owner whether I want this, what my opinion is, what can we do to help you and revitalize the downtown area. I'm not for this, and if you guys do it, it's a stupid frickin' project.			We don't have parking. We're going to have a park there with how many seats? Where are they going to park? You're taking parking spots away from us. You're not adding anything for us. You're going to run into additional issues with snow removal because you are adding more sidewalks. You are also adding more salt to the river.				
Jane Millar 100 Gay Street Manchester, NH (603) 645-7905	X				10/2/2019	No	I'm hoping that DOT can give me some clarification. There was a meeting back in September when we were talking about the manholes being moved, conduits, the Jaffrey CO., and a redesign was supposed to be given. But during the presentation tonight there were a couple of dates given for utilities to be relocated. Question: Can someone help me which way we're going? Because that CO will take more than two years to refeed and all these people are out of service. Answer: In the presentation the construction period was mentioned, but the utility relocations aren't -- we have been working with Consolidated Communications, and we're aware of the facilities. And during the design, the final design, the details will continue to be coordinated with you. So we're not intending to say how long it will take because there's no definition yet of exactly what will be impacted. So that's really part of Final Design.	Works with Consolidated Communications. Concerned with how long it will take to get utilities relocated and how to relocate.							
Jim Thoin	X				10/2/2019	No	I've lived in this town my entire life. My parents have lived in this town their entire lives. My grandparents lived in this town most of their life. Son owns an auto body shop in Rhode Island, on a rotary. They built three new rotaries in this town to solve the traffic problems. In the first year they had something like 231 fender-benders in these rotaries. So just in my opinion, it's not a good idea.	In my opinion, you will never have a vibrant, quiet, peaceful New England town if you have the traffic continuing through town. We haven't eliminated the traffic. We're just moving it to a different area. It's just not going to going to be a peaceful, quiet town like it could be. Let's get this traffic out of the town so then you people can come in and have a nice stroll, have a nice dinner, go to the Park Theatre and not listen to trailer trucks running through their town.							

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Steve Ascani 13 River Street Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	No		I think that right now, between probably four and six o'clock, you might have a cluster downtown where, you know, you have to go through. But that's it. There's nothing else. So to put this roundabout in to solve a two-hour problem? Really? It doesn't make any sense to me. I am totally against this.						
Andrew Chesney 58 Heath Rod Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 562-6417	X				10/2/2019	No				Concerns with the students and pedestrians which was addressed and stands with Kelly & Bjorn's statement about affect to property. And also with the residents on the building that's going to be torn down on River St, as well as the owners of Lab 'n Lager who's going to have to do something with their business.				
Bruce Hill 20 Cutter Hill Jaffrey, NH 03452 (508) 280-9546 bwhill1947@gmail.com	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	Frame of reference, I don't have to travel to work through this downtown intersection, being retired. I don't own property in there or rent property or have an office. I rarely have to cross the walks. I don't drive a big truck through there, so I really don't have much of a dog in this fight. If it's just based on safety and beautification, I think it looks great, and I just put a lot of trust into the professionals and the experts. But there's a lot of consideration for people who do have -- are affected by this. So it just needs a lot of consideration in the future.							We can save \$8 million and put it somewhere else. Because that's all we have to do, adjust the traffic lights.
Kelly Jean 19 River Street Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 540-3570 kjean09@gmail.com	X				10/2/2019	No	Although the committee is saying that they have spoken to use, I demanded the only meeting I got, and the town manager laughed in my face when I was trying to tell him about how I'm trying my best to live in Jaffrey at a young age. I just hope that you realize what you're doing to us. And we haven't heard a single number, what's going to happen, any of our houses. So please, don't lie to everyone and say you've spoken to us, because it hasn't happened. Chairman Wheeler: We'll make sure that happens.	Property Owner, with a small house whose backyard is private. So my question is, am I going to get anything out of this other than people in my, quote, unquote, it's not really my backyard right now, but it's land that I'm able to use. So my question is, if it goes through, what am I going to get from this? My request is that I'm not forgotten about. I'm already going to have a roundabout in my driveway now. My neighbor's going to now have a postage stamp as well.	The roundabouts themselves, I mean I'm sure it's a beautiful project, but you're saying that this is to fix traffic. To me, it looks like you're trying to make downtown more aesthetically pleasing for maybe the retirees that want it quieter down there during the day.	The last meeting I had with them, they kind of pushed me to ask for a full acquisition of my house at 19 River Street. I didn't mention that last time I was up because I really don't want that. I want to live here. I want to join these committees that some of the people that are for this are on.				If it's jay-breaking that's the problem, police it. It doesn't cost \$8.6 million to police jay-breaking if that's what happening.
Al Lewandowski 27 Fitch Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 593-5487 al.lewandowski@outlook.com	X				10/2/2019	Neutral	Staging, where will all the cars/trucks park while staging is put up. The other part is, sooner or later in those circles, you're going to have an accident. What's the Plan B to move the vehicles and clear it out in a rapid fashion?	The other thing that comes down to is that the trucks that you showed, and I could hear it from even the people in the trucking here, you showed trucks that were in the video 42 feet basically. If I'm wrong, I'm off a couple feet. But again, the federal standards from that perspective go somewhere up to 65 feet. That is double log trucks, double FedEx vehicles, double Walmart vehicles. You've got to have a realistic diameter, and I really think if you're going to do this, do the math. I'm talking from an engineering perspective because that's what I am. But you got to do the math, and if it can work, fine. But you're going to have to look at what the maximum is. And we do have a lot of double logger trucks going up the street, making those turns, and I think you might have a problem there, but that's -- that's from my math perspective than anything else.			I heard here, for example, just now, really you're not getting any more parking spaces and -- of any volume, and right now you don't have enough as it is right now. So is there any plan at all in any of this of more parking spaces somewhere? I mean it doesn't sound -- nine, you know, ten, a handful.			
Donna Ouellette Stratton Road Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 532-7769	X				10/2/2019	No	I'm still by seeing what you did at ConVal. I'm just going to make this comment. Maybe you can answer the question. How many times did they have to not hit the cones when they went around this thing at ConVal? Because you don't always see that not happening when you come across any roundabout in your travels. Question: How many practice runs did these perfect drivers have in the long vehicles? A joke sounding, but I wonder. Answer: I guess I don't know what to tell you other than the truckers themselves who drive those trucks came out, and we asked them to drive through them, and they did. It wasn't us driving those trucks. It was the actual truck drivers.	The whole change, it bothers me. That roundabout really bothers me. And the bridge going over the river. So my concern is there too. Also at storm time, where will you put all that snow.		I'm concerned about the properties that will be taken and the loss of homes, a home for people to live in, especially in the apartment building, but the loss of property around some of the other existing buildings. I don't want to see one inch of that Veteran's Park disturbed or taken away, and if it is, I do not want one dime to be charged to that committee.				

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Cliff Pelissier Apollo Steel 35 Maria Drive Jaffrey, NH 03542 (603) 532-1156 cliff@apollosteellic.com	X				10/2/2019	No		I own a small business in town, steel fabrication plant. We come through town with long loads two, three times a week. We don't have a problem with negotiating the town as it is now, the roads. You put a roundabout in, it's going to be a problem.	I don't see any safer crossing for pedestrians than it is right now. You have lights. The problem is everybody doesn't obey the lights, pedestrians or drivers. If everybody would obey the lights, there wouldn't be a problem. If they would put a crosswalk diagonal through that downtown, some pedestrian wouldn't be confused and have to go at an L-shape crosswalk. That's -- to me that's where I see the biggest problem.					You know, the last time that we -- that the town -- that the state promised money for the town, they bailed out. I think it was like \$5 million. So I could see this happening again. The town is left holding the bag. I think it's just a waste of money.
Kerri Pellalucca 10 Forcier Way Jaffrey, NH 03452	X				10/2/2019	No		Do you actually put in a light for them that they can stop traffic? Now you're stopping traffic. When school gets out, how many traffic lights are going to stop traffic? Where's all that traffic going to go? You're backing up everywhere. Last comment: Are you really hearing what we're saying? Because this is our community. You come in with drones and you take some videos and you visit every now and then. You don't see what we see.	I have a huge concern with the crosswalks, and I'm going to throw a little twist in here. I have a daughter that's legally blind. She can see. Right now, it is very black and white as to when you can cross the road. If there are children that are on a street that are running across the street and not waiting for that light to turn to tell them to do so -- I mean I kind of feel like it's a parenting issue. You know, what's going to happen when there is no black or white you can cross now? So what do you do?					
Nick Hill 27 Turnpike Rd Jaffrey, NH 03452 (603) 320-5651 nhill824@yahoo.com	X				10/2/2019	No	I am a long time resident of Jaffrey, born and raised here over 40 years. I have a property on 27 Turnpike Road, which is not affected by this, but I also just recently bought 10 Turnpike Road, which is the Hill Family Insurance Building right at the 5-way. I find it hard to believe that there's no additional costs to the townspeople, to the taxpayers.	It was mentioned at a meeting back in November that there were other towns in the State of New Hampshire that rotaries were put in, and I'm curious which ones you've put them in right in the middle of their downtown, if there are any. Answer: A list will be put together where rotaries are in downtowns. Something happened before last November's meeting that changed the light structure in town. Work smart, nor hard, okay? We can adjust those lights again. Since that meeting, it's been adjusted again. I know for a fact. Because I'm sitting at my desk looking out there every single day. There is not the backup that there used to be. And if there is a problem, then we have an easy solution.	The kids. The pedestrians. I'm just going on a whim here, but can we change those lights? Because those kids hit the lights and it gives them a short amount of time to cross these crosswalks. Again, I see these kids do it every single day. Yes, they run across the intersection, because there is not enough time on that digit. I walked every single day from the High School, Middle School and from Grade School. Had no problems.		Someone talked about having a hard time getting businesses in here. Well, over the last few years, I feel like our downtown has a good business structure. But with this proposed plan, again they're going to be forced to shut down their businesses. Candy's business goes from three parking spots, and then you also had one on Blake St. too, and those are all gone. So there is limited parking.	Concerned about having a business; my business has been located on Main Street for over 40 years. And I know these people, these business owners. And doing this roundabout and this bypass is going to make downtown a ghost town. It's going to...		We don't have to spend \$8 million on this rotary bypass.