

PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONFERENCE ROOM A
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

*Members of the public also have the option to join the meeting over Zoom
(See below for more details)**

3:00 PM

July 8, 2021

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ATTENDANCE

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)

This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.

V. PRESENTATION

- A.** Brewery Lane Area Traffic Study, by TEC

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)

- A.** Proposed all-way STOP control at intersection of Brewery Lane and Jewell Court. **Sample Motion: Move to approve all-way STOP control at intersection of Brewery Lane and Jewell Court.**
- B.** Proposed all-way STOP control at intersection of Cass Street, Chevrolet Avenue and Lovell Street. **Sample Motion: Move to approve all-way STOP control at intersection of Cass Street, Chevrolet Avenue and Lovell Street.**
- C.** Discussion of one-way traffic flow on Brewery Lane and Chevrolet Avenue. **Sample Motion: Move to schedule public meeting on possible change to one-way flow on Brewery Lane and Chevrolet Avenue.**
- D.** Request for safety improvements at crosswalk on Middle Road at Kensington Road and Monroe Street, by Virginia von Muhlen. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for report back at future meeting.**
- E.** Holiday parking discussion, by Parking Director Ben Fletcher.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Report back on Islington Creek Neighborhood Parking Program.

- B. Request for two 1-hour limit spaces on Portwalk Place, by Seacoast Spine & Sports Injuries. **Sample Motion: Move to implement staff recommendations and continue to monitor usage.**
- C. Report back on time limit for handicap vehicles in downtown on-street parking spaces.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Monthly accident report from Police.
- B. Bike and vehicular traffic volume data.
- C. Maplewood Avenue pedestrian signal project update.
- D. Bartlett Street/Cate Street reconfiguration.
- E. PTS Action Items.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Unaudited

Percentage of Fiscal Year Complete
91.67%

Preliminary
Totals Thru
May 31, 2021

	Total	Budgeted	% of Budget
FY 21			
Parking Meter Fees	2,477,850.98	2,029,175.00	122%
Meter Space Rental	358,390.00	46,591.00	769%
Meter In Vehicle	46,498.25	46,072.00	101%
EV Charging Stations	5,243.71	4,000.00	131%
High Hanover Transient	1,523,737.65	1,458,701.00	104%
High Hanover Passes	1,159,947.02	1,337,700.00	87%
Foundry Place Transient	138,725.96	114,640.00	121%
Foundry Place Passes	252,941.94	301,780.00	84%
Parking Sign Permit	150.00	0.00	
HH Pass Reinstatement	795.00	900.00	88%
Foundry Pass Reinstatement	1,230.00	700.00	0%
Parking Violations	527,414.75	405,350.00	130%
Immobilization Administration Fee	4,800.00	6,144.00	78%
Summons Admin Fee	0.00	250.00	0%
	6,497,725.26	5,752,003.00	113%

	BUDGETED	
	3,339,698	58% Transfer to Parking Fund
	2,412,305	42% Funds Remaining in Gen Fund



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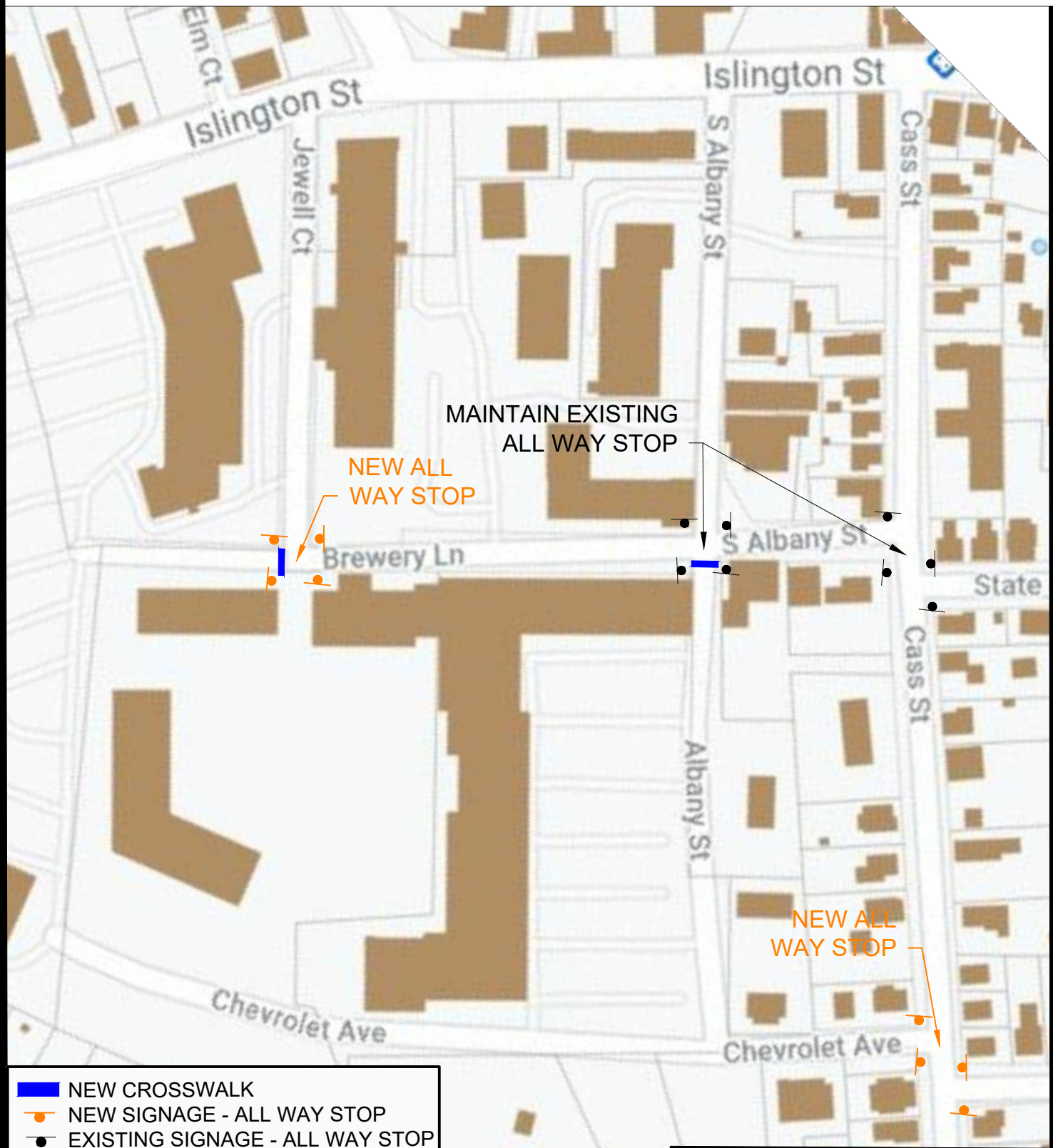


Figure 8

Traffic Control Change Alternative



TEC, Inc.
146 Dascomb Road
Andover, MA 01810



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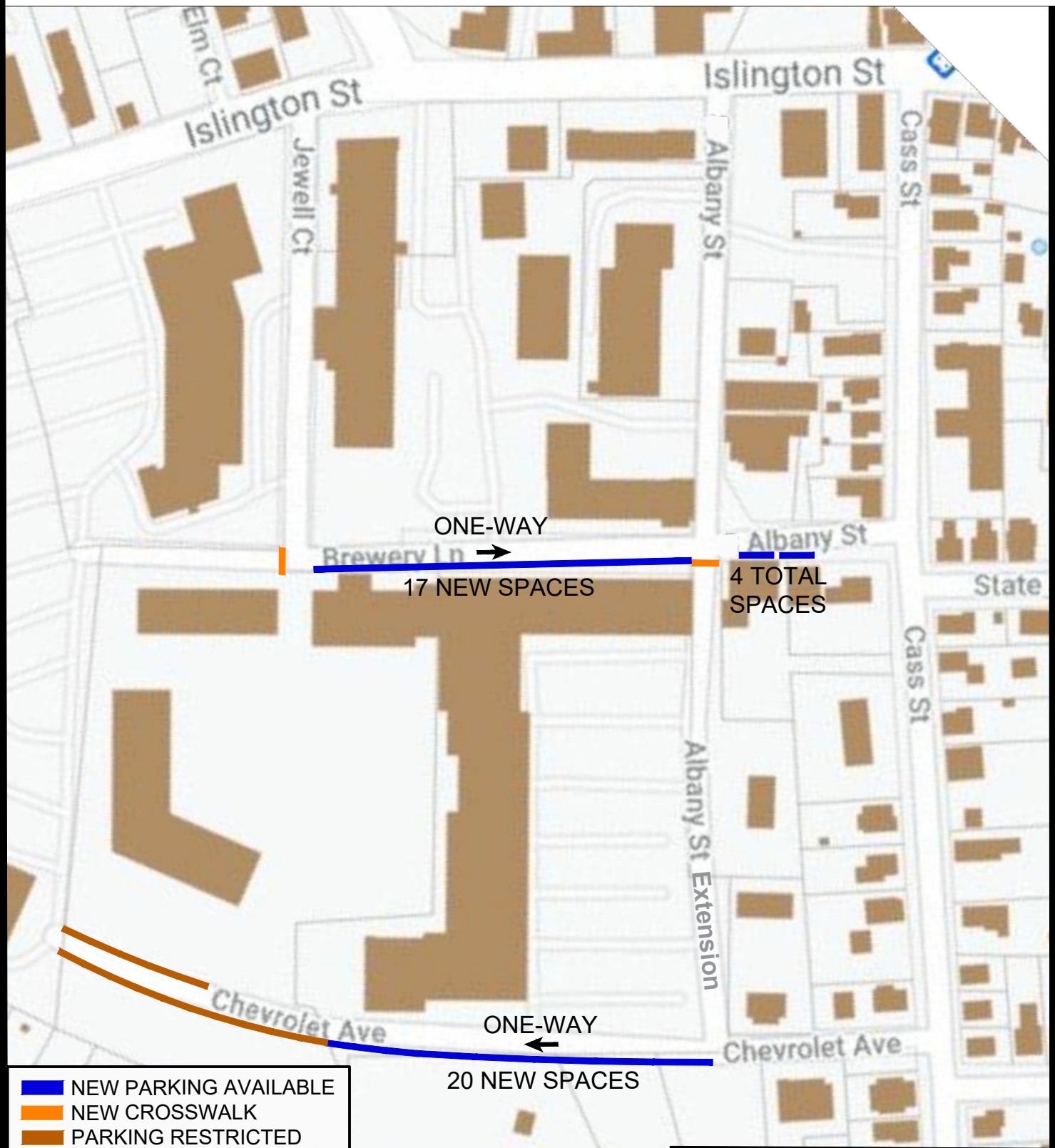


Figure 9

One-Way Alternative A



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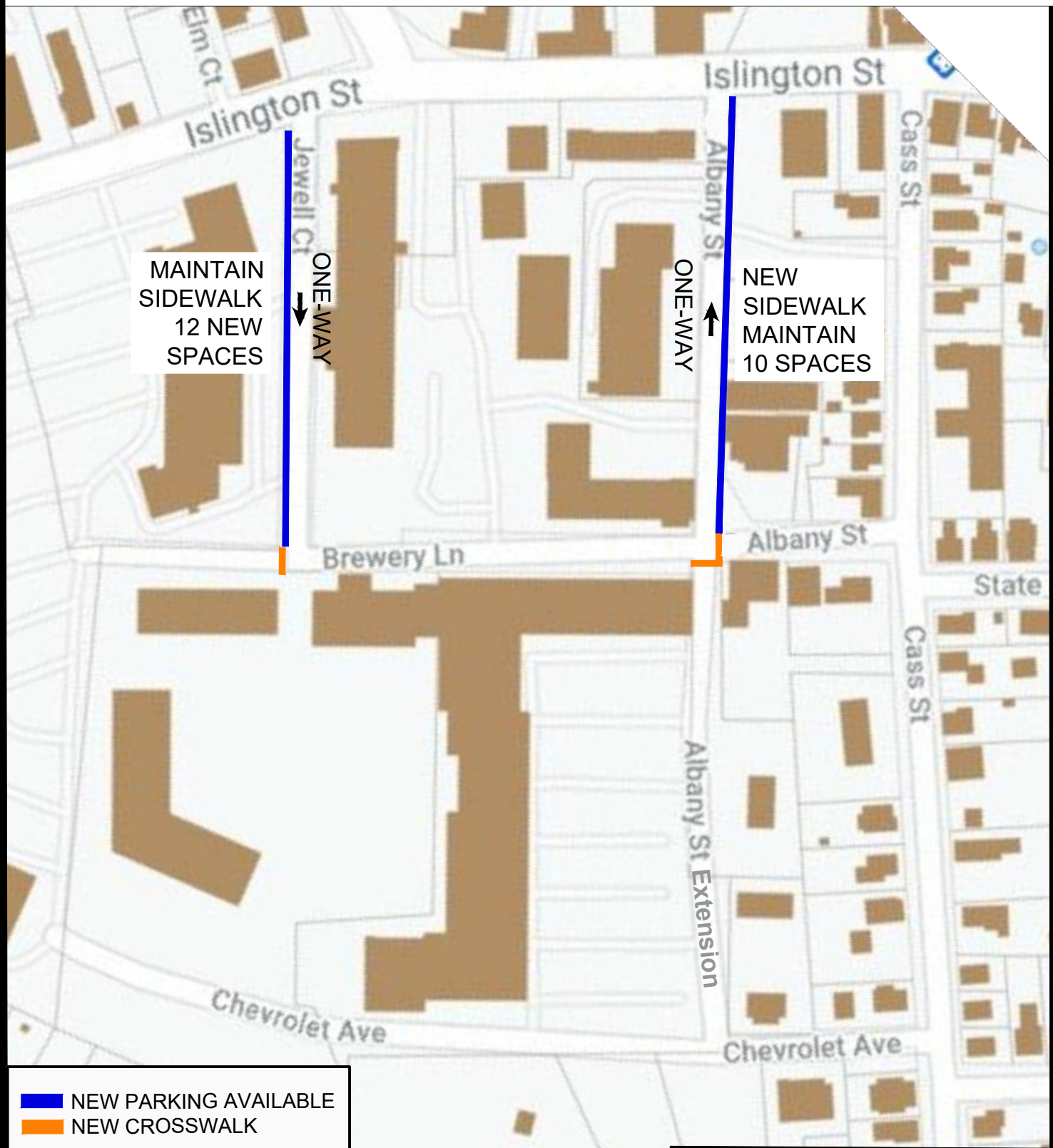


Figure 10

One-Way Alternative B



TEC, Inc.
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Traffic and Parking Evaluation

Brewery Lane Area

Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Prepared for: City of Portsmouth
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801



Prepared by: **TEC, Inc.**
146 Dascomb Road
Andover, Massachusetts 01810



May 28, 2021

FULL REPORT INCLUDING APPENDICES AVAILABLE ON THE DPW WEBPAGE
[click here to view full report with appendices](#)

V.D. Request for safety improvements at crosswalk



Request for safety improvements at crosswalk.

From: [Virginia von Muhlen](#)
To: [Eric B. Eby](#)
Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 12:08:07 PM
Attachments: [1.map.jpg](#)
[4.cars visibility of pedestrians.jpg](#)
[3.pedestrians visibility of incoming cars.jpg](#)
[2.pedestrians poor visibility .jpg](#)

Hi Eric,

Thank you so much for calling me back regarding crosswalk safety near the Lafayette Playground - crosswalk across Middle Rd between Kensington Rd and Monroe Street in Portsmouth. See map attached.

I'd like to bring to the attention of The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee that this crosswalk is dangerous, especially for our children trying to get to the Lafayette Playground. This crosswalk is dangerous not only due to traffic speed but also poor visibility for both cars and pedestrians. There's always cars parked on Middle Rd. (end of Kensington Rd) right next to the crosswalk blocking the visibility for both pedestrians trying to locate incoming cars from West of Middle Rd and those cars not being able to see pedestrians on the sidewalk trying to cross the crosswalk on Middle Rd to get to Monroe St.

Please see attached photos for poor visibility reference.

I'd like to request and propose the following solutions:

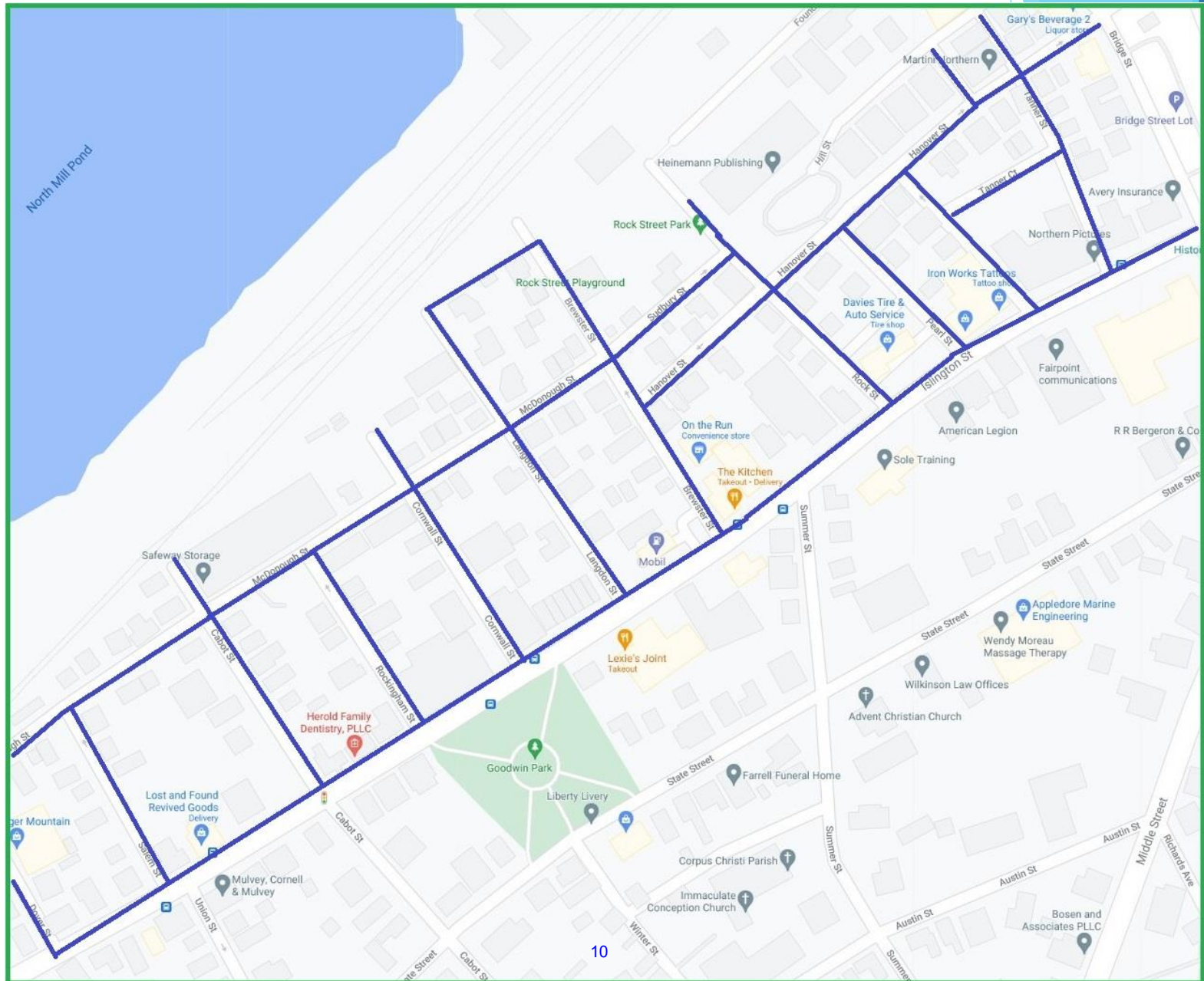
- 1) For car awareness of pedestrians - a blinking crosswalk light for the crosswalk across Middle Rd between Huntington and Monroe Street
- 2) For pedestrian and car visibility - block parking (at least 3 cars spaces) right next to that crosswalk
- 3) For speed awareness and reduction - add a speed monitor showing that cars are habitually speeding in this section
- 4) For reduction of traffic speed near that crosswalk - adding a seasonal speed bump for cars coming West of Middle Rd.

Thank you for reading my concern and request. Please let me know the next steps and if you have any questions.

Sincerely, a concerned mother and resident of Portsmouth.

Virginia von Muhlen
Resident at 303 Thaxter Rd. Portsmouth, NH.
Phone: (603) 978-8190

Proposed Streets Map 2021



Community Correspondence

Commentary Received from Public Outreach Efforts

General Guidelines

- 6-Month Pilot
- Permit is Considered A 'Hunting License' and Not A Guarantee
- Use the 2019 Program Outline with Various Modifications
- All Streets Are Now Eligible
- All Portsmouth Residents and Businesses Eligible
- Three (3) Permits per Participating Residents and Businesses
- One (1) Guest Permit per Participating Residents and Businesses
- Permits Subject to Annual Renewal
- Participation Not Mandatory
- Enforcement 9a-8p Daily
- Fees Associated Will Be Determined by City Council
- Use Event Pass Model from 2019 Program
 - Each Household Can Request up to Four One-Day Passes in a Given Month





New Hampshire

Governor's Commission on Disability

"Removing Barriers to Equality"



Guidelines for Free Parking for an Individual with a Disability

**The Governor's Commission on Disability
has adopted the following recommendations for
state and municipal parking facilities
where a fee is charged.**

- When creating time periods for free parking for individuals with disabilities, the state and municipalities should consider the additional time that individuals with disabilities may require exiting their vehicles, traveling to their destinations, and returning to their vehicles.
- The state and municipalities should consider the need for additional time in situations involving street parking, heavy traffic, and where parking is limited due to snowfall and/or other obstacles.
- The time periods for free parking for individuals with disabilities should be extended; e.g., in a situation that ordinarily allows one hour of free parking, individuals with disabilities could receive two hours of free parking. If the situation allows two hours of free parking, four hours of free parking should be considered by the municipality.
- Unlimited or additional or free parking beyond two or four hours should always be considered by the municipality.

It is strongly suggested that the guidelines adopted by the municipality should be posted.

Pursuant to RSA 265:74, any motor vehicle carrying the special plates or hanging windshield placard issued to a person with a walking disability shall be allowed free parking in any city or town, including any state or municipal parking facility **where a fee is charged (emphasis added)**. Each city or town shall have the discretion to set the time periods using guidelines which shall be provided by the Governor's Commission on Disability.

603.271.2773

www.nh.gov/disability





New Hampshire's Accessible Parking Laws

For more information, contact the New Hampshire
Division of Motor Vehicles at: (603) 227-4000

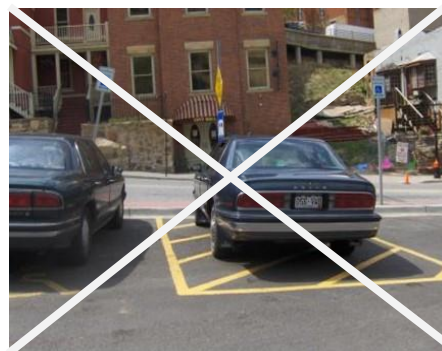
WALKING DISABILITY PERMITS



- ◆ Permits are only issued to a person who has an **eligible walking disability**. RSA 261:88-I(c)
- ◆ Permits **can only be used** when the permit holder is in the vehicle. RSA 265:69-I(j)
- ◆ [Download an application](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/registration/disability.htm) for a Walking Disability Permit at: www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/registration/disability.htm

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES

- ◆ A walking disability **placard or license plate** is required to park in an accessible parking space. RSA 265:69-I(j)
- ◆ **Parking illegally** in an accessible parking space carries a fine of \$250.00. RSA 265:69-I(j)
- ◆ Accessible parking spaces **must be clearly marked** by a sign displaying the international symbol of accessibility. RSA 265:73-a
- ◆ Vehicles displaying a plate or placard shall be allowed **free parking** in any city, town, or municipality that charges a fee. RSA 265:74

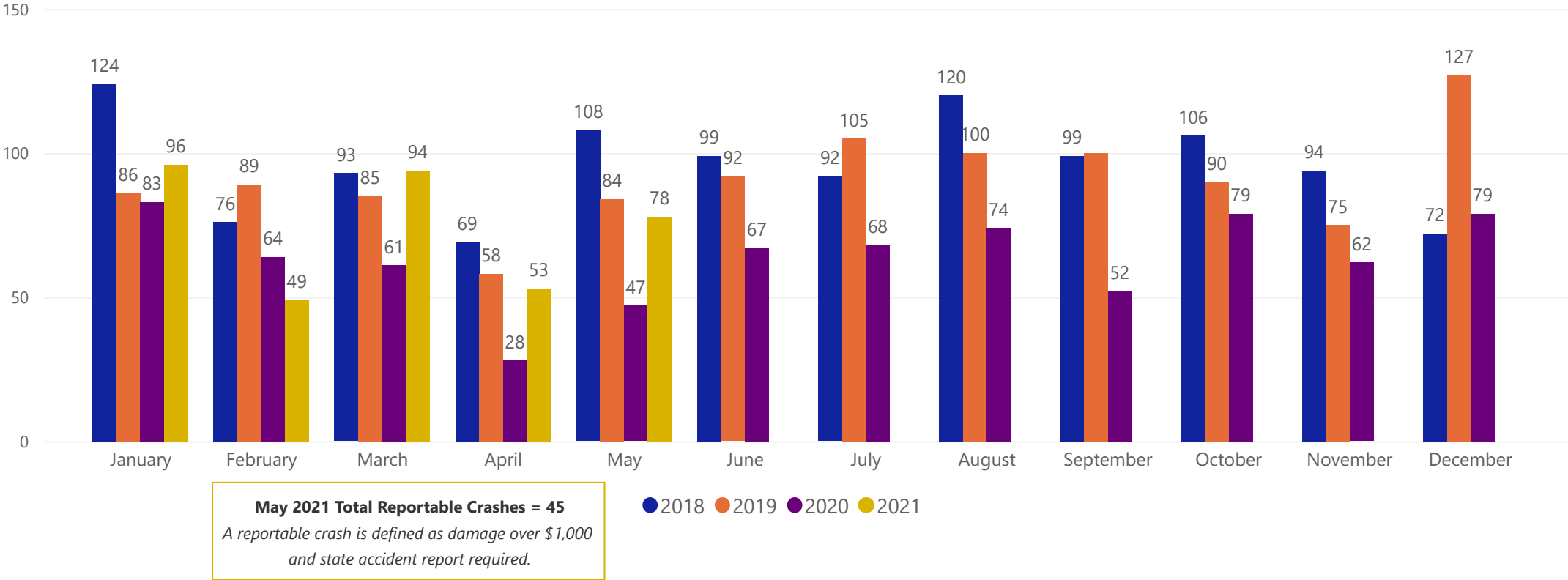


ACCESS AISLES

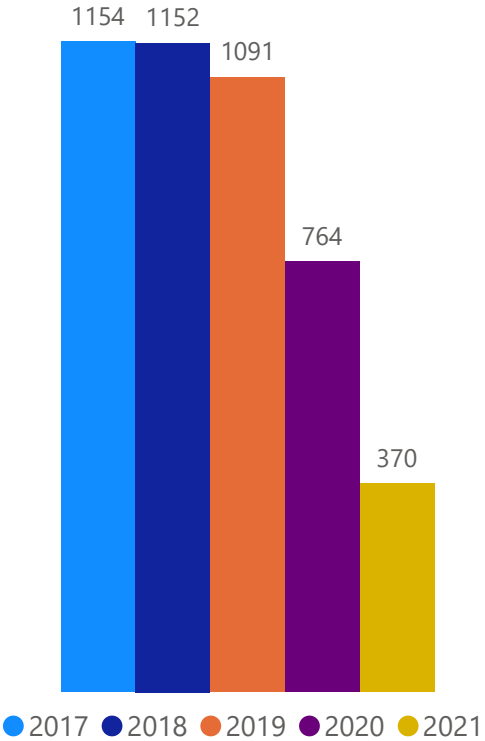
- ◆ Access aisles are for vehicles and people who need **additional room** to enter and exit their transportation.
- ◆ It is illegal to park **within the access aisle**, even with a walking disability placard or license plate. RSA:265:69-I(m)
- ◆ Please remember to keep access aisles **free and clear** of snow or other obstructions.

*For your own safety,
do not engage individuals suspected of being illegally parked.
Contact your local police for assistance.*

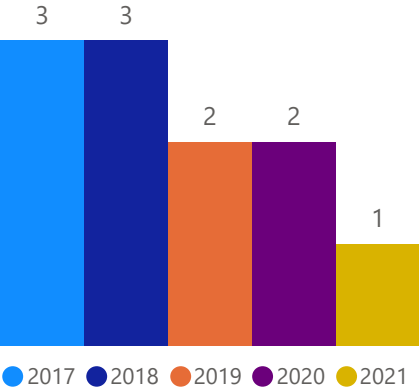
Portsmouth Vehicle Accidents



Yearly Totals

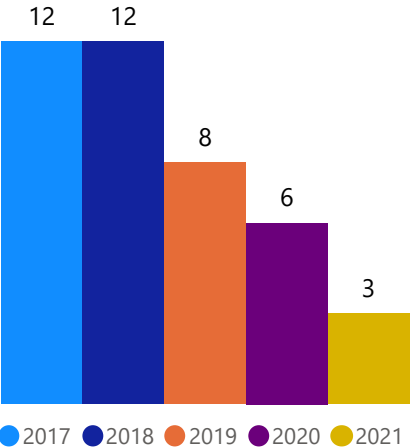


Bicycle Accidents



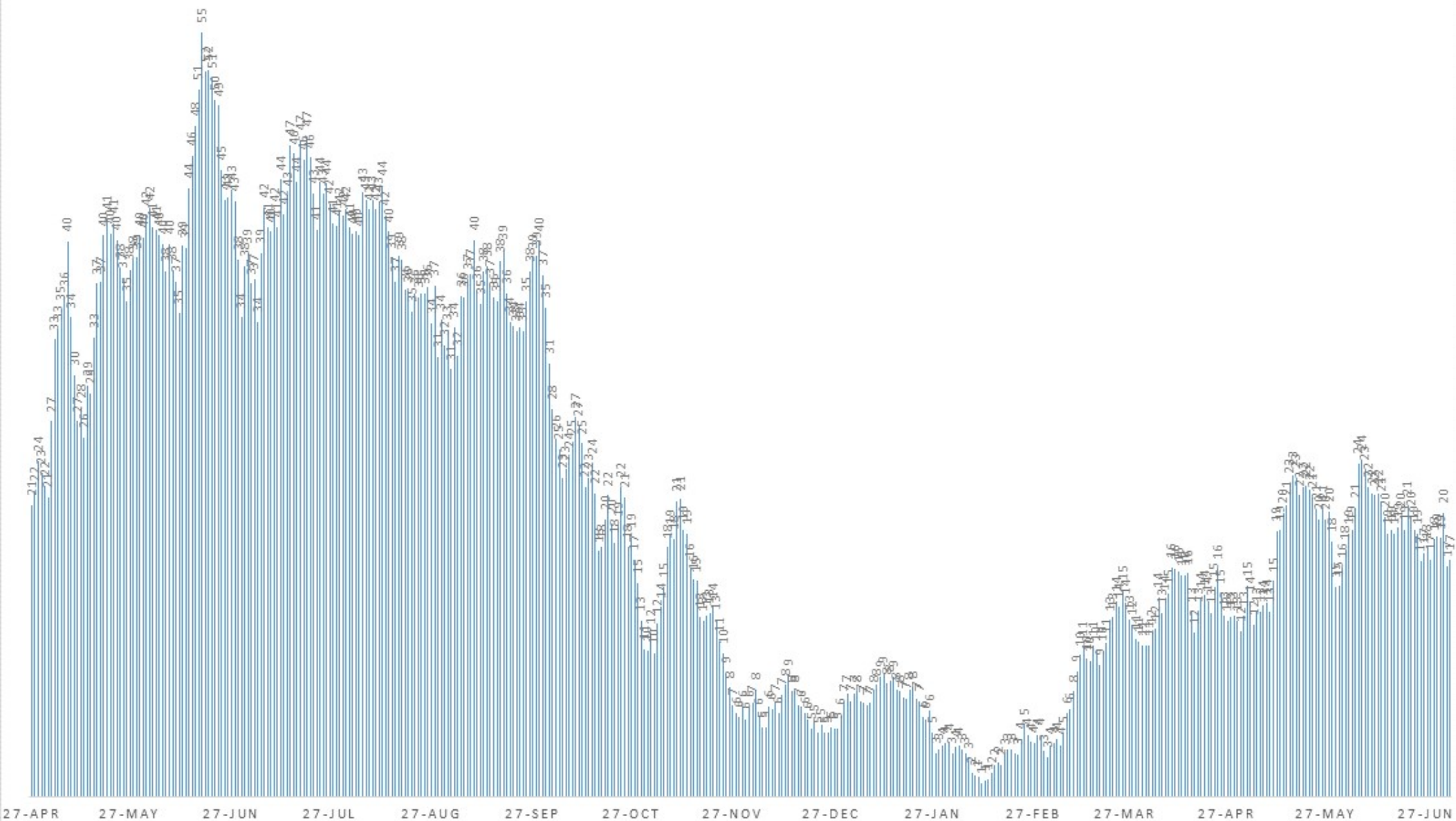
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0	January
0	February
0	March
1	April
0	May
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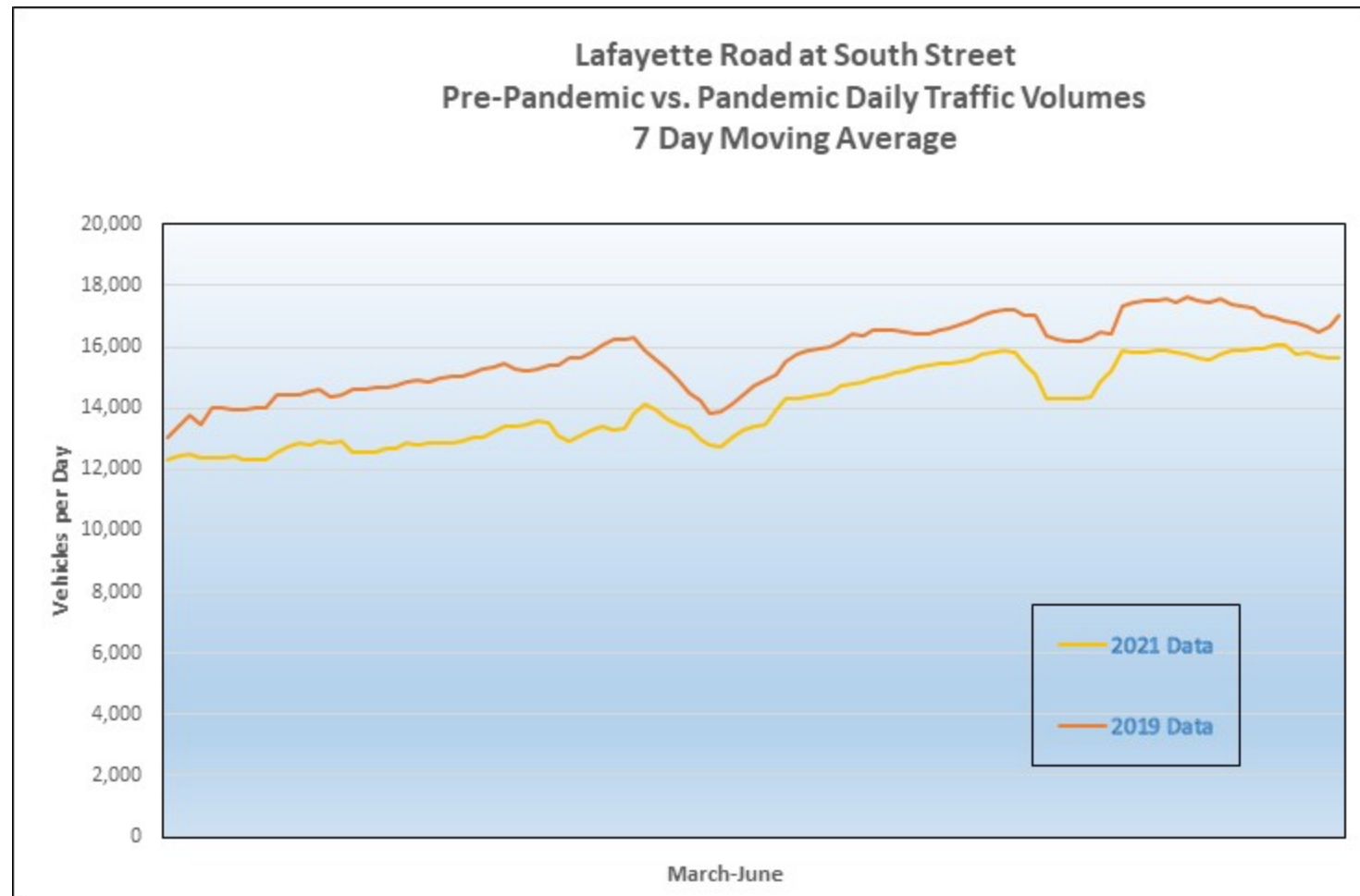
Pedestrian Accidents



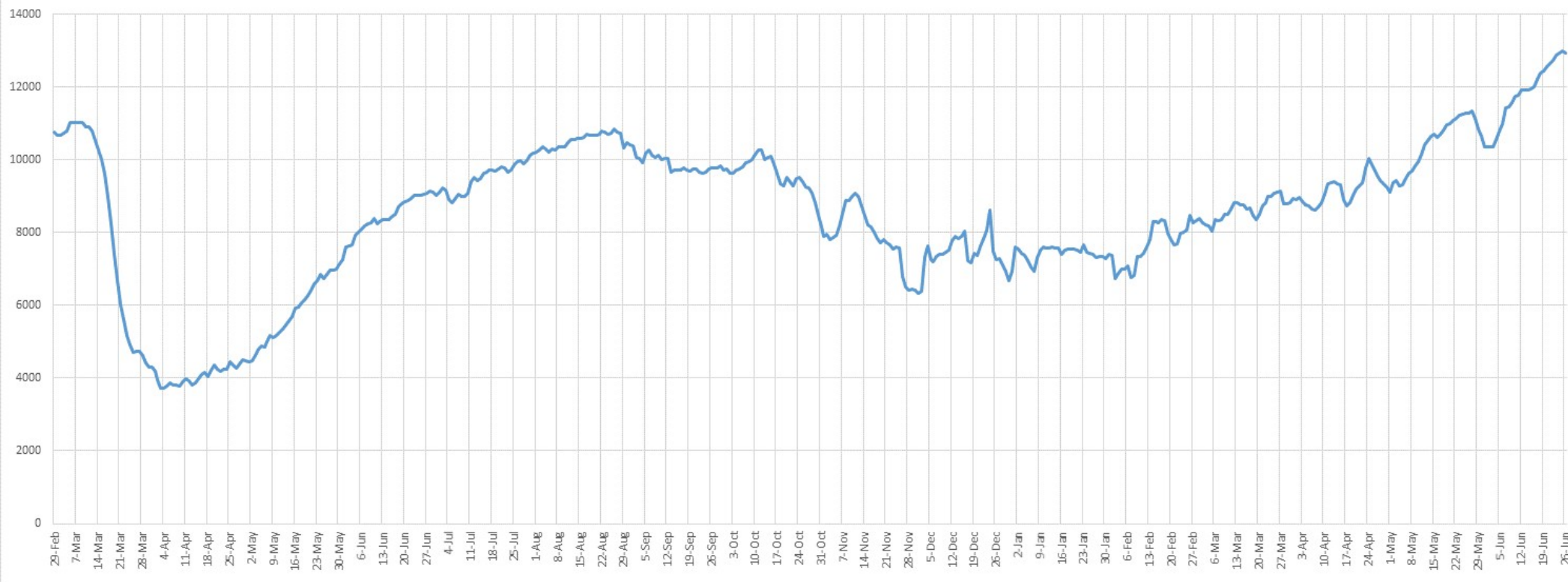
2021	Month
1	January
0	February
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AVERAGE DAILY BIKE COUNT ON LAFAYETTE AT SOUTH 7 DAY ROLLING AVERAGE





Market Street at Nobles Island and Port Authority Driveway
7 Day Moving Average Daily Traffic Volumes

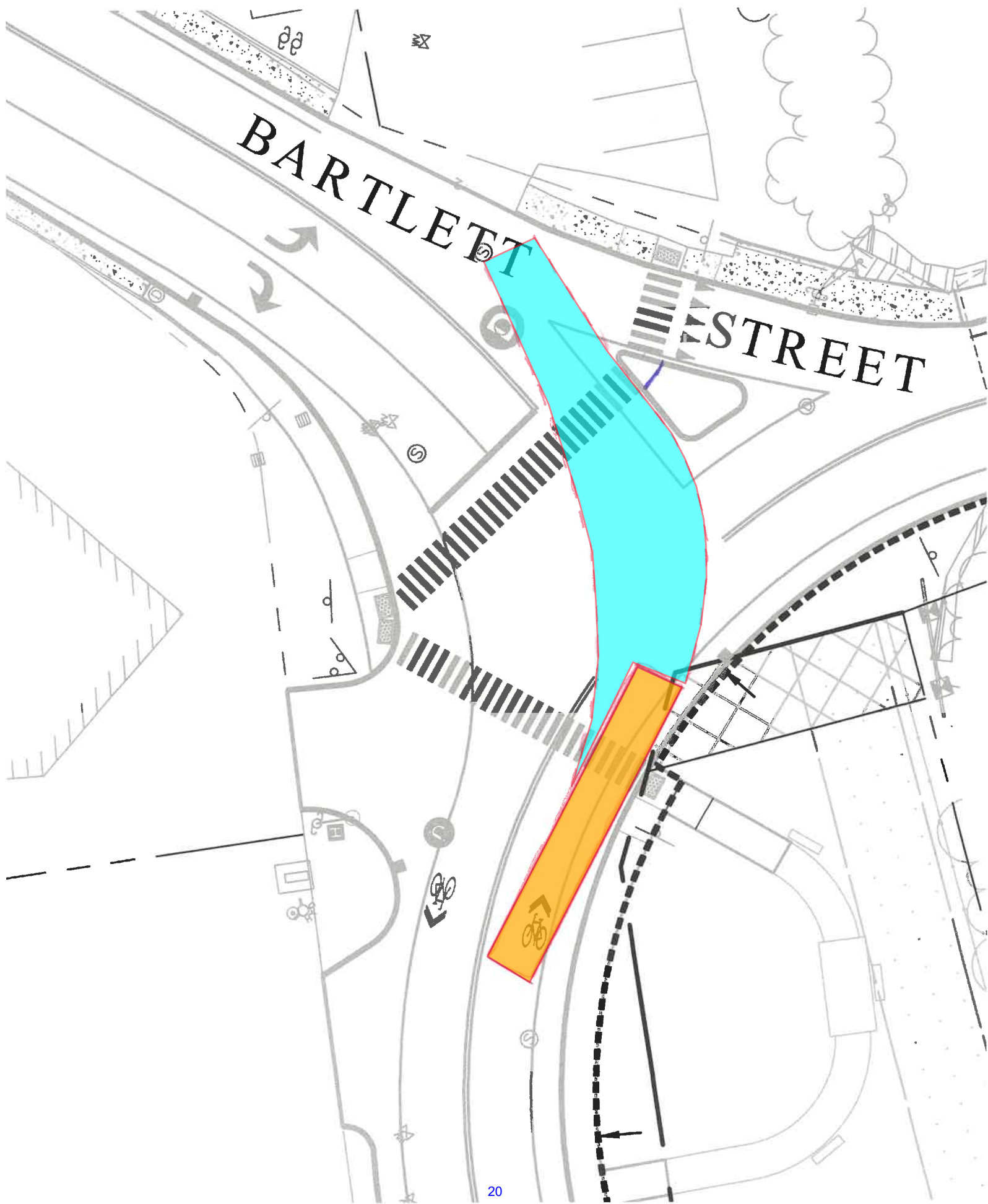


In regard to the safety concerns at the intersection of Maplewood Ave, Middle Street, Congress Street, Islington Street, and Hanover Street surrounding oncoming traffic and pedestrian safety.

Traffic footage was analyzed from 12:00 PM 6/3/2021 - 12:00 AM 6/7/2021. in a 24 hour period an average of 1200 pedestrian crossings take place. Therefore in a total observation time of 86 hours, about 4300 pedestrian crossings took place.

Behavior that is considered unsafe is when a turning vehicle tries to make its turn in front of a pedestrian where they are going to walk. Not one of these instances was observed.

Any Questions or concerns regarding this issue can be directed to Parking Director Ben Fletcher or Transportation Associate Andy Rosenberg



PTS OPEN ACTION ITEMS			
PTS Meeting Date	Action Item	Vote / Action	Next Step / Report Back Date
6/3/2021	Discussion of time limit for handicap vehicles in downtown on-street parking spaces.	VOTED to refer to staff for report back and proposed ordinance.	Future Meeting
6/3/2021	Request for two 1-hour limit spaces on Portwalk Place, by Seacoast Spine & Sports Injuries.	VOTED to refer to staff for report back.	Future Meeting
6/3/2021	Request for traffic calming measures on Sherburne Road, by residents of Sherburne Road.	VOTED to refer to staff for report back.	Future Meeting
3/4/2021	Request for traffic signal at intersection of Lafayette Road and Hoover Drive.	4/8/2021 - VOTED to place on file awaiting study from NHDOT. VOTED to conduct traffic assessment of intersection and report back on findings at future meeting.	Waiting on NHDOT Study
3/4/2021	Request to examine speed of vehicles on Sagamore Avenue approaching the intersection with South Street, by Councilor Kennedy.	VOTED to refer to staff for report back at future meeting.	Future Meeting
9/3/2020	Recent accidents at the intersection of Marcy Street and Mechanic Street.	10/8/20 - Report back after meeting with property owner. VOTED to have staff report back after evaluating the intersection configuration and contacting the property owner to determine if further action is needed.	Future Meeting
7/9/2020	Request for All-Way STOP at intersection of Jewell Court and Brewery Lane.	VOTED to request a report back in six (6) months from staff on All-Way STOP at intersection. 12/10/20 - Steve P. requested the Committee review Jewell Ct (should it be a right turn in and right turn out).	Future Meeting
12/5/2019	Chase Drive, request to prohibit parking on north side of roadway.	VOTED to prohibit parking along north side of Chase Drive and to direct staff to report back on parking on Michael Succi Drive between Chase Drive and Market Street.	Future Meeting
11/7/2019	Sagamore Avenue, south of Sagamore Grove, request for No Parking on west side of roadway.	2/6/20 - VOTED to table until development of adjacent lot is completed. 12/5/19 - VOTED to refer to staff to report back. 11/7/19 - VOTED to refer to staff to notify abutters and report back at future meeting.	Future Meeting
10/3/2019	Discussion of speed limits, legal requirements and reducing speeds on City gateway roads.	Staff will report back at a later date on speed limits and speed segments on City gateway roads.	Future Meeting
10/3/2019	Loading zone time / hours (3 Pleasant Street).	VOTED to refer to staff for report back.	Future Meeting
6/6/2019	Request for 15-minute parking spaces on Hanover Street and the Vaughan Mall lot.	VOTED to table action on the three 15-minute spaces in Vaughan Mall parking lot behind 25 Maplewood Avenue and review the City's policy on designating 15-minute parking spaces.	Future Meeting

PTS OPEN ACTION ITEMS			
PTS Meeting Date	Action Item	Vote / Action	Next Step / Report Back Date
4/4/2019	Congress Street at Fleet Street lane use change.	08/01/19 - VOTED to implement the lane use changes on Congress Street and Fleet Street, and Pleasant Street at Market Square in the fall of 2019 on a trial basis and report back. VOTED to allow staff time to investigate the right turn only lane and making Pleasant Street one lane into Market Square.	Implement in the spring of 2021 on a trial basis & report back
12/6/2018	Request for parking space in bike lane buffer at 60 Lafayette Road.	2/7/19 - VOTED to table request.	Future Meeting
11/1/2018	Request to remove 10 metered parking spaces on Deer Street between Bridge Street and Maplewood Avenue, to accommodate anticipated traffic from new Foundry Place parking garage.	VOTED to table request to allow time for staff to observe traffic operations along Deer Street after the opening of the garage.	Tabled until new parking garage is generating more traffic
2/1/2018	Request to eliminate 2-hour time limit on Islington Street between Cornwall Street and Rockingham Street.	VOTED to table the action item until the new parking garage is operational.	Future Meeting
10/5/2017	Request to eliminate access to Echo Avenue from Spaulding Turnpike Frank Jones Neighborhood Turnpike connections (Echo Ave & Farm Lane).	8/6/20 - (Discussion at meeting) - City Staff determining appropriate barricade system and in communication with NHDOT. 12/5/19 - VOTED to show support for permanent ramp closure with stipulations from the Fire Department and Police Department being addressed and to refer to staff for report back on permanent closure configuration after meeting with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). 2/7/19 VOTED to extend the trial closure of Turnpike exit ramp onto Echo Avenue until the completion of the Woodbury Avenue Bridge.	Future Meeting
9/7/2017	Request for crosswalk on Grafton Drive at Sherburne Road.	10/5/17 - VOTED to have City staff work with PDA to implement pedestrian crossing at intersection of Grafton Drive and Sherburne Road. 9/7/17 VOTED to have staff collect data, evaluate, and report back with a recommendation at next month's meeting. (October Meeting)	Pending PDA funding for project