WESTFORD
Road Safety Review
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Review Team

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General

The team viewed the Milton-Westford Road, from the intersection of Route 128 to the Milton Town line, a total of 1.8 miles. It is rural with rolling hills and curves. The road is paved throughout with some sections recently paved. The posted speed is 40 mph.

General Recommendations

Gary stated that many of the run-off-the-road incidents seem to occur in winter months. Elevations vary which makes road maintenance a challenge.

All signs and sign posts should be checked for standard alignment (vertical, lateral, longitudinal, height).

Gary is aware that brush cutting is a necessary ongoing activity to improve visibility and for the effective placement of warning signs. We noted especially the need to cut brush on the approach to the Stop at Route 128.

The team noted that many of the curves could be visibly enhanced by adding edge line striping.

Specific Road Sign Recommendations
XX Upgrade six 40 mph signs.
Westbound on Milton-Westford Road

0.6 Erect left curve ahead (W1-2L) 30 feet past mailbox #143. Relocate speed limit sign to an appropriate location. Cut brush.

0.9 Erect 4 chevron signs on left for right curve
1.0 Erect “S” curve sign (W1-5L) inside guardrail, 50 feet from end of guardrail.

1.2 Erect right curve warning sign (W1-2R) 30 east of utility pole #A7-104

Eastbound on Milton-Westford Rod

0.0 Erect “S” curve sign (W1-5R)
0.5  Erect “S” curve sign 30 feet before Old Stage Road (W1-5L)
0.5 Double arrow sign should be upgraded (W1-7) for motorists traveling downhill from Old Stage Road onto Milton-Westford Road.

0.8 Erect “S” curve sign (W1-5R) 20 feet east of utility pole # A5 106 and before mailbox #215.

0.9 Erect five chevron signs (W1-8) for curve to left
1.6 Upgrade Downhill truck sign (W7-1)  
Remove “T” intersection ahead (W2-4)  
Upgrade Stop Ahead sign (W3-1) and erect it 140 feet in advance of the Stop sign.

1.8 Upgrade STOP sign (R1-1) at intersection with Route 128