# Public Safety Building

**Communications Brainstorm** 



### Elements

 Dedicated webpage to he announcements

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A fourth public meeting was held to review the current concepts, explain the nex

**Community Involvement** 

Fourth Public Meeting: June 18, 2019

development, and the process to obtain funding.

Video

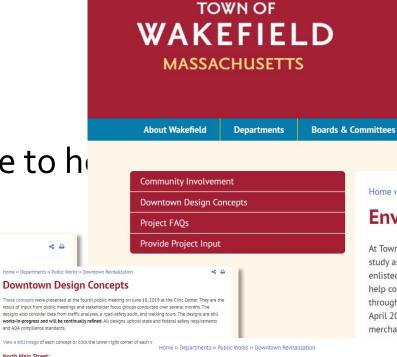
Panel

FAQs

Public

• Exposure at comm

Community advocates



#### **Project FAQs**

#### What is the goal of this initiative?

At Town Meeting in November 2019, residents voted to conduct a design study as part of the Town's downtown revitalization project. The Town enlisted VHB, a civil-engineering consulting and design firm, to help conceptualize improved transportation for everyone who travels to or through Wakefield center in cars, on foot, by bus, or on bikes Voters at the April 2019 Town Meeting approved moving into the second phase of design for this project. With resident and merchant input, these concepts will be used to create plans that can be submitted for state and federal funding.

#### Why is multimodal transportation so important?

Multimodal transportation systems provide safety and accessibility for all traffic types, including nonvehicular. Streets, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and mixed-use paths could all be components of such an infrastructure. Integrating multimodal best practices is a requirement for Massachusetts Department (Nassachus fundion

#### What is the focus area of this project?

The project will center on Wakefield's downtown. Specifically:

- Main Street, from Franklin Street to Church Street
- Albion Street, from Main street to Gould Street
- Water Street, from Main Street to Shaw's supermarket

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lighting, carefully chosen building materials, new trees and sidewalk foliage, and additional osed. This, along with new areas for outdoor dining, shopping, or other events, can create a destrian-focused downtown destination. The concepts also aim to improve the flow of traffic properties can be corrected to improve circulation.

er vehicular experience. Intersection geometries can be corrected to improve circulation, gnals can be installed, and wayfinding signs can guide residents and visitors to parking, local regional routes. There are also opportunities to create parking efficiencies and enhance the y through streetscape improvements.

also bring our Main, Water, Albion, and surrounding areas up to standards set forth by the disabilities Act, making it universally accessible. This means increased safety at street



### Four Videos

- Building Overview
  - Short form and extended form tours for those who want thorough exploration
- The Options
  - Outlines the two scenarios investigated by the committee
    - Renovate or build new
  - Cover the costs carefully and accurately, but in a way that the general public can understand
    - "How will this impact my wallet?"



### Four Videos

#### The Proposal

 An explanation of the renovation blueprints and how the plans remedy the current deficiencies

#### The Process

- Overview of the committee to show the breadth of community involvement
- Outline the process that got them to their decision
  - Meetings, site visits, real estate analysis, etc.



### Panel Discussion

- Modeled on spring election format
- Panelists answered resident questions submitted via email
  - Additional project exposure
  - New avenue for public participation



## FAQs, Infosession, and Community Support

- Compile basic FAQs and build them as the project grows
  - House on website
- Public infosession
- Community event exposure
- Advocates





### Considerations

- All components require considerable input from subject-matter experts
- Will there be competing construction projects during Town Meeting
  - DPW garage, high school
    - How do we educate and provide proper exposure?

