

Hampton 40797
Ocean Boulevard (NH Route 1A)

Public Information Meeting #1

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Agenda

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2. Virtual Meeting Instructions
3. Project Background
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5. Public Outreach
6. Open Comment / Breakout Sessions
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Key Project Team Members

- Jennifer Reczek, PE, Project Manager (NHDOT)
- Rick Plenge, PE, PTOE, Consultant Team Project Manager (HDR)
- Marcy Miller, AICP, Public Involvement Manager (FHI)
- Kevin Slattery, Environmental Resources (HDR)
- Stephanie Dyer-Carroll, AICP, Cultural Resources (FHI)

Virtual Meeting Instructions



Virtual Meeting Format

- Please stay on mute until called on by moderator
- Raise your hand to speak/ask question
- Moderator will take regular breaks during the presentation to unmute and call on participants to speak
- Offer a comment in the Chat sidebar
- For phone participants:
 - *6 to mute/unmute
 - *9 to raise hand

Zoom Meeting Functions

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- Project added for 2017-2022 Ten Year Plan

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View hand raise function and participant list

Participants 9

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Chat Share Screen Record Reactions

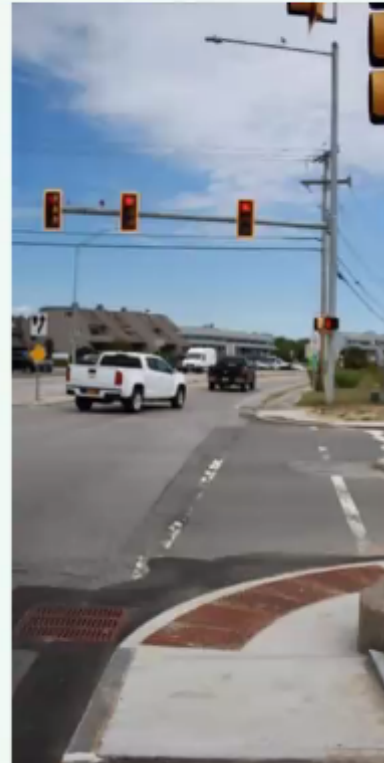
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Raise your hand to speak

Participants (3)

- Hannah Brockhaus (Me, participant ID: 547302)
- FP FH Plan (Host)
- Nicholas Campbell (Co-host)

Zoom meeting interface showing a list of participants on the right side of the screen.

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Participants (1)

FHI Plan(Host, Me) Mute Rename More

yes no go slower go faster more clear all

Invite Mute All More

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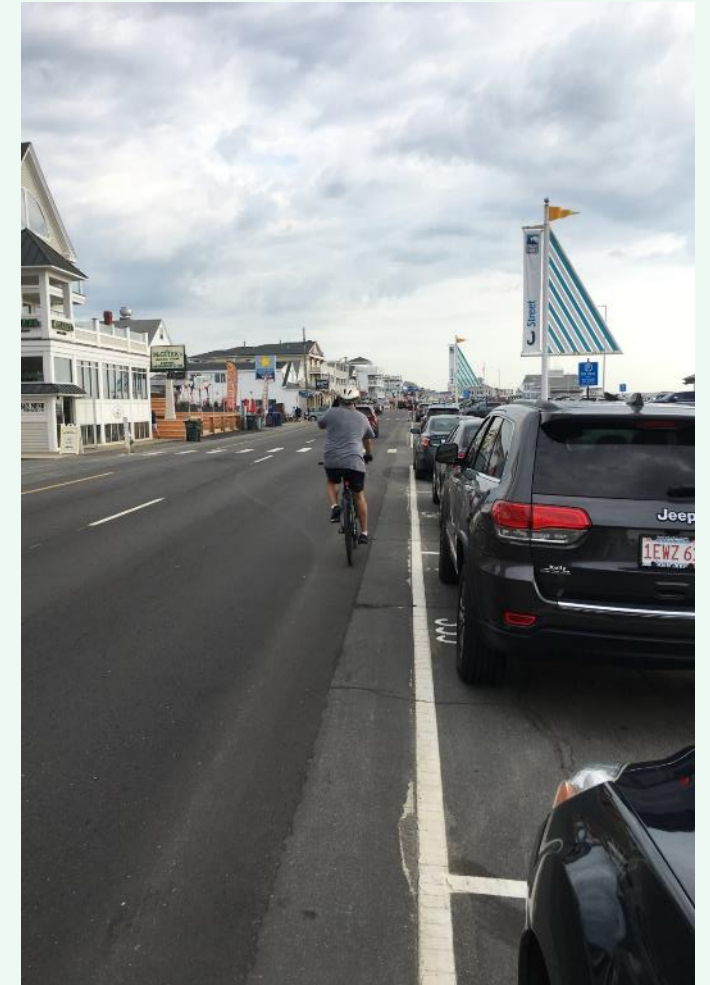
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- Expanded second time to High St (NH 27)
- 3.3 miles total
- Added to *2017-2022 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan*



Initial Study Area Limits



Project Objectives

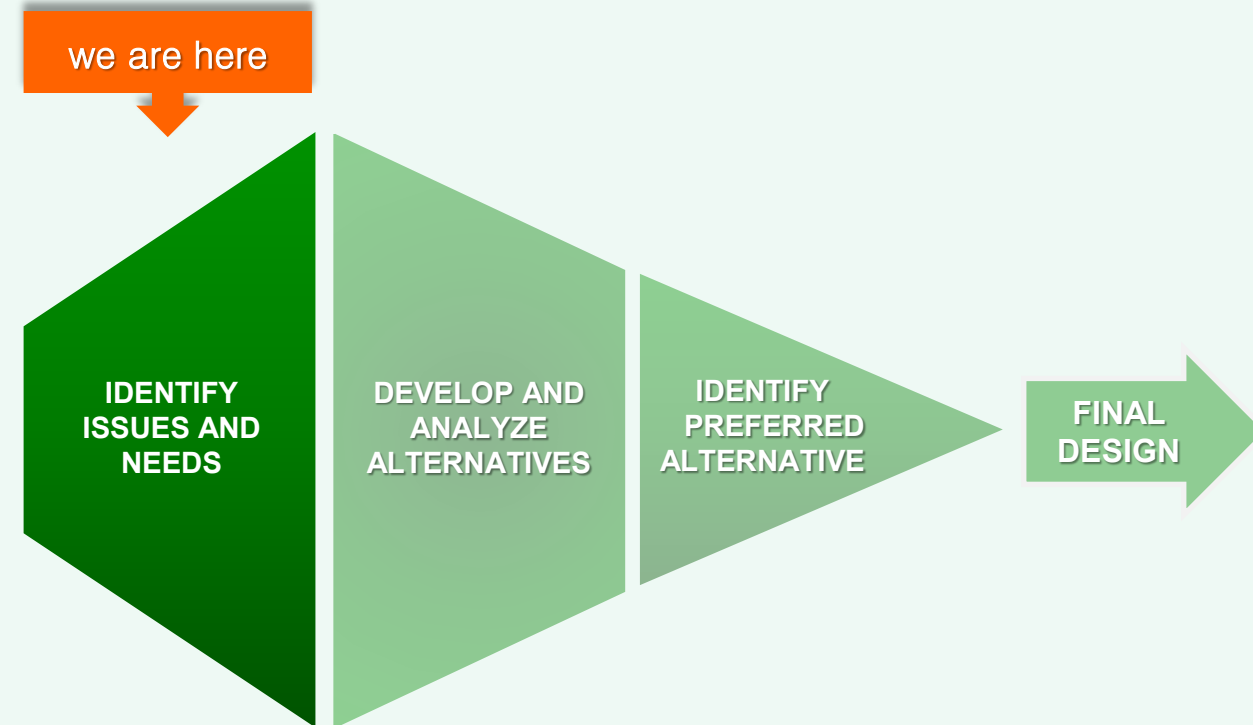
- Improve multi-modal safety and mobility
- Multimodal connections along and across corridor
- Maintain vehicle safety and operations
- Balance mobility and parking needs
- Evaluate treatments to mitigate storm events and drainage issues
- Minimize impact on natural and cultural resources
- Support economic needs of community



Project Development

Data Collection

- Collect data
- Engage public
- Confirm project goals
- Craft Purpose and Need statement
- Perform analysis of existing conditions



Project Development

Alternatives Analysis

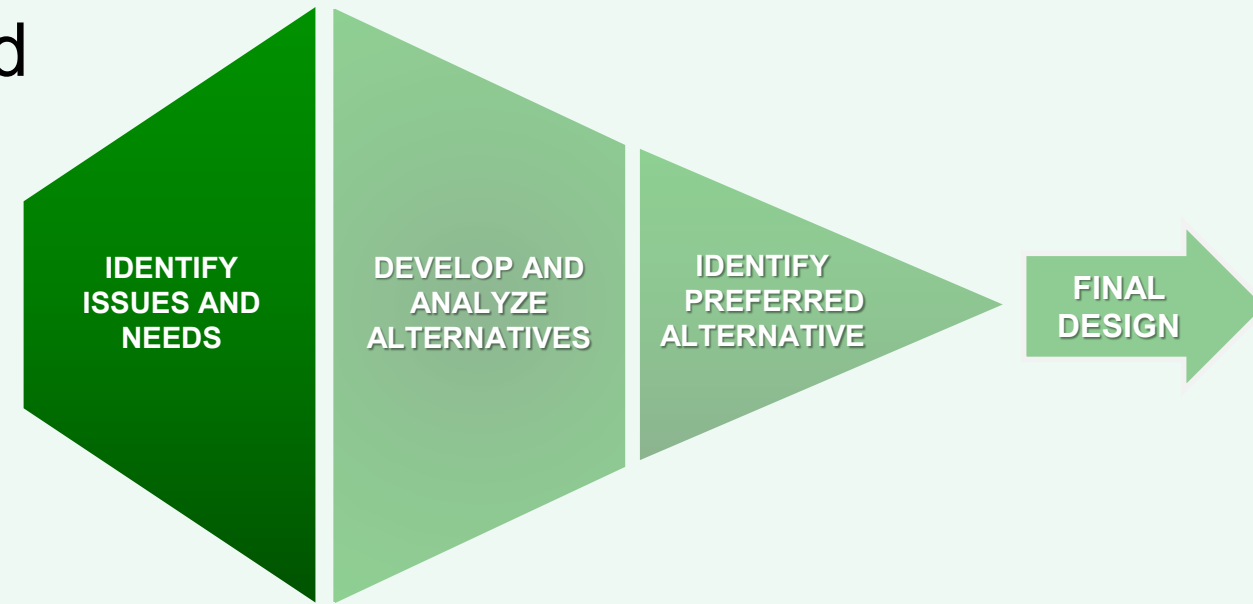
- Develop and consider range of design alternatives and costs
- Conduct environmental studies
- Receive public input
- Evaluate environmental impact of each viable alternative
- Screen alternatives against project Purpose and Need



Project Development

Selection and Implementation

- Recommend alternative that meets project Purpose and Need
- Develop preferred alternative and implementable project(s)
- Conduct Public Hearing
- Perform final design
- Resource agency permitting
- Implement based on available funding



Questions? Comments?



Data Collection Progress



Key Considerations

- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Vehicular circulation
- Parking / loading activities
- Historic resources
- Natural resources
- Coastal resiliency and flooding
- Construction impacts



What Have We Done So Far?

- Launched survey and interactive map (August 2020)
- Established Project Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Held first PAC meeting (October 2020)
- Initiated environmental data collection
- Conducted site walk with District engineering staff
- Identified existing utilities
- Conducted preliminary field survey for natural and cultural resources
- Collected multi-modal traffic count and crash data

Coastal Resiliency and Sea-Level Rise

- Review current scientific reports and modeling
 - 2019 STAP Report
 - Seacoast Transportation Corridor Vulnerability Assessment
- Coordinate with other agencies on adaptation approaches



Regulatory Processes

Evaluate effects of project through:

- Agency coordination
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation
- Endangered Species Act Section 7 coordination
- Section 106 consultation
- Section 4(f) Evaluation
- Section 6(f) compliance
- Supporting studies and documentation
- State and Federal Permitting



Listed Species

- Piping Plover
- Northern Long-Eared Bat
- Red Knot
- Roseate Tern
- Least Tern



Initial Cultural Resources Review

- Hampton Beach Cottages Historic District (NR Eligible)
- Potential archaeologically sensitive area near State Park driveway



Section 106 Consultation

- Section 106 requires federal agencies consider effects of their actions on historic properties
- Individuals and organizations can participate as **consulting parties** due to their relation to project or concern with effects on historic properties
- Please contact Jamie Sikora at FHWA to request to become a consulting party: Jamie.Sikora@fhwa.dot.gov
- NHDOT Consulting Party Process brochure:

<https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/environment/units/program-management/documents/Bureau16consultingpartyhandout-updatedAug2011.pdf>

Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) Properties

- Potential Section 4(f) Properties
 - Hampton Beach Cottages Historic District
 - Hampton Beach State Park
 - Hampton State Pier
 - Ruth G Stimson Park
 - Bicentennial Park
 - Historic neighborhoods
- Section 6(f) Property
 - Hampton Beach State Park/State Pier



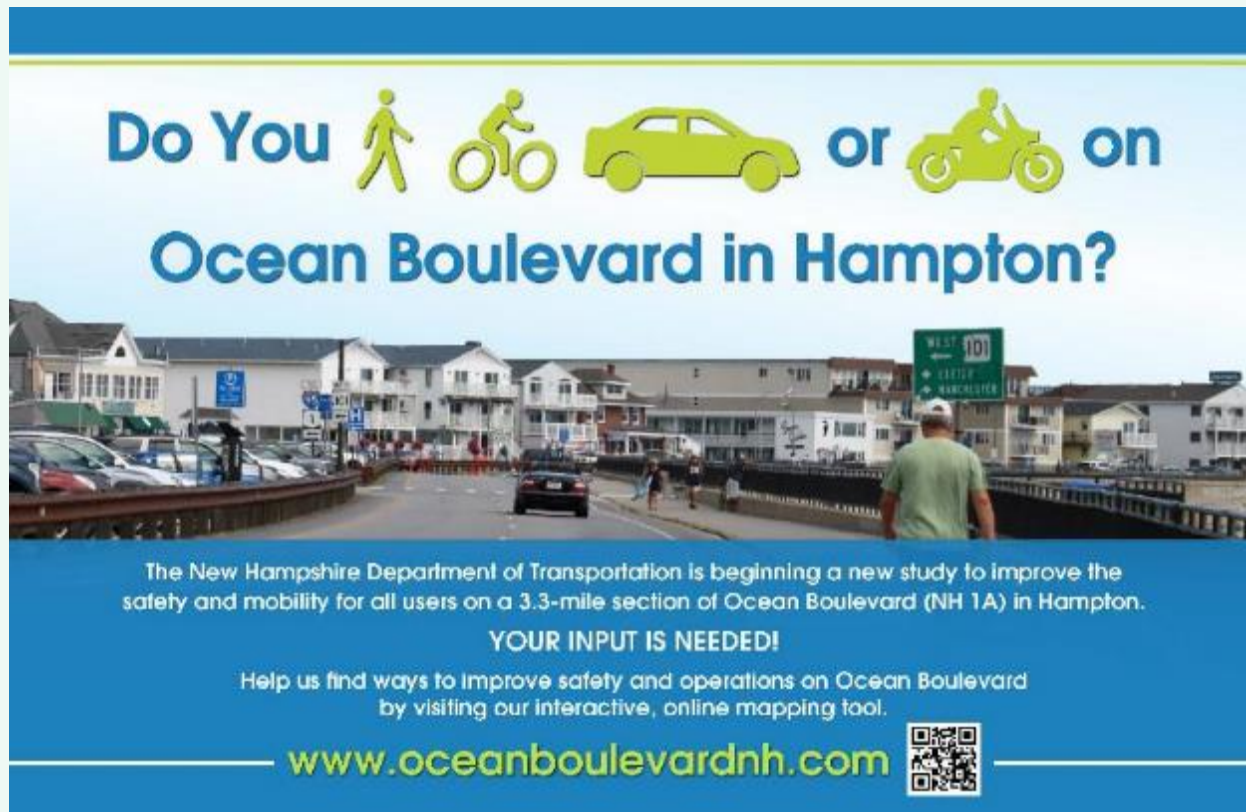
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Project Outreach



Outreach: Postcard



Do You    **or**  **on**


Ocean Boulevard in Hampton?

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation is beginning a new study to improve the safety and mobility for all users on a 3.3-mile section of Ocean Boulevard (NH 1A) in Hampton.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Help us find ways to improve safety and operations on Ocean Boulevard by visiting our interactive, online mapping tool.

www.oceanboulevardnh.com



Submit your ideas by December 31, 2020!

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Drop a pin on an area you want to discuss

Describe your issue and/or make recommendations for improvements

See what others have to say about Ocean Boulevard



Callout 1: I feel unsafe crossing here.
Category: Safety
Address: 401 S. 200th St
Date: 10/15/2020

Callout 2: My business needs more parking turnover in front of it and there is consistent water ponding in the parking lane.
Category: Parking
Address: 401 S. 200th St
Date: 10/15/2020

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Outreach: Online Interactive Map Tool

Select Language ▼

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Please help us find ways to meet the needs of all users (drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians) in the corridor by adding to our interactive map!

First, please provide the information below.

For directions, please press the orange "Help ?" button after you enter your information and press the "Continue" button.

Thank you for your input!

Zip Code: *

Email:

Age Group: ▼

Race / Ethnicity: ▼

* Required

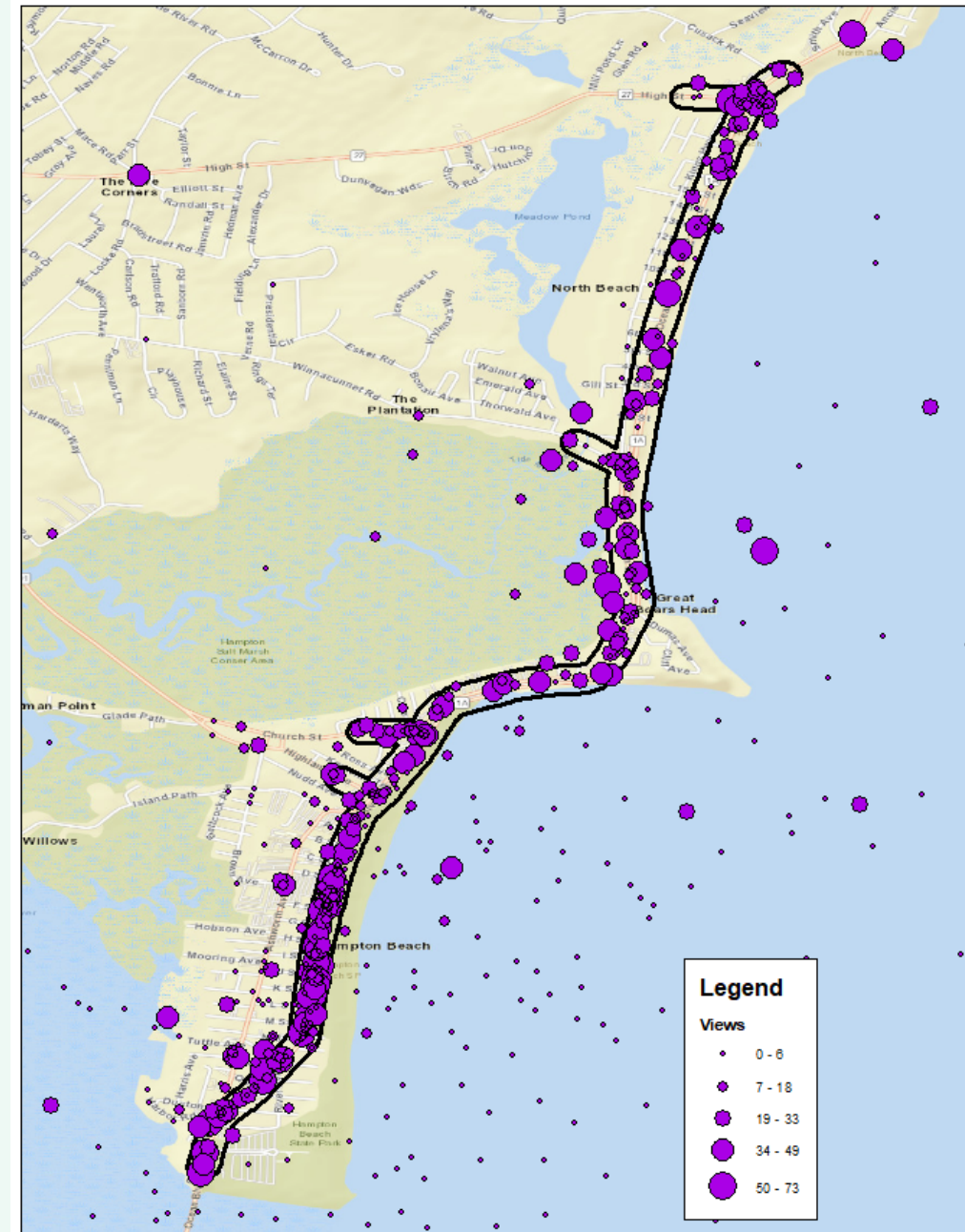
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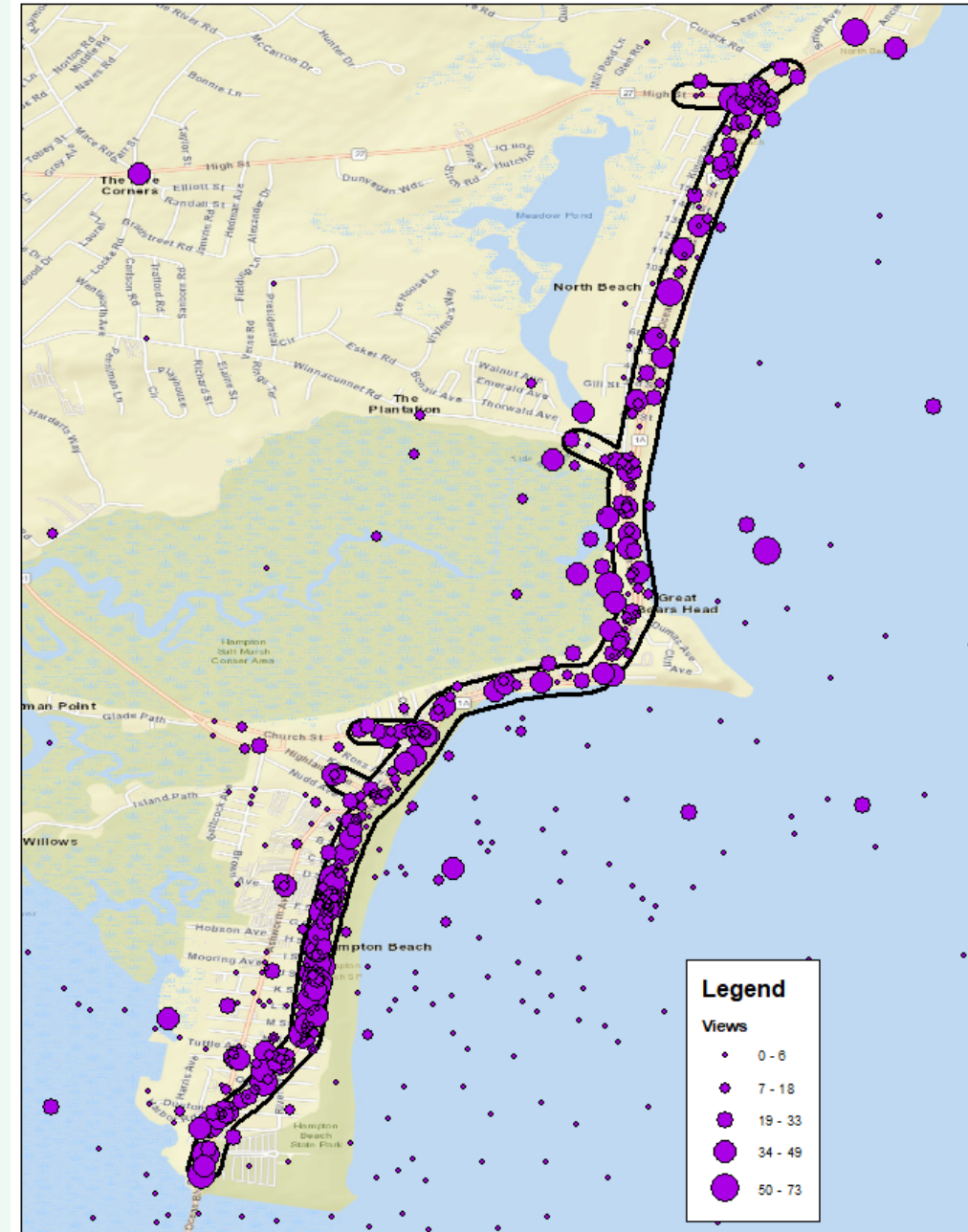
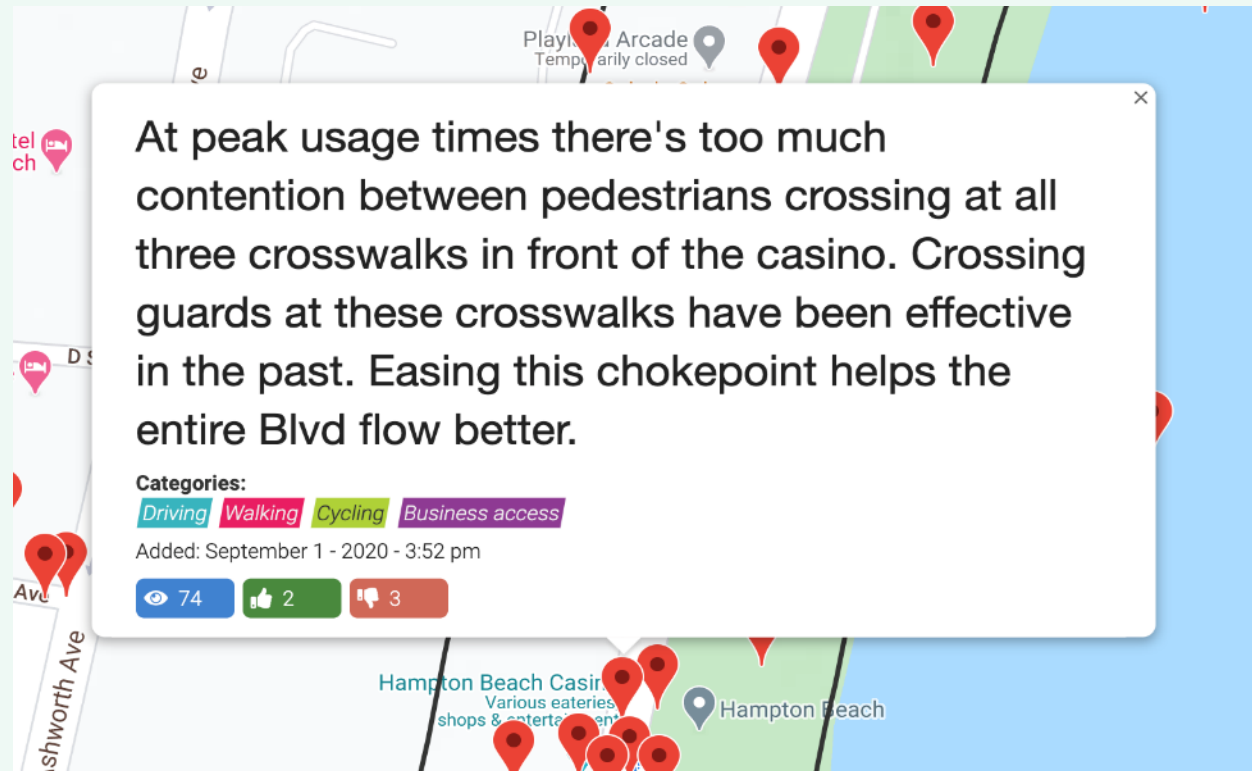
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- 728 total comments
- 587 useful comments



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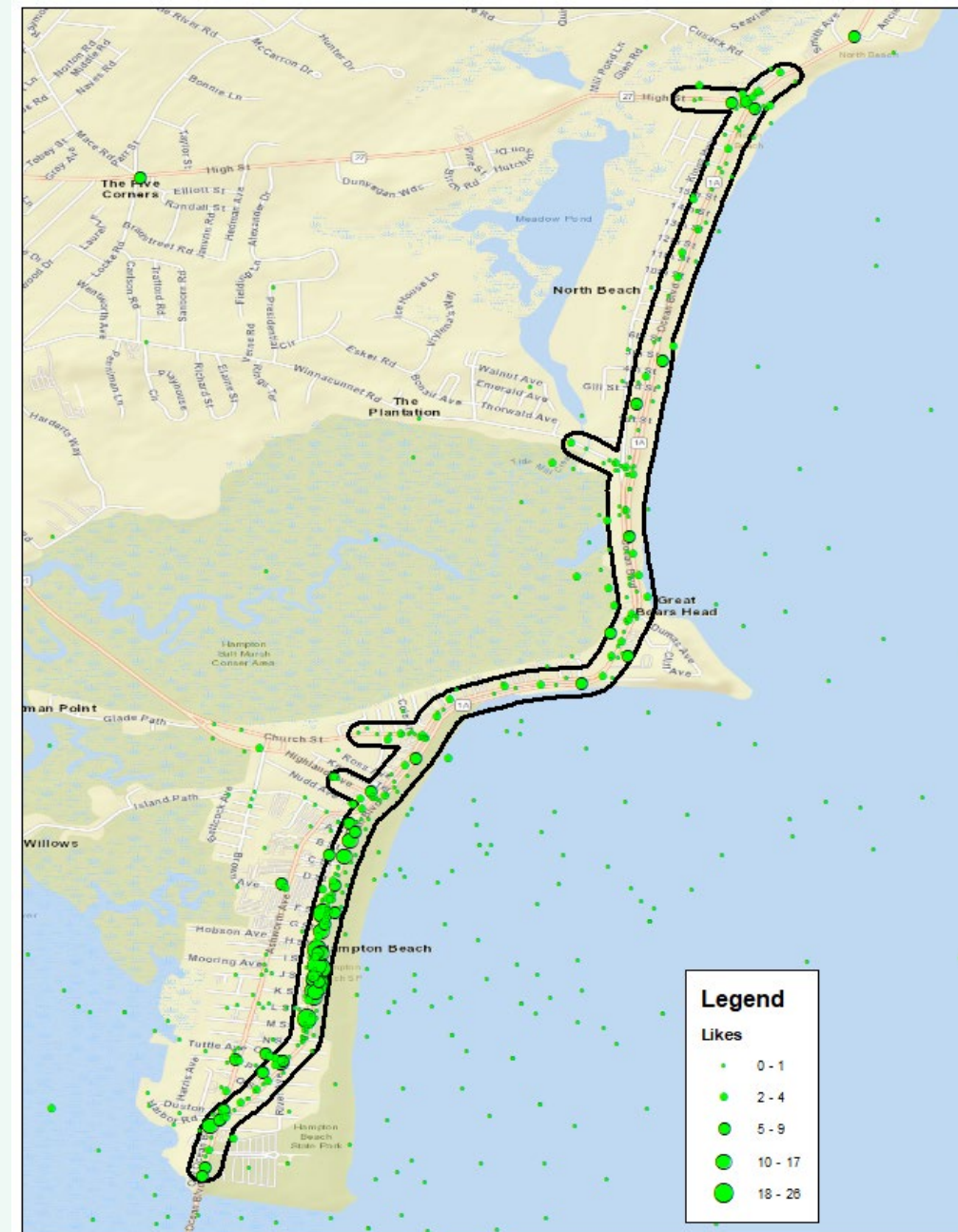
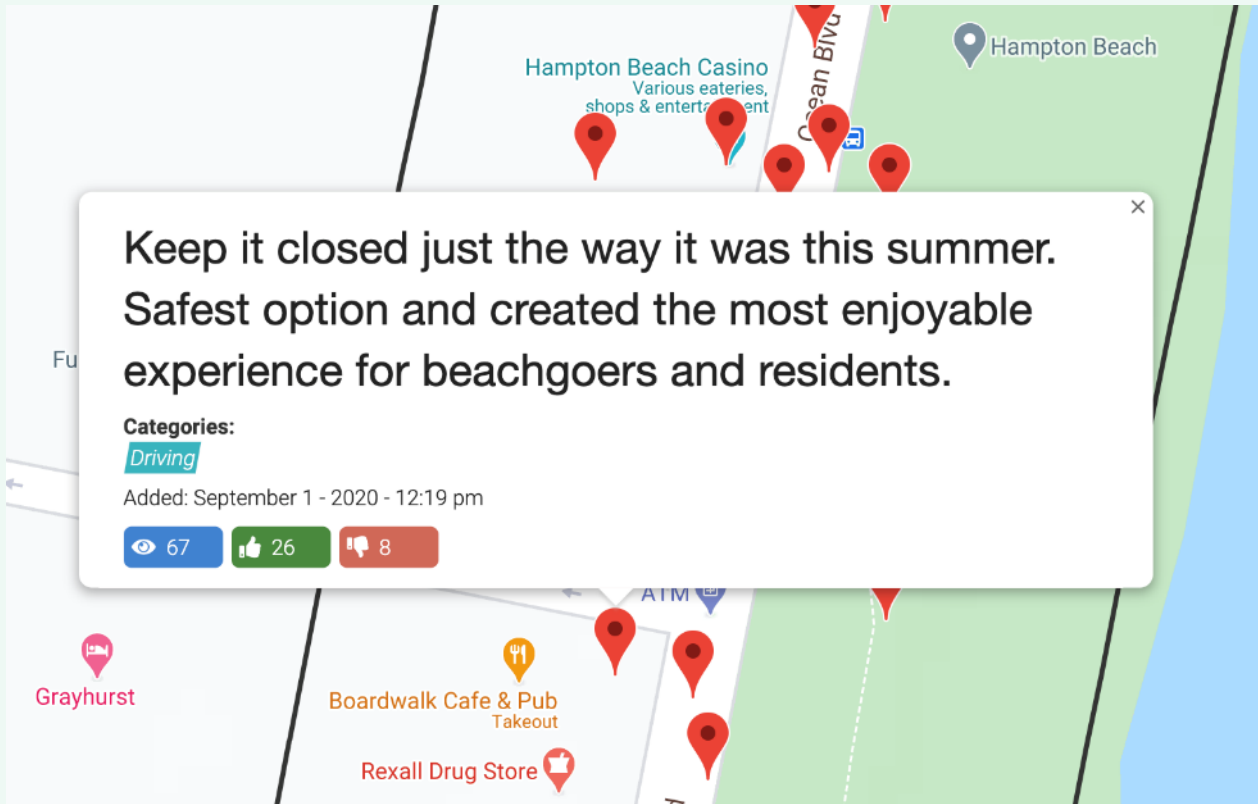
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Website Feedback

Likes

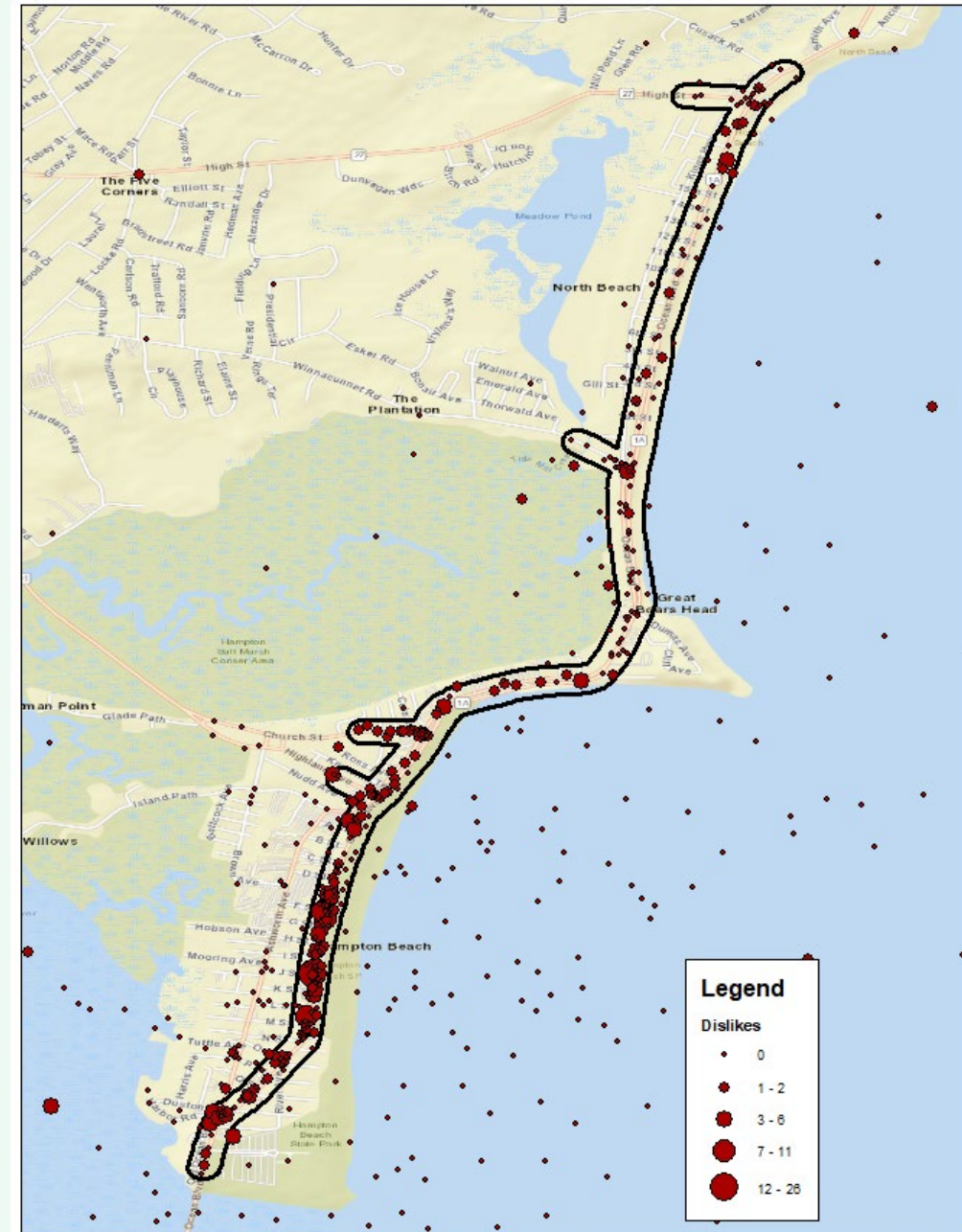
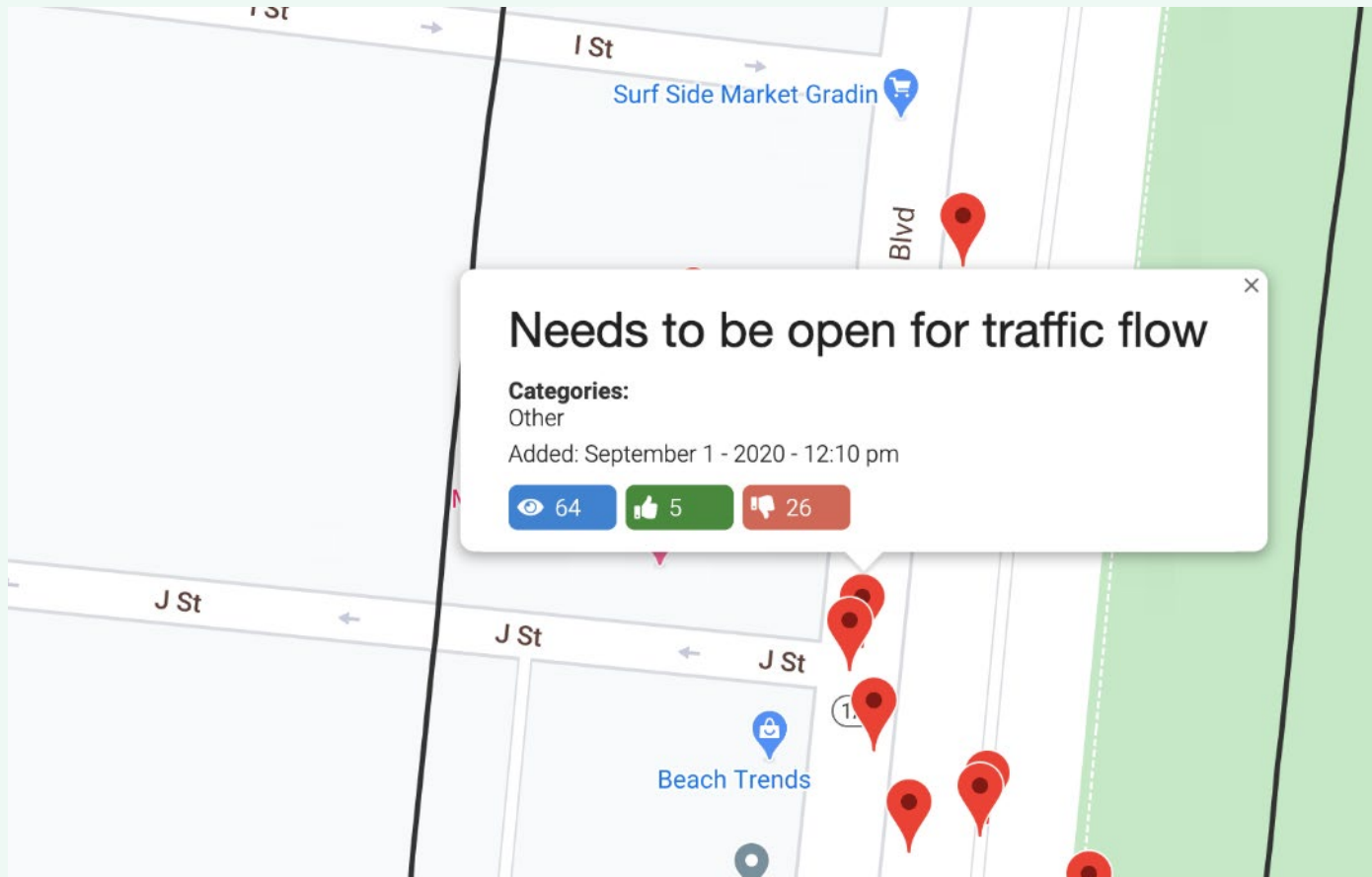
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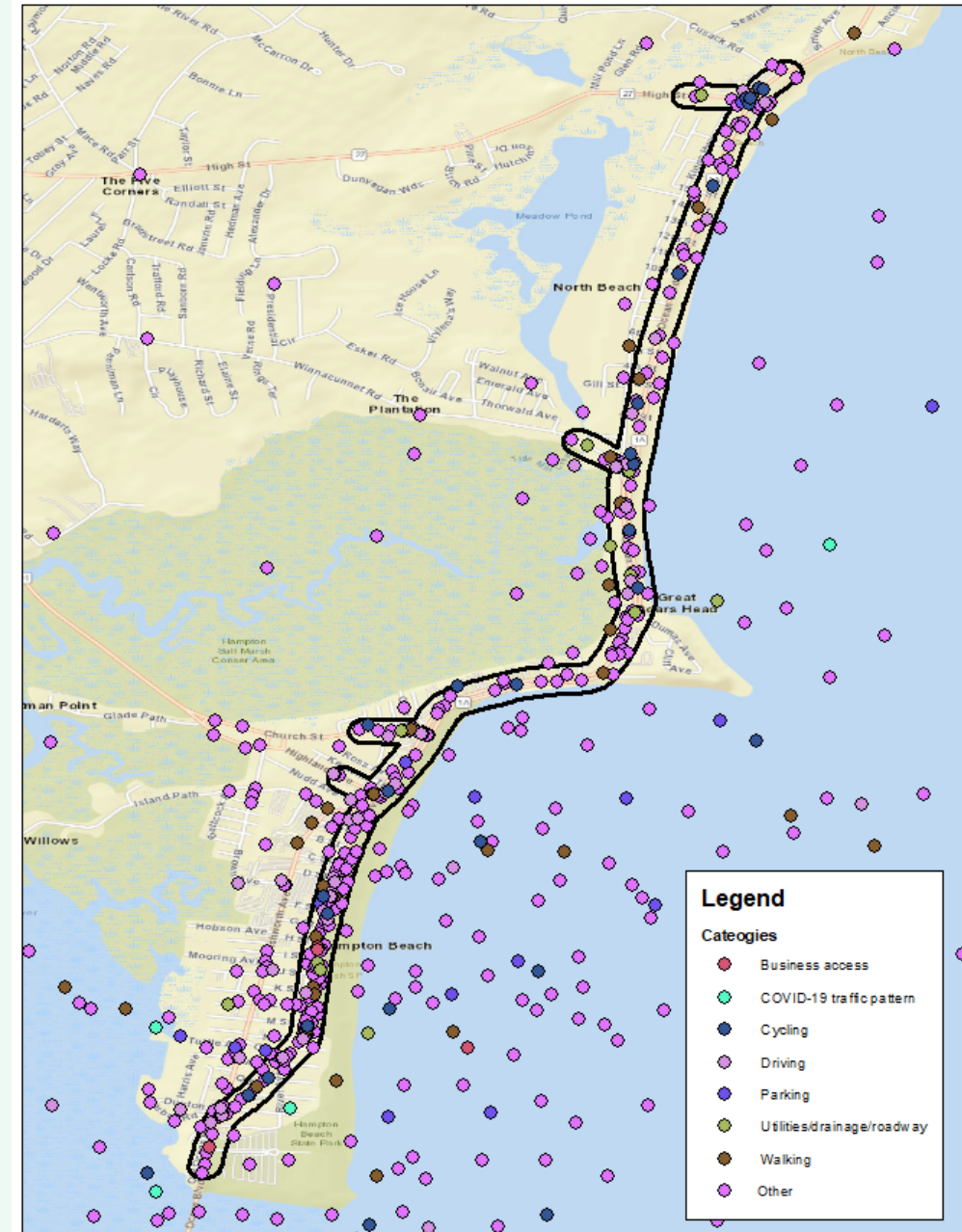
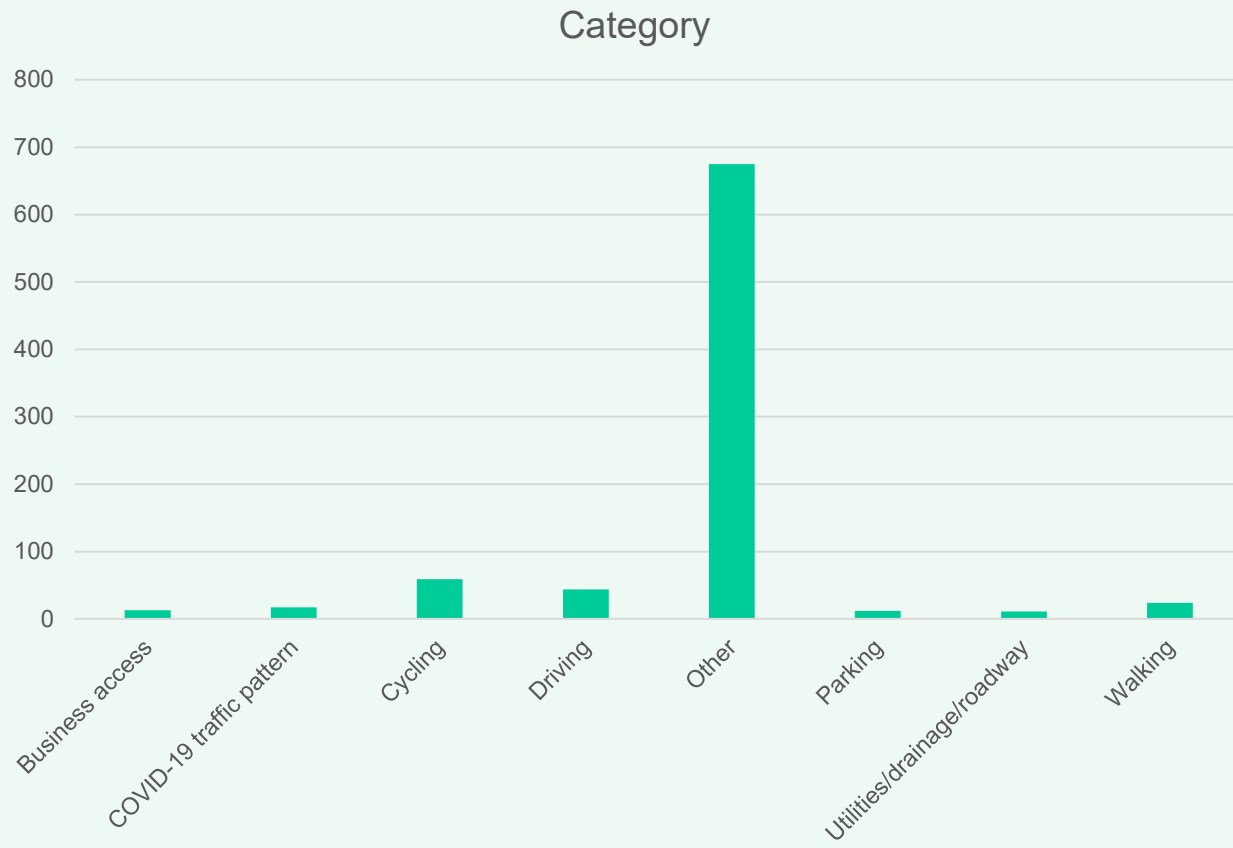
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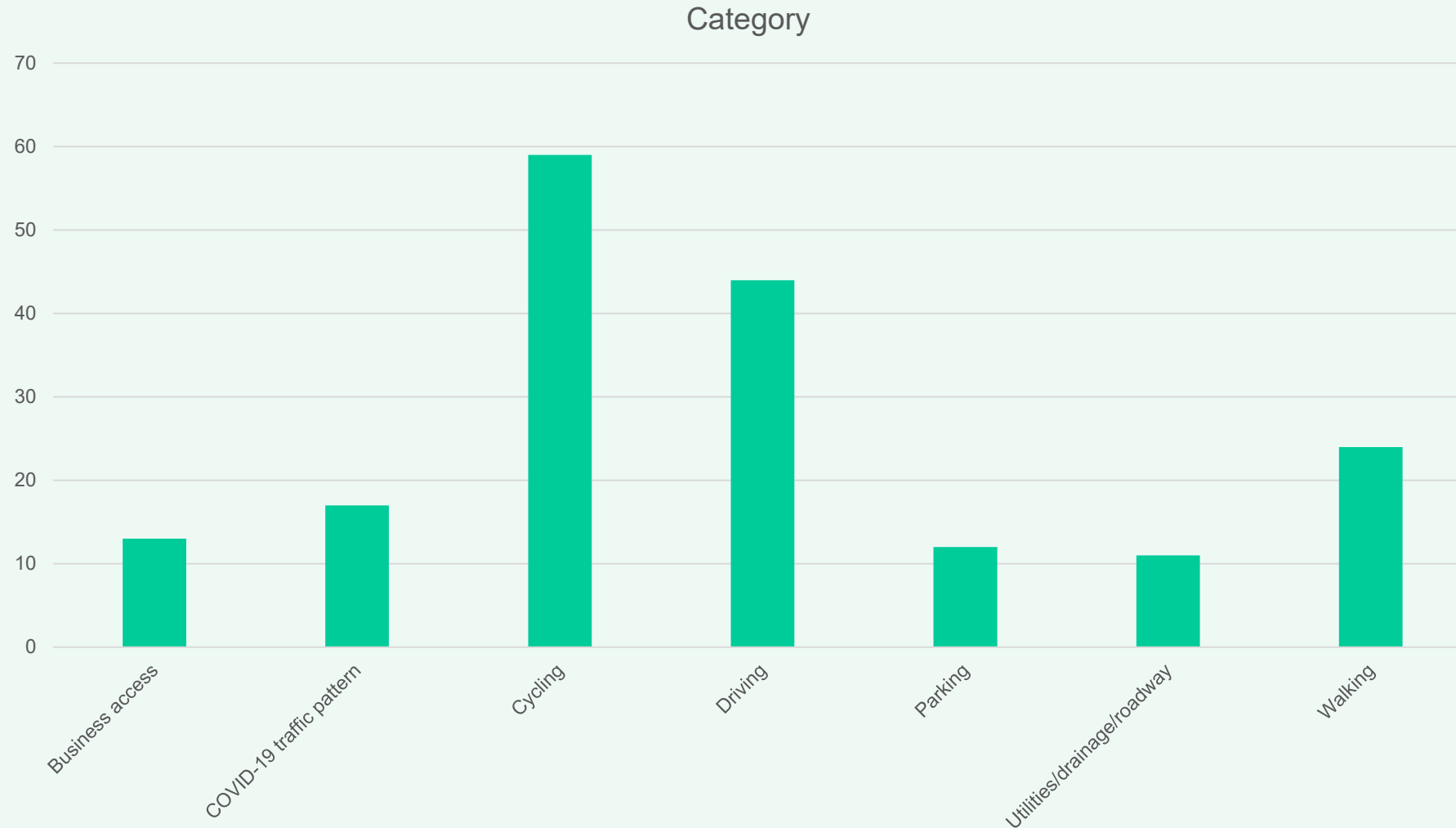


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“Other” Category Excluded



Website Takeaways

- Support for balancing all modes (project multi-modal goals)
- Mixed feelings amongst all users about impact of temporary summer traffic pattern
 - Concerns about impacts on business operations



Outreach: Questionnaire (549 Responses thru 02/12)

- Overall positive feedback on pedestrian safety/circulation
- Conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists
- Concerns for businesses and parking
- Concerns with vehicle circulation on residential streets

Ocean Boulevard Questionnaire

Thank you for visiting our online questionnaire.
It should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

About the Study

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1. As you may know, the Town of Hampton, in coordination with the NHDOT, has reconfigured the traffic flow for vehicles on Ocean Boulevard and Ashworth Avenue in response to societal needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. This change, at this time, is expected to only last through the summer of 2020. Are you familiar with these recent traffic changes, or have you been in the corridor in the past three months?

Yes

No

Questionnaire: Temporary Summer Traffic Pattern

- 98% aware of changes
- Largest response provided on the temporary traffic pattern from 1 (poor) to 5 (well):
 - Traffic : 3
 - Pedestrians: 4
 - Bicyclists: 3
 - Local businesses: 3



Open Comment / Breakout Sessions



Breakout Room Segments



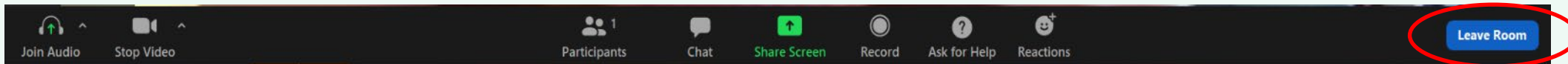
Breakout Room Ground Rules

- Everyone is encouraged to participate
- One speaker at a time, we want to hear everyone's experiences and opinions
- Be brief and to the point to allow enough time for all speakers
- Listen to and respect other points of view
- If you arrive at a breakout room that has already started, listen for a moment before jumping in
- Breakout room sessions will be recorded

Breakout Room Timing

- 35-minute discussion with 5-minute warning provided at 30 minutes
- Return to Main Room for 15-minute recap with all attendees

If you need to leave early, simply click the Leave Room button in the bottom right corner



Breakout Room Reporting

- Segment 1 – State Park Driveway at South Beach to Route 101
- Segment 2 – Route 101 to Winnacunnet Rd
- Segment 3 – Winnacunnet Road to High St



Alternatives Development



Multi-modal Traffic Data Collection



Approach post COVID-19:

- Rely on historic traffic data collected during prior studies
- Supplement with 2021 summer data (if possible)
- Use “big data” / origin and destination data
- Review safety data
- Input from PAC / stakeholders on areas of focus and desire lines

Transportation Elements to be Considered

- Enhanced multi-modal facilities
- Vehicle circulation patterns
- Lane/parking configurations
- Intersection configurations
- Water quality / green infrastructure
- Technology-based solutions

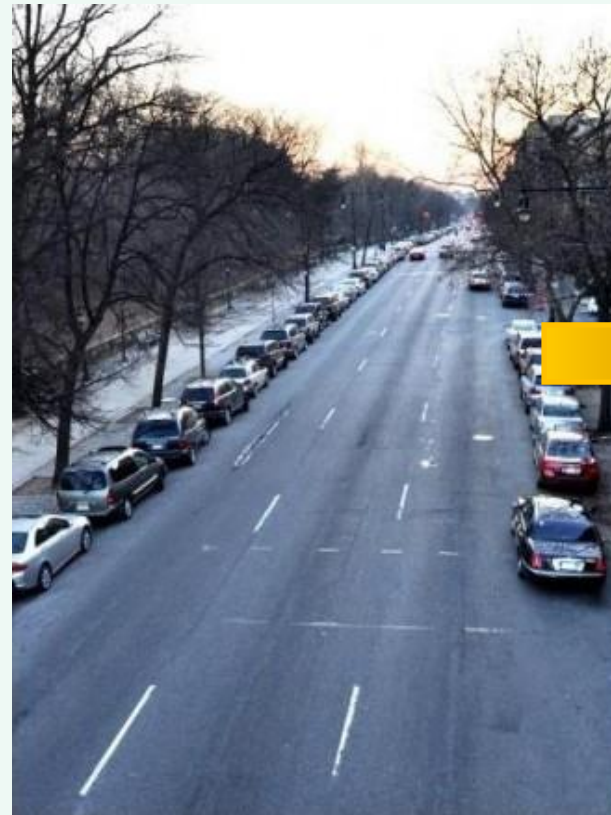
Multi-Modal Facilities



Vehicular Circulation



Travel Lane/Parking



Intersection Configurations



Water Quality / Green Infrastructure



Future Technology



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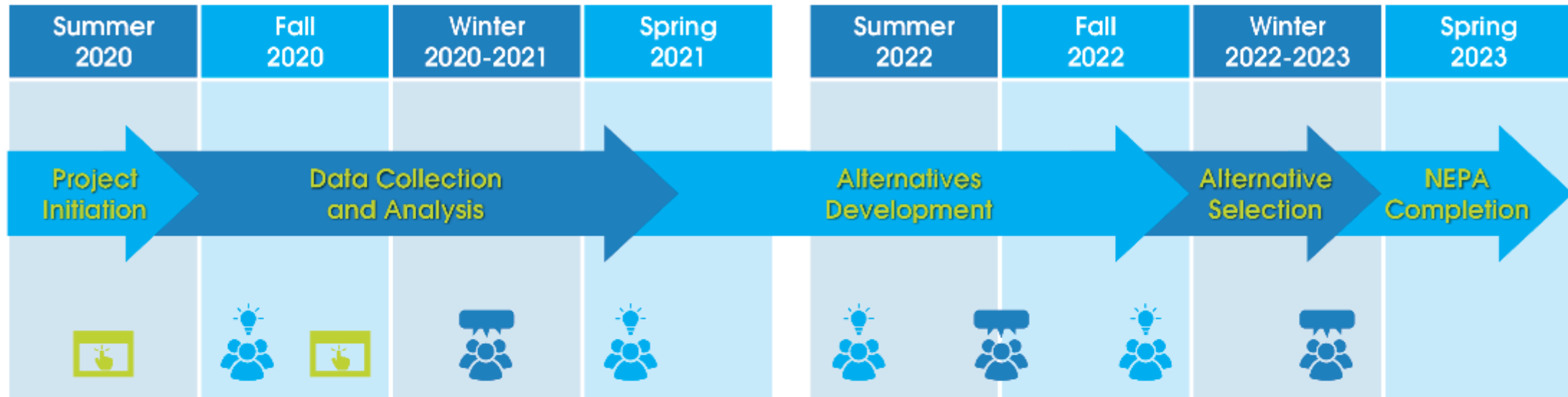


Project Next Steps

- Continue data collection and existing conditions analysis
- Ongoing agency coordination
- Traffic modeling
- Develop conceptual alternatives



Project Schedule



Survey/Wikimap



PAC Meeting



Public Meeting/Hearing

How You Can Help

Get others involved!

- Encourage others to fill out the survey and website mapping tool at: <https://oceanboulevardnh.com/>

Stay involved!

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Thank you!

