

Historic Andover Focus Area

“Village with Split Route 6”

The improvement concept for Historic Andover provides a new street network that will accommodate and support the community’s long-term vision for a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly mixed-use village in this area. This concept includes splitting the eastbound and westbound directions of Route 6 to create a one-way pair of roadways connected by new two-way local streets or driveways. This context-sensitive street arrangement will distribute traffic; encourage reduced travel speeds; facilitate multimodal access; and maintain mobility in the village.

Key issues addressed by this concept include:

- Need for safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle connections between residential neighborhoods and important community features in Historic Andover (including the Hop River Trail, library, church, post office, Hop River, and sports fields).
- Lack of a street network and multimodal accommodations to support a mixed-use village.
- Lack of speed mitigation measures to reinforce the 40 mph posted speed limit on Route 6.

This concept represents full build out of a village that could be implemented in phases over a period of several decades. Ultimately, full build out would involve new private development and new public streets. As shown below, the town maintenance garage would have to be relocated to accommodate the Route 6 modifications.

