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**TO:** Town Boards and Committees, Community Groups, Citizens and Merchants  
**DATE:** September 3, 2004  
**RE:** Upcoming Workshop on Route 139 Corridor Master Plan

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As you may know, the Town of Marshfield is working with a consultant team at Vollmer Associates to produce a Route 139 Corridor Master Plan. At its conclusion, this study will produce a “Functional Design Report” – a necessary step to qualify for state highway funding – and three conceptual designs for traffic improvements to the corridor.

The Marshfield Planning Board and Board of Public Works will be hosting a public workshop on **Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-9 PM at the Furnace Brook Middle School.** This will be the first of two public meetings within this phase of the project. As the “kick-off” meeting, we are hopeful that many citizens and merchants will attend and participate in this important initiative.

Please find on the opposite page a more detailed overview of the Vollmer study. For more information, refer to the Town of Marshfield website at <http://www.townofmarshfield.org> and click on “Special Projects,” or contact:

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The upcoming meeting will provide you with a great deal of information regarding the Route 139 Corridor Initiative, and we invite your thoughts and opinions regarding the roadway and the planning process.

We hope that you will participate in this important initiative!

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## **ROUTE 139 PLANNING AND DESIGN PROJECT**

The Town of Marshfield recognizes the importance of the Route 139 corridor to the quality of life in this community. This study is being performed because of existing traffic/pedestrian/bicycle safety concerns, the need for improved local and regional access, and to address the demand of current and anticipated development.

The focus of the project is to analyze, design and develop recommendations for roadway and intersection improvements along the Route 139 corridor. The objective of the planning and design is to study and recommend improvements that enhance access and create a safe and aesthetically pleasing corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, both in the short and long term.

Like many towns on the South Shore, Marshfield is experiencing the pains and demands associated with continued growth. Beyond that, Marshfield bears additional burdens caused by the seasonal recreation activities of its seaside location. In the past decade, the Town has seen the development of numerous residential, commercial and retail uses, and is now wrestling with the issues and concerns induced by this growth including: traffic, access, circulation, parking, utilities, schools, environmental conservation and preservation, pedestrian and bicycle accommodation, economic revitalization, and safety.

### **PROJECT SCOPE**

In May 2004, the Town contracted with Vollmer Associates LLP to study design alternatives along the corridor. The scope of services includes traffic analysis of the capacity and safety impacts of alternative cross sections and intersection layouts as well as development of conceptual plans for these alternatives. The Vollmer Team will address issues ranging from traffic capacity and safety to pavement and drainage design to natural resource impacts and right of way. Key issues the team will focus on include:

- Traffic/Safety
- Local and regional access
- Pedestrian access
- Bicycle access
- Roadway infrastructure
- Environmental issues
- Right of way
- Development

### **PROJECT GOAL**

The goal of this project is to develop several conceptual designs to improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle access, and improve safety, while protecting natural resources and minimizing right-of-way and environmental impacts. At the conclusion of this project, the Town of Marshfield will endorse one strategy and proceed with detailed engineering and design.