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Public Meeting Set for June 22, 2016:

Route 28 Cotuit Corridor Study: Santuit-Newtown Road to Route 130

BARNSTABLE COUNTY, MA – Cape Cod Commission and Town of Barnstable staff will host a public meeting to discuss the Route 28 Cotuit Corridor Study on **Wednesday, June 22nd** at Cotuit Freedom Hall (976 Main Street, Cotuit) from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** The meeting will include an overview of project goals and existing conditions, followed by an interactive group discussion. The focus of the meeting will be the gathering of public feedback on issues, opportunities, and visions for the future of the corridor.

The section of Route 28 from Santuit-Newtown to Route 130 was identified as a priority for investigation based on the safety and congestion issues experienced on this section of roadway.

The intersections of Route 28 at Santuit-Newton Road and Route 28 at Route 130 are both high-crash locations. The intersection of Main Street and Route 28 also presents safety challenges, particularly for driving turning left out of Main Street.

This section of road is often congested, with particularly significant back-ups experienced during summer months. Along this corridor, congestion is a barrier to regional travel as well as access to local businesses and residences.

Also of key concern is accommodation for all road users including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. This is a heavily used corridor for non-motorized users looking to access their jobs and retail destinations from their neighborhoods.

The Cape Cod Commission, under the 2016 Unified Planning Work Program, will conduct a transportation planning study for the study area with the following study goal:

- Develop alternatives that will provide safe and convenient access within the study area for all users of the roadway system including pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.

Potential improvements will look to improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve the accommodation of all users while remaining in character with the natural and cultural context.

A second public meeting is anticipated in the early fall to discuss potential improvement alternatives. The latest project information is available on the Route 28 Corridor Study website:

www.capecodcommission.org/Route28Cotuit

ABOUT THE CAPE COD COMMISSION:

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