

Workshop planned to discuss Provincetown roundabout project

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PROVINCETOWN — Representatives from the Department of Public Works will be on hand Wednesday for a public workshop to answer questions about proposed changes to the intersection of Shank Painter Road and Route 6.

Provincetown officials are considering a makeover that includes a roundabout at the intersection; west of the roundabout Route 6 would be reduced from four lanes to two, with one lane in either direction where westbound side of the highway is currently located. The two existing eastbound lanes would become a shared-use path that would connect a sidewalk and a new bike lane from Shank Painter Road to Herring Cove.

The idea is to make Shank Painter Road the main portal to downtown Provincetown and increase bicycle and pedestrian access to the outskirts of town.

The project would include the installation of sidewalks on both sides of Shank Painter Road and a bike path on the west side of the street.

“The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with another opportunity to become fully acquainted with the alternatives of the proposed project and to solicit input for consideration as design plans advance,” according to a notice about the workshop.

The alternatives to the proposal will be available along with the pros and cons of each one. Past comments will also be discussed. The Department

of Public Works is encouraging comments on the existing conditions, the notice says.

“The input will be used to refine the design and to select components or features that will be included in the advanced design,” it says.

Meetings will continue to be held throughout the process.

The Select Board is considering the preliminary designs, which would need to be sent to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for approval. The design phase of the project, which would be primarily funded by the state, is scheduled to run through 2022 and implementation would be in two phases in 2023 and 2024.

At the last meeting on the road redesign, abutters complained that they were not notified about the project. The intersection is also the proposed location for a new police station.

“Ultimately we want the public to support a design for this project,” said Richard Waldo, director of the public works department. “Nothing is in stone and modifications can still be made. We need people to come out and share their opinion.”

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