

NEWS RELEASE

State Street Reconstruction Meeting

PORTSMOUTH - The City of Portsmouth will hold a public meeting Oct. 1 to gather input on possible traffic and pedestrian improvements to State Street between Pleasant Street and the Memorial Bridge.

The new streetscape will be installed as part of the sewer separation and underground utility improvements planned for the section of State Street. The work will coincide with periods of reduced traffic or shutdowns of the Memorial Bridge during the New Hampshire Department of Transportation's rehabilitation project in 2009 and 2010.

The streetscape meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room A of City Hall, which is located at 1 Junkins Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather input to help establish design parameters for the State Street reconstruction that fit the physical setting and preserve scenic, aesthetic, historic and environmental resources while maintaining safety and mobility. The city's team of landscape architects, engineers, planners and historians will participate in the session.

Additional public meetings will be held as the project proceeds. For more information, contact Peter Rice, city engineer for the Water and Sewer Divisions, at 766-1416.