

Wharf Road, Cousins Island Project

Questions and Answers regarding This Project

What is the Project? The project consists of improving Wharf Road from the driveway to the CTC parking area down the hill and to the entrance to the wharf. It also includes constructing a structure that will allow the CTC bus to turn around without backing down the road, and will include a side walk and improved lighting the entire length of the project.

What will the Project Cost? The total budget for the project is estimated at \$770,000, with the Town of Chebeague paying 20% of that cost (\$154,000).

How will the Cost of the Project be Paid? The state's share of the project is being paid with Federal Pass Through funds, and other funds already committed by the MDOT. The Town of Chebeague Island's share of \$154,000 is proposed to be funded with cash available from the Town's undesignated Fund Balance (presently estimated at \$495,000). There will be no need to borrow or bond any of the local share of the project.

How will the New Improvements be maintained? The roadway and the turnaround structure will become part of the infrastructure of the Town of Yarmouth, and maintained by the Yarmouth Public Works Department. The lighting will also be part of the street light system of the Town of Yarmouth. The CTC has agreed to maintain the sidewalk in the winter.

Are There any other Costs to the Town of Chebeague Island? There will be an additional cost of approx. \$10,000 annually to the Town of Chebeague Island. Presently the town pays \$5,000 a year to the Town of Yarmouth for the long term maintenance of the wharf. When this project is completed, the Town of Chebeague Island's contribution will increase to \$15,000 in the first year, with slight increases in the following years. This will produce a fund that is designed to pay for long term maintenance and any major repairs to the existing wharf and the new structure in the future. Chebeague Island contributes 85%, and Yarmouth contributes 15%. There is presently approximately \$120,000 in this reserve fund.

Will access to the Wharf be changed in any way? In the immediate future, vehicle access to the wharf will not change from the present rules. Large scale parking at the end of the wharf will still be discouraged in order to allow unrestricted access to the wharf and turnaround structure for the CTC busses. The Town of Yarmouth has shown a willingness to review traffic patters after completion of the project, and indicate that they may be able to consider amending or eliminating the "over the hill" provisions of their ordinances.

Who will Oversee the Construction of the Project Improvements? The Town of Chebeague Island is ultimately responsible for the oversight of the project; however the estimated budget for the project includes ample funds for construction oversight by a civil and marine engineering firm. The project finances will be overseen by an individual certified to administer projects under the MDOT Locally Administered Project program. The cost of oversight of financial oversight is the responsibility of the Town of Chebeague Island.

Will pedestrians be able to use the affected area during construction? The project documents call for the contractor to keep one lane of the roadway open at all times. They are also required to keep safety measures in effect to keep the area accessible by pedestrians. It is possible that during paving operations that some access restrictions will be put into effect.

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