

Preliminary Recommendations

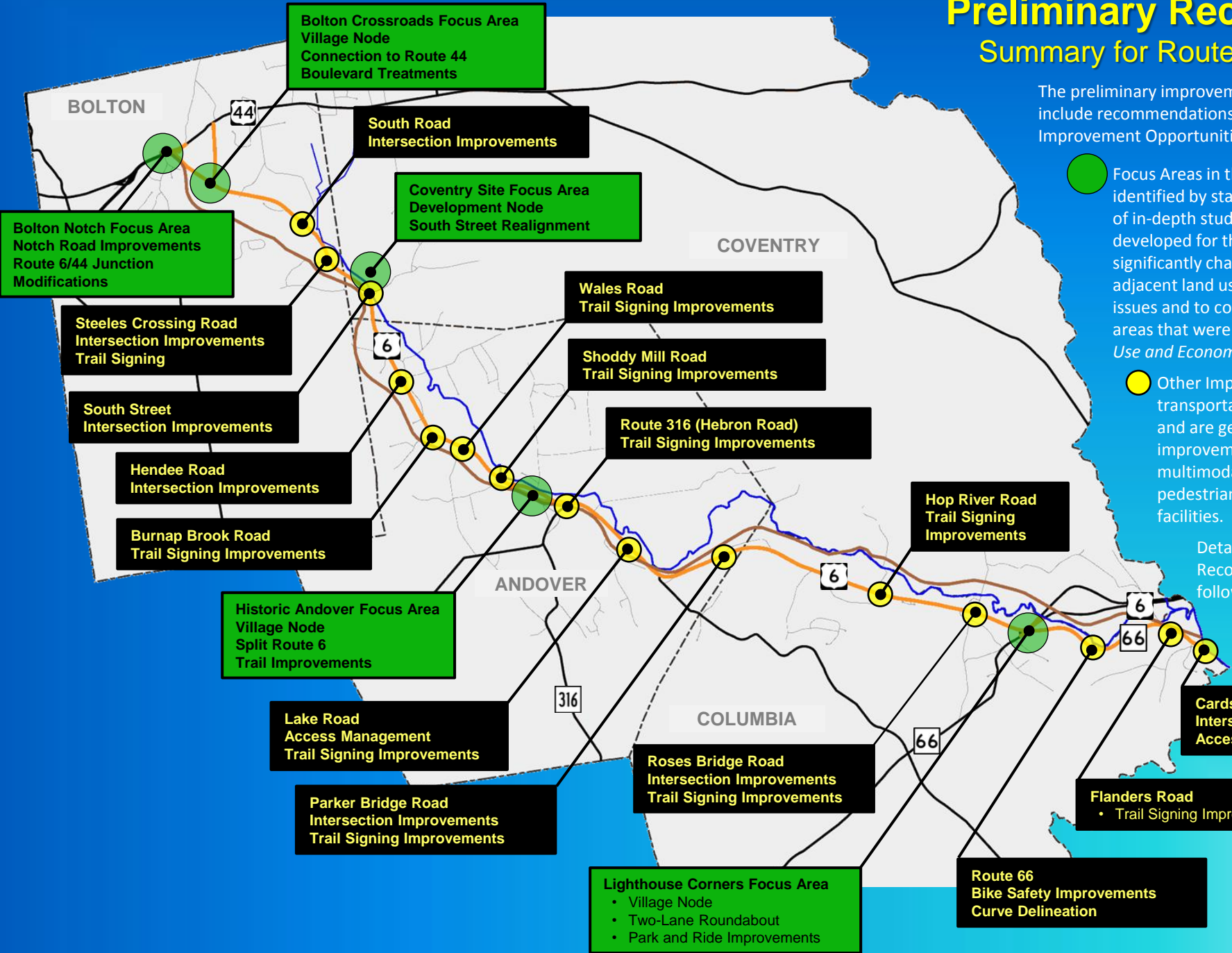
Summary for Route 6 Hop River Corridor

The preliminary improvement recommendations of this study include recommendations for key Focus Areas and Other Improvement Opportunities.

● Focus Areas in the Route 6 Hop River Corridor were identified by stakeholders and have been the subject of in-depth study. The improvement concepts developed for these focus areas propose to significantly change the character of Route 6 and /or adjacent land use in order to address transportation issues and to complement long-term visions for these areas that were developed under the *Route 6 Land Use and Economic Development Study*.

● Other Improvement Opportunities address transportation needs outside of the Focus Areas and are generally include minor intersection improvements, safety improvements, and multimodal improvements to bicycle, pedestrian, Park & Ride, and Hop River Trail facilities.

Details of the Preliminary Improvement Recommendations are provided on the following boards.



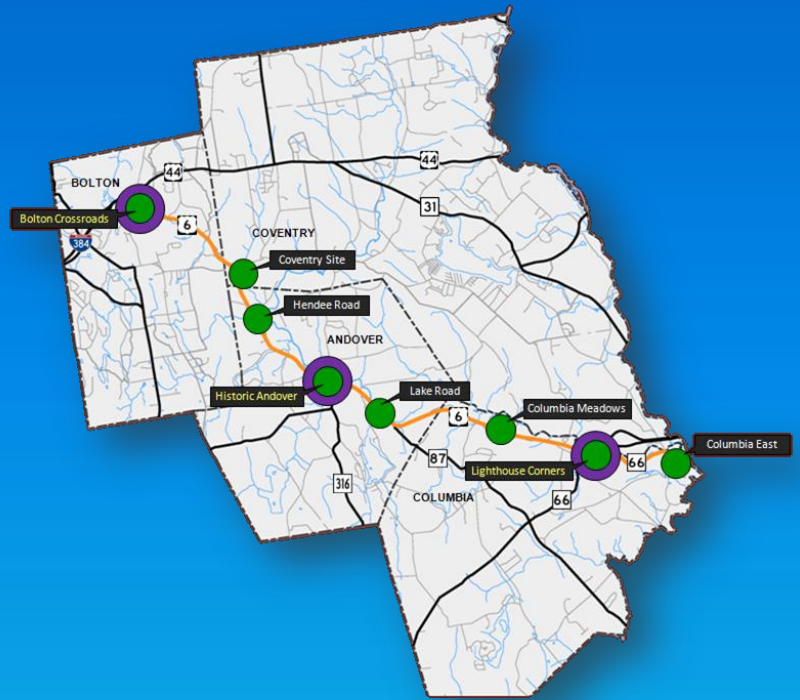
Creating Village Character in the Route 6 Hop River Corridor

Recommendations for “Development Nodes”

The *Economic Development and Land Use Study* completed by the Regional Economic Development Council in 2010 identified locations in the Route 6 Hop River Corridor where future development should be focused. Recommendations of the study, which includes new zoning regulations, provide for eight of these “development nodes” in the corridor. These locations are shown in green on the map at right.

Characteristics of future developments within these development nodes could include:

- More intense development resulting in greater development density.
- Developments consisting of a mix of office, retail, and residential uses.
- New multistory buildings located closer to the roadway.
- Parking provided on side and rear lots.



Recommendations for “Village Nodes”

The *Route 6 Hop River Corridor Transportation Study*, which is being completed by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) to complement REDC’s 2010 Land Use Study, has identified three development nodes where there are potential opportunities to create new village-like character in the corridor. These “village nodes” are shown highlighted with purple on the map at right. The locations correspond to existing reduced speed zones on Route 6 where it would be most practical to create a walkable and bikeable village environment.

The recommendations of the Transportation Study propose to significantly change the character of Route 6 within these village nodes to address transportation issues while complementing the future development that has been envisioned by the community in these areas. Characteristics of Route 6 within these village nodes could include:

- Speed mitigation measures that encourage vehicle travel speeds of 35 mph.
- Sidewalks and bike-safe shoulders to encourage walking and bicycling on Route 6.
- Access management strategies that promote safe and efficient traffic operations on Route 6.

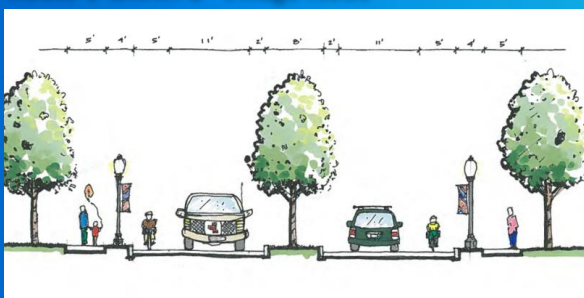


A future village in the Route 6 corridor could be similar to the character of New Hartford, located along Route 44 in Connecticut.



This concept sketch illustrates one of the potential future mixed-use villages that could be created on Route 6. This potential “Village Node” is located at Lighthouse Corners in Columbia.

Route 6 within a “Village Node”



Route 6 within a village node could include narrow travel lanes (11 ft wide), bike-safe shoulders, landscaped medians, sidewalks, and streetscape elements.