Public Meeting on the Preliminary Design of Route 33 Improvements

PORTSMOUTH - The City of Portsmouth and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation are seeking input from local drivers and residents concerning the preliminary plans for future improvements to the Route 33 corridor between Peverly Hill Road and Borthwick Avenue.

A public information meeting and workshop is scheduled Wednesday, July 19, in the first-floor conference room of the Portsmouth Public Works Department at 680 Peverly Hill Road to present and discuss the preliminary design to the Railroad Bridge and Route 33 from Peverly Hill Road to Griffin Road. The public may view the preliminary plans starting at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Issues to be discussed include bridge replacement, reconstruction of existing sidewalks, granite curbing, traffic and operational improvements at the Griffin Road, Islington Street, Harvard Street, Oxford Street, Dodge Avenue, and Peverly Hill Road intersections and throughout the corridor. Traffic signal installation at Griffin Road and improving the safety of this corridor will also be discussed.

The final design is not expected to be completed until at least September 2007. Once the plans are finalized and approved, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation is expected to fund most of the project with the City contributing a small portion of the cost.

The public is encouraged to participate in the meeting. For more information, contact City Traffic Engineer Deborah A. Finnigan, PE, at 766-1415.