ROUTE 31 CORRIDOR PROFILE: SPENCER
Suggested Improvement Options

Legend
- Route 31 - Holden, Paxton, Spencer
- Route 31 Corridor Profile Extension
- State Numbered Routes
- Other Roadways
- Midstate Trail

1 in = 0.75 miles

Source: Data provided by the US Census Bureau, Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC), massDOT Office Of Transportation Planning Geospatial Resources Section and the Office of Geographic Information MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Information Technology Division.

Information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only. This information is not adequate for legal boundary definition, regulatory interpretation, or parcel-level analysis. Use caution interpreting positional accuracy.

Figure 57

Realignment/straightening of the Route 31 curve. Longer term options include:
- Same alignment (relocate house and garage)
- New alignment north
- New alignment south

Improve definition, signage and pavement markings at Route 31/Browning Pond Road/Thompson Pond Road.

Replace Route 31 bridge over Seven Mile River adjacent to Hastings Road (S-23-012).

North Spencer drainage improvements include new culvert installation to alleviate recurring flooding.

Repair/replace locally-owned Hastings Road bridge over Turkey Hill Brook, now reduced to one lane. Hastings Road viewed as emergency alternate roadway to Route 31.

Longer term, replace Route 31 bridge near Meadow Road over Seven Mile River (S-23-002). Shorter term, address observed cracking and scour.

Improve intersection of Route 31/Meadow Road/Wire Village Road with consistent traffic control signage and installation of rumble strips on Meadow Road. Consider additional highway lighting. Longer term, consider installation of a modern roundabout.

Lengthen the two vehicle queuing lanes on northbound South Spencer Road approach to the intersection of Route 9/Meadow Road/ South Spencer Road.

Consider full length transit bus turn outs for areas on Meadow Road and Route 9. Consider transit vehicle routing through the plaza.

Conduct future Neighborhood SAFE workshop and a Road Safety Audit (RSA) for Meadow Road. Town seeks sidewalks on Meadow Road for pedestrian connectivity.

Investigate potential for an electric bus "fast charge" station or Park & Ride facility sited next to the Spencer Highway Department.

Conduct a future Road Safety Audit (RSA) for Route 9 between Meadow Road/South Spencer Road and Route 49.

Conduct future Neighborhood SAFE workshop and a Road Safety Audit (RSA) for Meadow Road. Town seeks sidewalks on Meadow Road for pedestrian connectivity.