

Town of Sterling

ROUTE 140 TASK FORCE GROUP

Over the past few weeks, since our first meeting, we have driven our section of route 140 and taken a good look at the areas we think present the greatest hazards to those who use the road as commuters and also those home owners abutting it.

If it is determined that some of the worst hazards are addressed individually prior to the entire project being completed then the following should be considered [as priority projects](#):

- ❖ Route 140 & 62 intersection redesign with traffic control devices. This location is the site of many minor accidents and extreme traffic congestion during high volume periods in the early morning and late afternoon, early evening time frame. [Because a Little League and recreational site is close to this location \(Princeton Road at Holden Road\) a bicycle lane should be given some consideration leading to the site from at least a half mile in either direction. A culvert is needed at or near the Kush residence.](#)
- ❖ [Clemence Avenue needs sight line improvement to the south \(hill\). The drainage from this road to Dana Hill is in need of improvement.](#)
- ❖ John Dee Road intersection needs to be at a 90 degree angle to Redemption Rock Trail (140). [Upgrade the culvert on both sides of the road in this location \(occasional flooding\).](#)
- ❖ The Fox Run, Crowley Road intersection needs a cut out for cars turning into Fox Run coming from the south. Crowley Road could also be moved to create a true four corners intersection. The state currently owns both sides of Crowley Road at this location. [A culvert runs under the road at this location which needs to be enlarged or redesigned to improve the drainage. Ice and snow buildup can be a problem here. Also, sight lines in both directions need to be addressed.](#)
- ❖ Both ends of Johnson Road need to be redesigned to 90 degree angles to prevent Johnson Road being used as a shortcut to beat slower traffic in either direction. This will prevent the very high speeds sometime incurred on this narrow road. [Consider making this a one-way street by town ordinance. Drainage along this section of 140 from the Janowicz property to Moore's Corner is poor creating icy conditions in the winter months.](#)
- ❖ [Burpee Road needs better delineation. Possible one-way westerly.](#)
- ❖ [Still River Road has a sight line hazard to the north due to road elevation.](#)
- ❖ [North Oakdale Cutoff has a sight line hazard because of trees. Trimming would most likely eliminate.](#)

- ❖ The Beaman Road intersection [at 140](#) is now one-way but can be confusing for casual users of Route 140. Some individuals who live on this short section of road still use it as a two-way, adding to the confusion. Better signage and 90 degree exit would eliminate this hazard. [Sight lines need to be improved and drainage from here to the Princeton town line is in need of upgrade.](#)
- ❖ There is a snow plow turnaround at the Sterling-Princeton line that may also be used by some school buses. It is currently unpaved and deeply rutted making it unsafe for cars attempting to pass slow moving vehicles. [There is also a bridge at this location that straddles the town line. It is in need of repair and/or redesign.](#)

To be sure there are other concerns about ~~drainage~~, speed limits and hidden drives that likely will be discussed at a later date. [Meetings are being posted, but we must get them onto the websites and into the papers more frequently.](#)

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