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## Welcome and Introductions



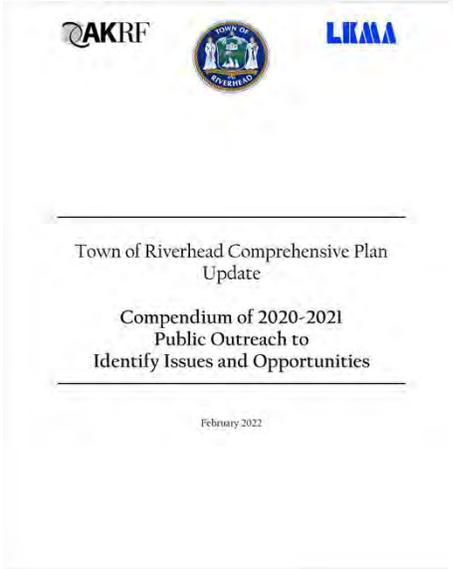
*Town Representatives*  
*Central Advisory Committee*  
*Consultant Team*



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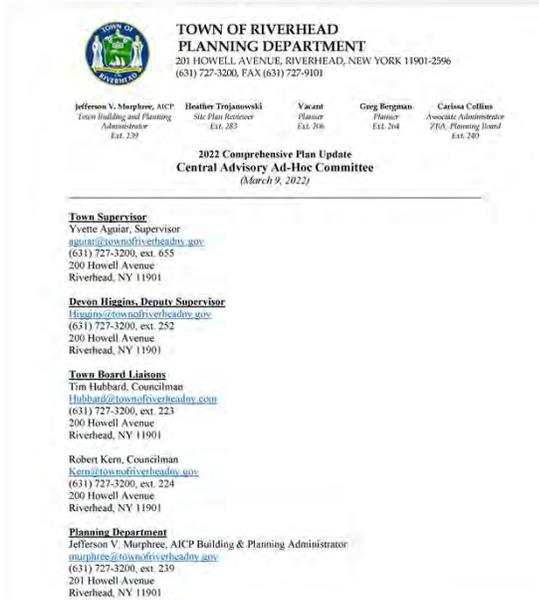
# Meeting Agenda



- Project Status*
- Summary of Outreach Task*
- Overview of Transportation Issues*
- Project Schedule/Next Steps*



# Project Status-Central Advisory Committee (CAC) Meetings To Date



- #1 Team Introduction and Project Goals (January 11, 2021)
- #2 Summary of Interviews, Economic Work Plan, Draft of Public Survey (February 25, 2021)
- #3 Summary of Comments from Community Meetings, Review of Affordable Housing Memorandum/Discussion (October 18, 2021)
- #4 Public Outreach Results/Traffic Issues (March 28, 2022)

## Project Status-Completed Outreach (Defining Issues)



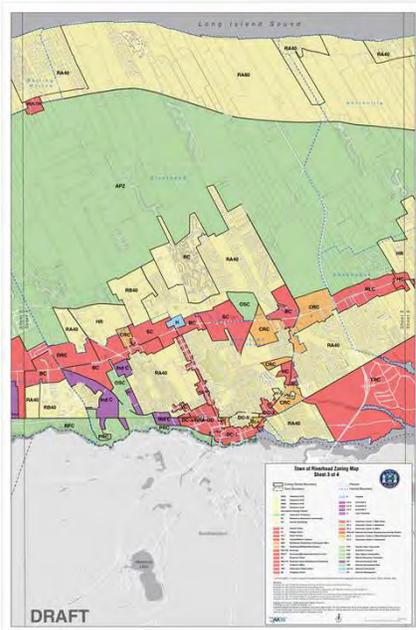
### Completed Outreach Meetings

Hamlet Meetings (4)

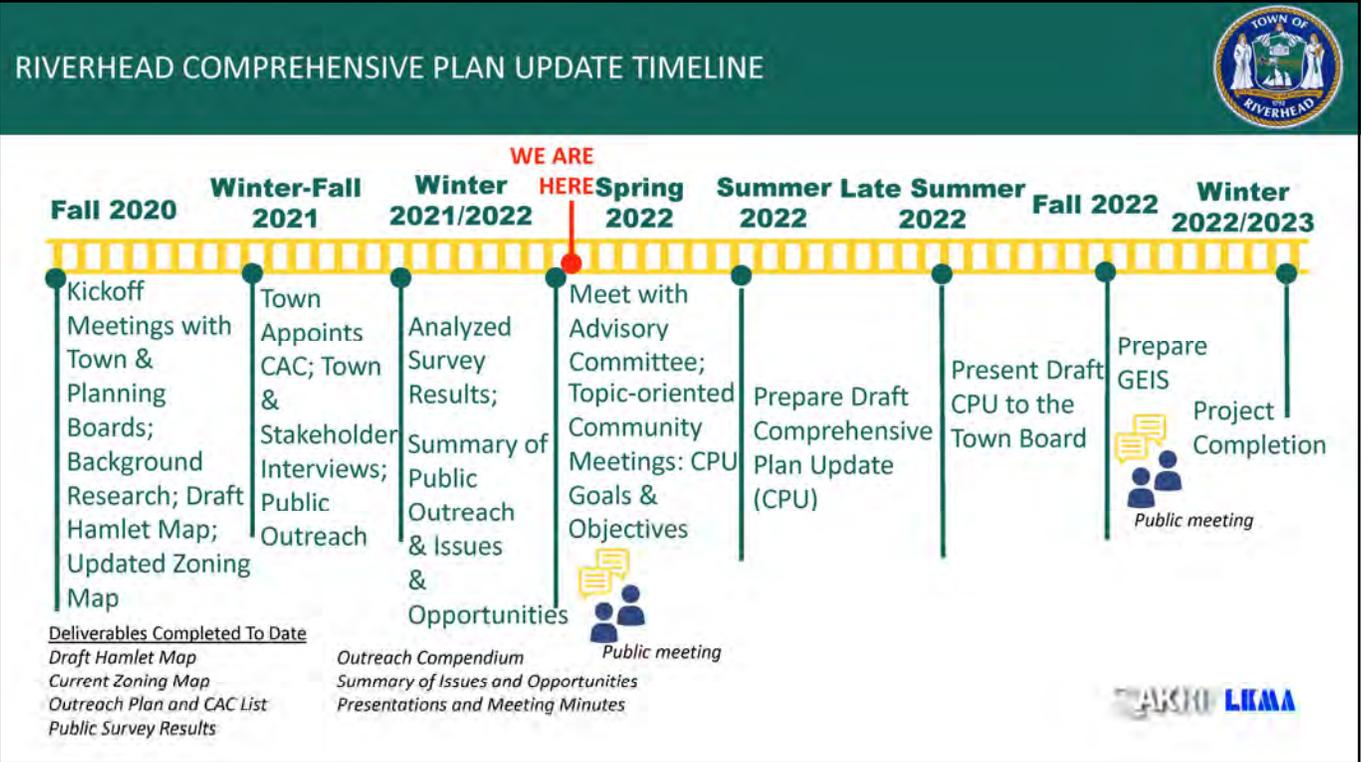
Topic Meetings (5)

- Environment
- Economic Development
- Housing and Community Services
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Agriculture and Farmland Preservation

## Project Status-Submitted Reports and Other Deliverables



- Draft Hamlet Map
- Current Zoning map
- Public Survey Results
- Summary of Issues and Opportunities (January 2022)
- Outreach Compendium (January 2022)
- Meeting Summaries



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## Overview of Outreach Program

**Riverhead Comprehensive Plan Update**

We need your input!

Hamlet/Community Meetings  
\*Public Survey  
\*Community Mapping  
\*Topic-Oriented Meetings

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- Interviews with Town and County officials and other stakeholders;
- Four hamlet and five technical subject public meetings (September/December 2021);
- Public Survey;
- Social Pinpoint Interactive Map; and
- Written/emailed comments and Comment Forms.

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## Results of Community Survey and Outreach-Key issues

- Farmland and open space preservation (70 percent);
- Reuse of vacant retail space on Route 58 (56 percent);
- Reduced traffic congestion (54 percent);
- Downtown revitalization (50 percent); and
- Natural resources and environmental protection (50 percent).



## Community Survey and Outreach-Agricultural Economy Needs

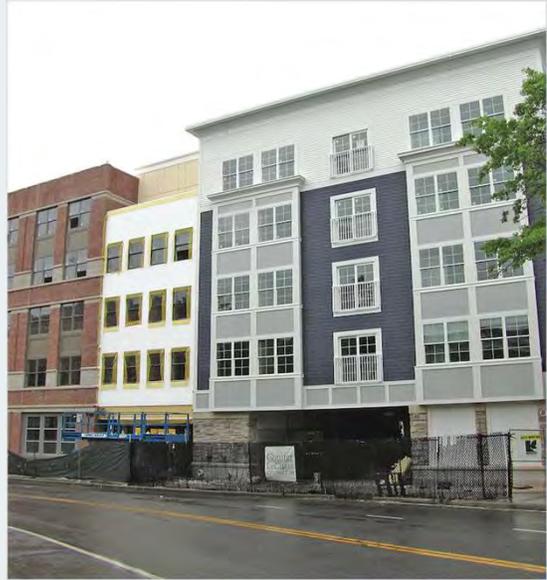
- Expanding farm to table and healthy food programs;
- Specialty crop businesses; and
- Improved product distribution/access to markets.



Source: Riverhead News Review

## Community Survey and Outreach-Housing Needs

- Senior Housing and Assisted living;
- Increased opportunity for ownership;
- Expanded rental opportunities (not multifamily apartments); and
- Potential for new affordable home ownership.



## Public Survey-Route 58 Reuse Opportunities and Needs

- Entertainment (53 percent);
- Fee-based indoor/outdoor recreational facilities (42 percent);
- Professional offices (36 percent);
- Medical/health care (31 percent); and
- Personal care services (e.g., salon, dry cleaning, fitness center) (27 percent)
- Hotels and Micro apartments (least favored).

## Community Survey and Outreach-Townwide Needs

- Safety and security, crime prevention, and police protection;
- Playgrounds, parks, and recreational programs;
- Emergency and fire services;
- Increased access to job training and vocational resources; and
- Traffic management and safety.



## TRANSPORTATION UPDATE—OVERVIEW

### Preliminary Identification of Issues and Opportunities

- Streets and Highways
  - Traffic Capacity and Congestion
  - Traffic Safety
  - Agency Updates
- Historic and Scenic Corridors
  - Sound Avenue
- Public Transportation
  - LIRR
  - Suffolk County Transit
- Pedestrians and Bicycles

## STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

### Traffic Capacity and Congestion

- “Planning level of detail” capacity calculations
- Results indicate most facilities are appropriately sized
- Issues are related to intersections and roadway access

### Traffic Safety

- Ongoing Review of Crash Records from NYSDOT/Town for High Crash locations

### Agency Updates

- NYSDOT Improvements at NY25/Edwards Avenue intersection—2024
- CR 58 Signal Re-timing Project—Suffolk DPW to study in Spring 2022
- Generally “Maintenance and Repair” only, on other State and County roads

### Other

- Roadway Flooding

## STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

### Preliminary Opportunities / Draft Recommendations

- Develop Townwide Access Management policy
- Conduct Corridor Study for Sound Avenue and Other Identified Scenic/Historic Roadways
- Encourage transportation “mode shift” through policy (“Complete Streets,” Site Plan requirements, e.g. sidewalk, bike racks, improved pedestrian connections)
- Safety and Capacity Improvements at Critical Intersections (e.g. additional turning lanes, changes to traffic control):
  - NY 25 at CR 105
  - Sound Avenue at Edwards Avenue intersection
  - NY 25A at Wading River-Manorville Road
  - NY 25 at Peconic Avenue/Roanoke Avenue intersections
  - Others—To Be Determined

## SCENIC AND HISTORIC CORRIDOR – SOUND AVENUE

### Background

- Significant concerns raised during Hamlet Meetings
- Strong desire to preserve “rural” feeling
- Declared Historic and Scenic Corridor in 1975
- The 2003 Comprehensive Plan recommended measures to preserve Scenic Corridors, but few have been adopted
- Lack of “Access Control” for commercial and agricultural/agritourism uses

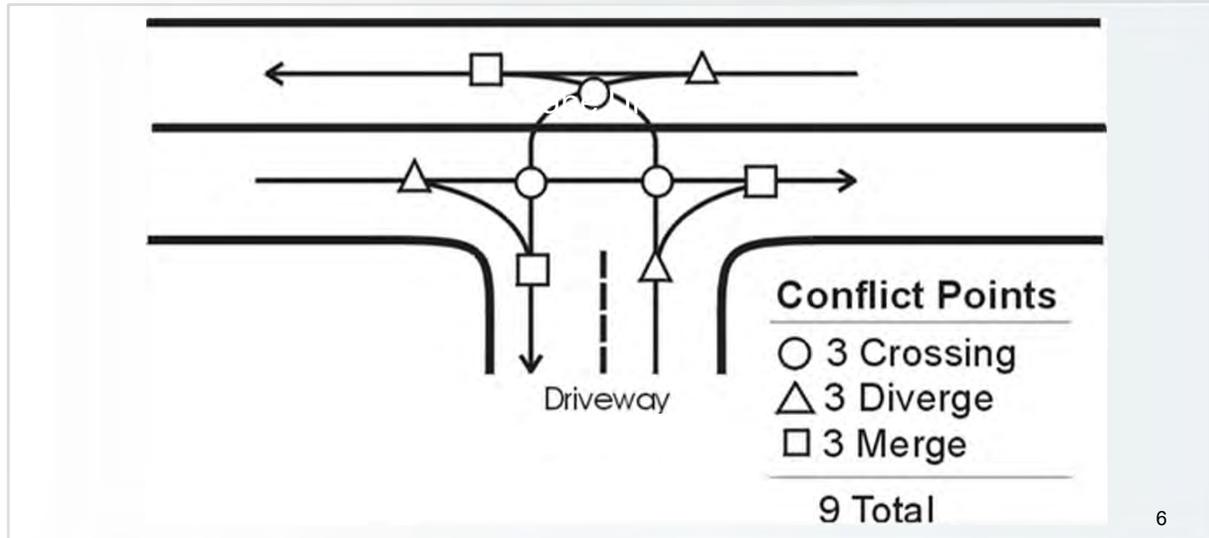
## SCENIC AND HISTORIC CORRIDOR – SOUND AVENUE

### Preliminary Potential Solutions

#### *Meet with Traffic Safety Committee*

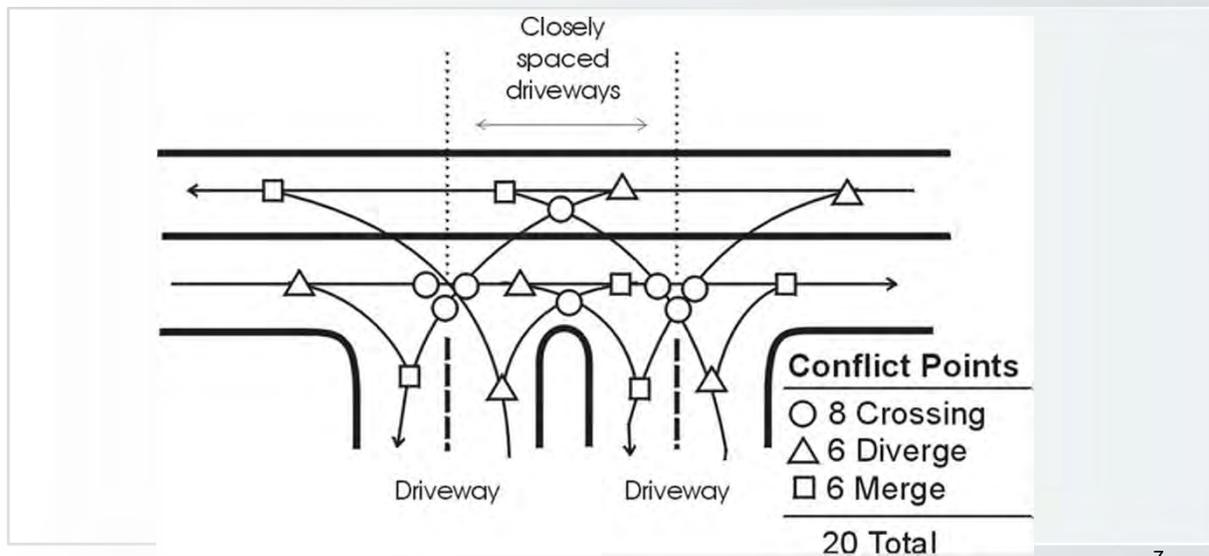
- Widen Pavement within Existing 66' Wide Right of Way to Provide:
  - One lane in each direction
  - Two-Way Left Turn Lane (LTL)
  - Five foot wide Bike Lane in each direction
  - Location/Design of Curb Cuts
  - Prohibition of Parking
- Investigate Sight Distance at Intersections/Curves and Lowering Speed Limit

### “Conflict Points” at T-Intersection or Driveway



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### “Conflict Points” at Closely-Spaced Driveways



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### TOWN OF RIVERHEAD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



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TWO-WAY LEFT TURN MEDIAN

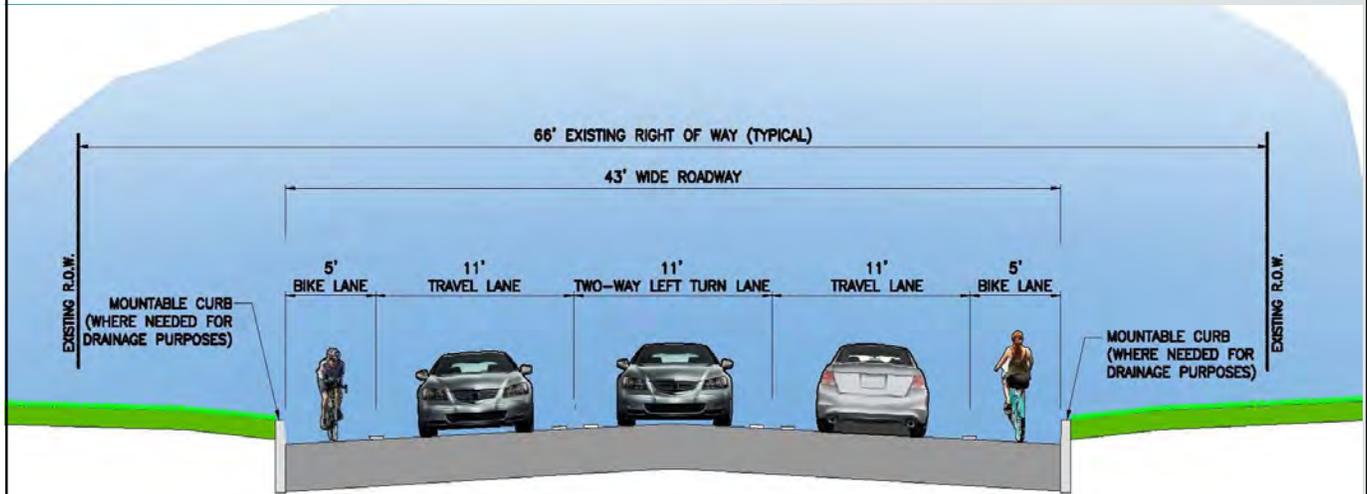
### CONCEPTUAL SOUND AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PLAN



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## SCENIC AND HISTORIC CORRIDOR – SOUND AVENUE



### POTENTIAL SOUND AVENUE TYPICAL SECTION



## SCENIC AND HISTORIC CORRIDOR - SOUND AVENUE

### Implementation Process—Near Term

#### *Meet with Traffic Safety Committee*

- Review/modify parking regulations
- Review/modify special event permit process, to analyze access control
- Establish appropriately-sized off-street parking areas and traffic control for seasonal activity/special events
- Corridor Study to determine long term corridor-wide strategy:
  - Sight Distance at Intersections/Curves and Lowering Speed Limit
  - Left Turn Lane Installation at Intersections
  - Layout of Roadway Improvements including Parking Restrictions

## SCENIC AND HISTORIC CORRIDOR - SOUND AVENUE

### Implementation Process—Intermediate and Long Terms

- Intermediate Term
  - Begin phased implementation of corridor-wide improvements
  - Limited, location-specific safety and capacity improvements at intersections (e.g. shoulders, turn lanes, traffic control and intersection redesign)
- Long Term
  - “Build out” of Corridor Plan
    - Future Traffic Growth
    - Future Development (e.g. Agri-tainment)
    - Look at Adjacent Towns

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### Suffolk County Transit

- *Reimagining Transit Study* (Suffolk County Planning) Draft report released
  - Eliminates one feeder route in Riverhead
  - Establishes new, timed transfer point at LIRR station
  - Updates Schedules
  - Average service every 30 minutes instead of 60 minutes, seven days a week until 10PM
  - Overall access to jobs projected to increase by 48%
  - Public Meetings Scheduled March 30 and March 31, 2022

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### LIRR

- Ridership is recovering, post-pandemic
- Suffolk County and Brookhaven Town agreed on Site for Relocation of Yaphank Station—East of Wm Floyd Parkway, at LIE South Service Road
- One additional train was added to Greenport line with stop in Riverhead
- No additional service changes planned, based on current conditions

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### Preliminary Opportunities / Recommendations

- Potential funding in \$10M Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant for transit
- Pursue additional transit to support Railroad Ave Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- “Last Mile” Services (LIRR to destinations)
- Circulator Bus Services (especially Downtown)
- Hampton Jitney—Downtown Bus Stop
- CR 58—Bus Turn-out Lanes
- Study NY 25/Main Road east of Riverhead

## BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS

### Major Facilities

- **EPCAL Shared-Use Path**
- **“Rails to Trails” Shared-Use Path**, Port Jefferson Station to Wading River (2022)
- **Empire State Trail (Buffalo to Manhattan), Long Island Extension**—Proposed extension to run east from Center Drive to NY 25/Main Street eastbound, to Roanoke Avenue northbound, to Sound Avenue eastbound to Southold Town Line

## BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS

### Preliminary Opportunities / Draft Recommendations

#### *Meet with Alternative Transportation Committee*

- Potential connections to Empire State Trail Extension, via Bike Routes, Bike Lanes, or Shared-Use Path
- Bike and Pedestrian Enhancements through Site Plan process
  - Sidewalk Requirements for Commercial and Large Residential Projects
  - Bike Racks on Commercial Properties
- Require Bike Accommodations at LIRR Station, Downtown/Hamlet Center, Locations and at Town Facilities (e.g. Senior and Community Centers)
- Bike Facilities Provided by Major Employers—e.g. Bike Racks
- Dedicated Bike Lanes

## Next Steps

- **Spring 2022**
  - Public Input-CPU Goals and Objectives
  - Draft Statement of Community Goals
- **Summer 2022**
  - Prepare Draft CPU
  - Present Draft CPU to Town Board
- **Fall 2022**
  - Prepare GEIS
  - SEQRA Hearings
- **Winter 2022/2023**
  - Project Completion