

Mitrushi, Alex

From: Terlemezian, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 2:10 PM
To: 'Maura Morong'; Transportation Advisory Commission - All
Cc: Mitrushi, Alex
Subject: RE: Speeding on Columbus Ave.

Hello Ms. Marong-

Thank you for contacting the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC). I want to start by making sure that you are aware that the TAC, which meets every other month, is advisory in nature. When the TAC decides to make a recommendation to either City staff or the City Council, it is after a vote that takes place during a meeting. Issues such as those that you have raised in this e-mail are worthy of discussion. The best way to have a complete discussion would be for you (and others sharing your concern) to be present at the meeting.

The next meeting of the TAC is scheduled for November 24, 2025 at 6pm in the Community Room at the Dover Police Department.

Regarding your specific concerns and recommendations, as Chief of Police, I will direct extra patrols on Columbus Avenue. As you might expect, excessive speed complaints are very common and the officers have all been directed to engage in active patrols to enforce moving violations, including speed, whenever they are not engaged in other activities such as a call for service, conducting follow-up on an investigation, or writing a report. I will also check to see if Columbus Avenue has been added to the list of streets for consideration for installation of either the moveable or permanent speed signs. One of the criteria for prioritization of the placement of those signs is an analysis of any speed related traffic data that may be available for Columbus Ave. We will check for that.

The rest of the ideas and alternatives that you have suggested fall outside the purview of the police department and/or will take further study to determine if they are feasible.

Again, thank you for contacting the TAC and bringing these concerns to our attention.

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From: Maura Morong <fergiemorong@gmail.com>
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To: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@doover.nh.gov>
Subject: Speeding on Columbus Ave.

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Morning,

We are concerned about pedestrian safety on Columbus Ave. It is risky to walk our dog due to speeding & no raised sidewalk on Columbus Ave. Cars are coming at us going WAY OVER the speed limit & there is no barrier from sidewalk to street.

It may prevent pedestrians getting hit by a car if there was a raised sidewalk or steel guard rail. An electronic speed limit sign may help.

Please consider lowering the speed limit from 35 to 30. There is a curve where the speed limit goes down to 25 but that seems to be ignored.

The speeding seems to pick up around Lucy Lane going towards Tolend Rd.

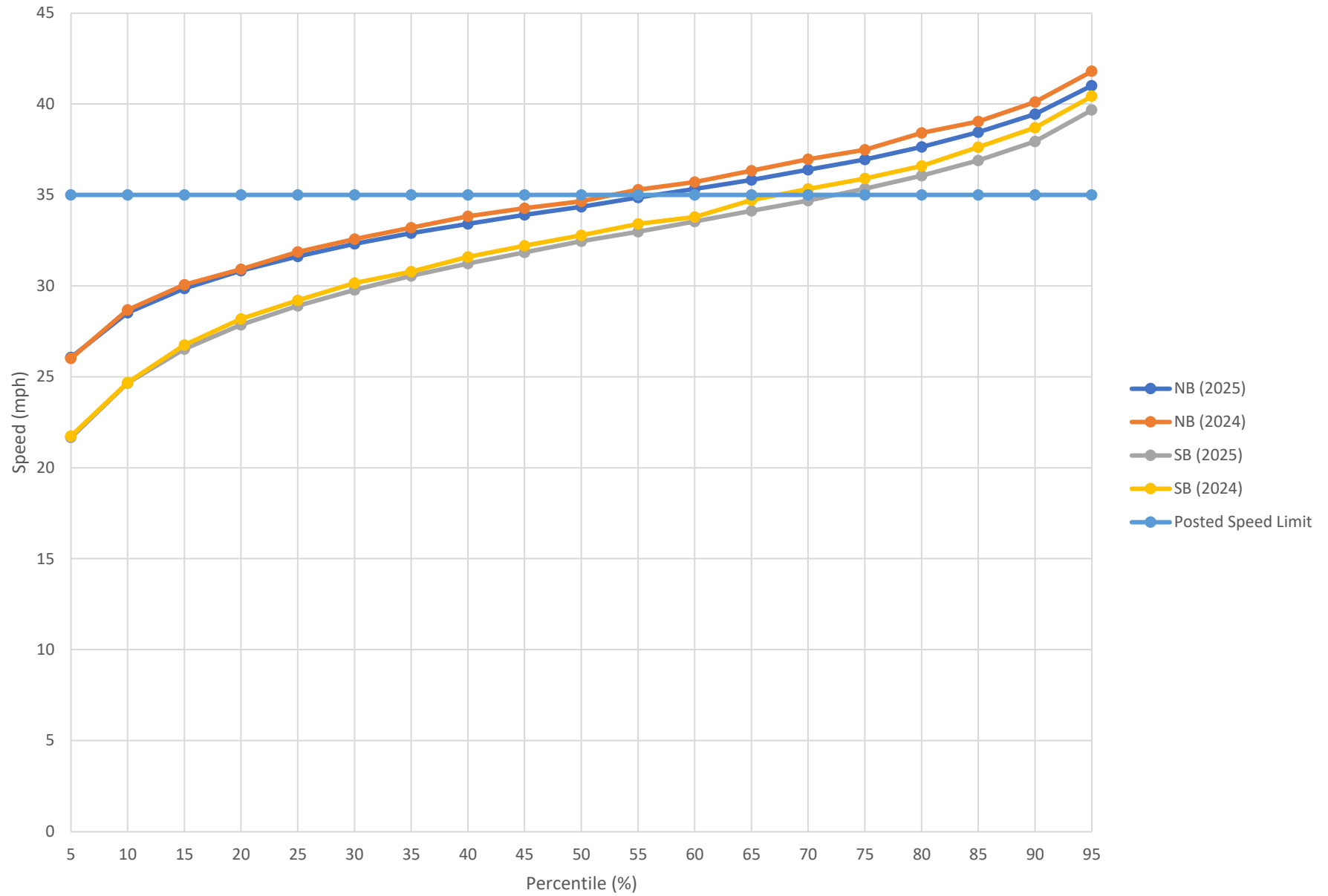
Thank you,
Maura Morong
16 Columbus Ave.

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Speed along Columbus Ave



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October 20, 2025

City of Dover Transportation Advisory Committee
271 Locust Street
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Subject: Request for Traffic Calming Measures on Horne Street Near Horne Street School

Dear Transportation Advisory Committee,

We are writing as concerned residents of Horne Street to respectfully request that the City consider additional traffic calming measures—such as speed bumps, raised crosswalks, rumble strips, additional stop signs, and/or increase speed patrols and monitoring—on Horne Street, especially in the vicinity of Francis G. Hopkins Elementary School on Horne Street.

Every school day, we watch our son ride his bike to school along Horne Street. It's a short trip, but it's one that fills us with both pride and concern. Despite the posted 20 mph speed limit, we regularly observe cars traveling at noticeably higher speeds during school commute times, often weaving around joggers, strollers, dog walkers, parked cars, school buses, etc. Even small increases in vehicle speed can have a major impact on pedestrian and cyclist safety, especially for young children. We have mentioned our concerns to neighbors, to other parents, and most recently at a Parent Teacher Group meeting and found that other neighborhood residents and parents have similar concerns.

In addition to physical traffic calming interventions, I encourage the City to review the current boundaries and timing of the 20 mph school zone. Expanding the zone farther in both directions from the school and extending the time window when the reduced speed limit is in effect would provide better protection for children walking and biking to and from school, as well as the other people that use this street to walk, run, bike, walk dogs, etc. Many students travel outside of the narrow morning and afternoon drop-off windows currently covered by the flashing light signs.

Specifically, we respectfully ask the City to consider:

- Installing **speed bumps, speed tables, or rumble strips** in the school zone to physically slow traffic.
- Adding **stop signs** or raised crosswalks at key intersections near the school.
- **Expanding the 20 mph zone** farther along Horne Street to slow traffic earlier.

- **Extending the enforcement hours** of the reduced speed zone to reflect real travel patterns of students and families.
- Enhancing **signage and visibility** to make the school zone more prominent to drivers.

We care deeply about this neighborhood and its safety, especially the children who travel this street every day. We would welcome an opportunity to meet with the City to discuss this issue further and to explore practical, effective solutions to help make Horne Street a safer corridor for our community.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to community safety. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Briana and Michael Hillstrom
Residents, Horne Street, Dover, NH

Mitrushi, Alex

From: Mitrushi, Alex
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 12:23 PM
To: 'Briana Hillstrom'
Cc: Mike Hillstrom; Semprini, Jillian
Subject: RE: Letter of Concern Regarding Traffic and Traffic Speeds near FGH Elementary School at Horne Street

Hello Mr. and Mrs. Hillstrom,

I am following up on a request that you submitted to our offices regarding traffic calming measures on Horne Street near Horne Street School. I am the police department's staff representative to the City's Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), along with my colleagues in the Planning, Engineering, and Community Services Departments. While the committee as a whole does not correspond outside of public meetings, your correspondence will be recognized and discussed at the next meeting on November 24, 2025, at 6pm in the Community Room at the Dover Police Department. Issues as those raised in your e-mail are worthy of discussion and the best way is if you (or others sharing your concern) are present at the meeting. The TAC is advisory in nature and the commission votes to make a recommendation to City staff or City Council regarding specific issues.

I think it is worth noting that Horne Street in the area of Crescent Avenue is listed in the City's CIP. That plan calls for a major reconstruction on the entire length of Horne Street from Sixth Street to Glenwood Ave. As part of that reconstruction, the city will evaluate the traffic calming measures per city traffic calming policy. Here is a link to a Foster's article from October 21, 2025. [Dover poised to spend millions on Broadway, roundabout, courts, more](#)

I would note that the school zone times and speeds are dictated by New Hampshire State Statute and stop sign requirements are dictated by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The State of New Hampshire adopted the rules of the MUTCD, a publication of the Federal Highway Administration. According to the MUTCD, a stop sign should not be installed on a higher volume roadway (Horne Street) unless it is justified by an engineering study. The MUTCD explicitly states that stop signs should not be used for speed control.

I appreciate your concerns and recommendations for consideration and I will bring them up at the November meeting. I would like to note that Horne street is one of our top areas of rotation of directed traffic enforcement patrols, particularly during periods of reduced school zone speed limit times. We work closely with Principal Brittney Granfield regarding traffic complaints we receive about FGH parents' driving and parking behaviors. We coordinate annual communications from the school to parents, encouraging safe driving and dropping off and parking habits along Horne Street and some of the neighboring streets like Roosevelt and Crescent.

Respectfully,

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From: Briana Hillstrom <briana.hillstrom@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 1:39 PM

To: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@dover.nh.gov>

Cc: Mike Hillstrom <mchillstrom2000@yahoo.com>

Subject: Letter of Concern Regarding Traffic and Traffic Speeds near FGH Elementary School at Horne Street

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Greetings Dover Traffic Advisory Committee Members,

We hope this email finds you well. Please see our letter of concern about traffic speeds and child safety on Horne Street attached to this email for your consideration and discussion. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Many thanks,

Briana and Michael Hillstrom
63 Horne St
Dover, NH 03820

From: Al Crowe <alcrowe60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2025 2:17 PM
To: Speidel, Marn <M.Speidel@dover.nh.gov>
Cc: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@dover.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: Noise Cameras

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Good Afternoon Lieutenant,
I wanted to pass this along as an alternative solution to the noise camera issue.

I was speaking with my sister about the noise issue here in Dover and mentioned the article I sent to you in September. She said they had had a similar problem with noise in her town of Berwyn, Illinois. They have an ordinance there (attached) that significantly reduced the noise issue.

It would seem to address the issue of using traffic cameras in New Hampshire and at the same time it may be at no cost.

Have a good day!
Al Crowe
27 Whittier St
Dover, NH 03820

On Fri, Sep 12, 2025 at 3:47 PM Speidel, Marn <M.Speidel@dover.nh.gov> wrote:

Mr. and Mrs. Crowe,

Thank you for taking the time to pass this article along and for sharing your concern. I am one of the City staff representatives to the TAC. While the committee as a whole does not correspond outside of public meetings, this article – and your correspondence – will be recognized at its next meeting in November. (The September meeting agenda is already full.)

As a police officer and who has fielded numerous traffic noise complaints, I am intrigued by this article topic and the ability to use such technology for the good of the community. One of the hurdles we may face in this state is that to my knowledge, use of cameras for traffic enforcement is prohibited in almost all cases except for toll collection/evasion. A link to an applicable statute is here: [Section 236:130 Highway Surveillance Prohibited.](#)

In other words, some advocacy at the State level may also be necessary to open the door for these systems in our local community. Still, it would be helpful for the committee to recognize this topic.

Warm regards,

Marn Speidel

Lt. Marn Speidel

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From: Al Crowe <alcrowe60@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 5:15 PM

To: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@dover.nh.gov>

Subject: Noise Cameras

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Good Afternoon,

I saw in a recent Dover Download article that the Transportation Advisory Commission acts as a sounding board for citizen concerns on traffic safety. We have a concern and may have a way to mitigate the problem.

We've lived at the corner of 6th and Whittier for 25 years and this year have noticed a significant increase in both the speeds and noise levels from cars, trucks and motorcycles.

We have no way to measure the sound other than to say that at times with all the windows closed the noise can interrupt a conversation or wake a grand baby from their nap.

I saw the attached article in an Axios newsletter and thought maybe after a couple of hefty fines the extreme noise might be softened.

Thank You!

Al & Pat Crowe

27 Whittier Street

Dover, NH

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Loud-Noise Violations

The City of Berwyn has enacted an ordinance against prohibited noises emitted from a motor vehicle. The ordinance prohibits any person to make, or cause to be made, loud, unnecessary or unusual noises or noises which annoy, disturb, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others in the City. Actions so prohibited include but are not necessarily limited to any motor vehicle on the public way, if the sound generated by the device in the vehicle is clearly audible to a person with normal hearing at a distance greater than 75 feet. (This does not apply to any person participating in a parade or public assembly for which a permit has been obtained pursuant to city ordinances.)

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to \$750. Additionally, the motor vehicle used in this violation will be subject to seizure and impoundment. The owner of record for the vehicle shall be liable to the city for a penalty of \$500, in addition to fees for the towing and storage of the vehicle. Violation of this ordinance can result in fines and penalties paid to the City of Berwyn of up to \$1,250 plus the fees due to the towing company for the towing of the vehicle and daily storage fees.

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Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:22 PM
To: Joyal, Michael <M.Joyal@dover.nh.gov>
Cc: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@dover.nh.gov>
Subject: Atlantic Ave Speeding Issues

Hello,

I've had several constituents reach out regarding speeding vehicles on Atlantic Avenue, and the danger it poses to people walking on that street. Is there any way this can be added to a TAC agenda for review and discussion of potential solutions, such as the flashing signs that indicate a passing vehicle's speed? Or potentially other traffic calming measures such as stationing police there more often?

Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Sincerely,
Robbie

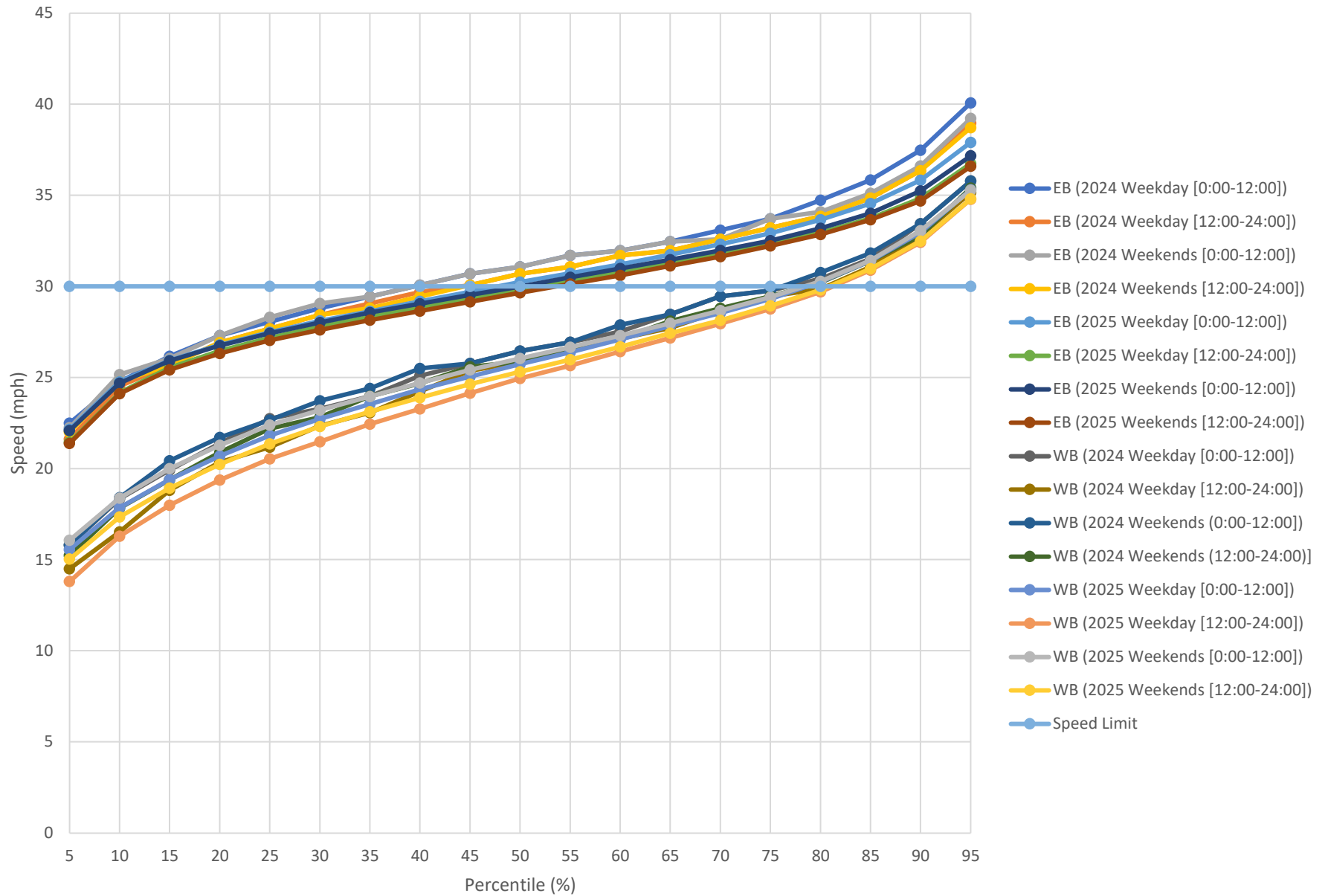
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Atlantic Avenue



From: Matthew M. Shoemaker <mshoemaker@sulloway.com>
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 11:23 AM
To: Speidel, Marn <M.Speidel@doover.nh.gov>
Cc: Colonna, Mark <M.Colonna@doover.nh.gov>; Semprini, Jillian <J.Semprini@doover.nh.gov>; Storer, John <J.Storer@doover.nh.gov>; Benton, Donna <d.benton@doover.nh.gov>; Breault, William <W.Breault@doover.nh.gov>; Terlemezian, David <D.Terlemezian@doover.nh.gov>; Naithan Couse <unifiedpropertiesllc@gmail.com>; Perez, Jennifer <J.Perez@doover.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: 235 Central Ave

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Good Morning Lt. Speidel et al.,

As Naithan indicated, I am his legal counsel. I understand that some or all of you are members of a city committee (although I am not quite clear on what committee that is), so I do understand that there may be limitations on the discussions that may be had via email due to quorum issues.

Your 9/10/25 email to Naithan indicated that several city staff members are aware of the issue and are investigating potential solutions relative to the damage that continues to be caused to Naithan's property by tractor trailers utilizing this public way in violation of the posted signs prohibiting the same. Can you advise as to which staff member or members would be the correct point(s) of contact with whom we could speak regarding potential resolutions? I can certainly send the City of Dover a formal demand letter; however, it seems as though it would be much for efficient and cordial to work together on a resolution to a serious safety issue that impacts both my client and the City of Dover.

We would very much like to reach a timely resolution to this matter given the continued imminent risk to persons and property. In the interim, we kindly request to be added to the agenda for the 11/24 committee meeting just in case a resolution is not reached sooner.

Best regards,



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From: Naithan Couse <unifiedpropertiesllc@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:16 AM

To: Speidel, Marn <M.Speidel@doover.nh.gov>; Matthew M. Shoemaker <mshoemaker@sulloway.com>

Cc: Colonna, Mark <m.colonna@doover.nh.gov>; Semprini, Jillian <J.Semprini@doover.nh.gov>; Storer,

John <J.Storer@doover.nh.gov>; Benton, Donna <d.benton@doover.nh.gov>; Breault, William

<W.Breault@doover.nh.gov>; Terlemezian, David <D.Terlemezian@doover.nh.gov>

Subject: Re: 235 central Ave

Good morning

Just wanted to follow up in regards to my previous email as I sent it on September 10 and still have not received a response. As the city is aware I'm looking to get this situation resolved. I would like to see the city install some bollards or a guard rail along the edge of the road (George Street) to prevent this from issue from continuing. This whole situation could end up being even worse if there was cars parked in the driveway as the cars would've been damaged. Like I've said in the past, I'm more than happy to meet the city out there on site to come up with a plan.

I have CCed my attorney, Matthew Shoemaker on this email.

Thank you
Naithan Couse

On Wed, Sep 10, 2025 at 3:39 PM Naithan Couse <unifiedpropertiesllc@gmail.com> wrote:
Good afternoon

Thank you for your response. I'm happy to hear that many people within the city are aware of this issue. With that being said, I brought this issue to the city's attention multiple months ago. I appreciate the signs that were put up, but clearly that is not solving the problem. Damage to my property continues to occur and I would like a solution to this problem sooner than later. I do not think it is acceptable to ask me to wait until November 24 to figure out a solution to this as it was brought to city's attention multiple months ago. I'm more than happy to meet with the city over there again to figure this out. Can we please find a solution to this immediately before more property damage occurs to my property. As a city knows I just spent a bunch of money to pave the parking area and install granite curving along the road per your request. I've done everything the city has asked me to do. I need the city's help to find a solution to this ASAP. Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to your response.

Naithan Couse

On Wed, Sep 10, 2025 at 2:12 PM Speidel, Marn <M.Speidel@doover.nh.gov> wrote:

Mr. Couse,

You are sending this message to a City committee. Pursuant to NH RSA 91-A, boards and commissions cannot correspond collectively outside of public meetings. The agenda for the committee's next regular meeting on September 22 is already full. Your concern can be added to the agenda of the committee's subsequent meeting, tentatively set for November 24.

In the meantime, several City staff members are aware of your concern and are exploring ways to improve the situation. Signs have already been installed by the City's Facilities, Grounds and Cemeteries Division, which are apparently not catching the attention of truck drivers. Obviously the recent riverfront development in the area is likely contributing to the uptick in tractor trailer combinations attempting to navigate George Street. I appreciate your frustration, and I am sorry the response to your email yesterday wasn't more immediate. All of the City staff members who are appointed to this committee have numerous other duties and responsibilities. I hope we can help address the issue as expediently as possible.

Respectfully,

Marn Speidel

Lt. Marn Speidel

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From: Naithan Couse <unifiedpropertiesllc@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 1:19 PM

To: Naithan Couse <nccouse@icloud.com>

Cc: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@dover.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: 235 central Ave

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Good Afternoon

Just following up to the previous email I sent yesterday morning. Also, I stopped by this morning to check it out and fix the damage and noticed the damage was worse than I originally thought. The truck also damaged the newly paved driveway as well. See attached photos.

Naithan

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 9:36 AM Naithan Couse <nccouse@icloud.com> wrote:

Good morning

Attached please see photos of damage done to my property tractor trailer that came through this morning at 235 central ave. This is been an ongoing issue. You guys put signs up at both end of George Street but the problem is still happening. What is the next steps here?

We had another email chain going, but I appeared to have deleted it and trying to make space in my email. Please feel free to email me back from the previous email chain. Please be sure to email me at unifiedpropertiesllc@gmail.com. Or call me at +16038666453 as I'm looking for a permanent solution here.

Naithan Couse

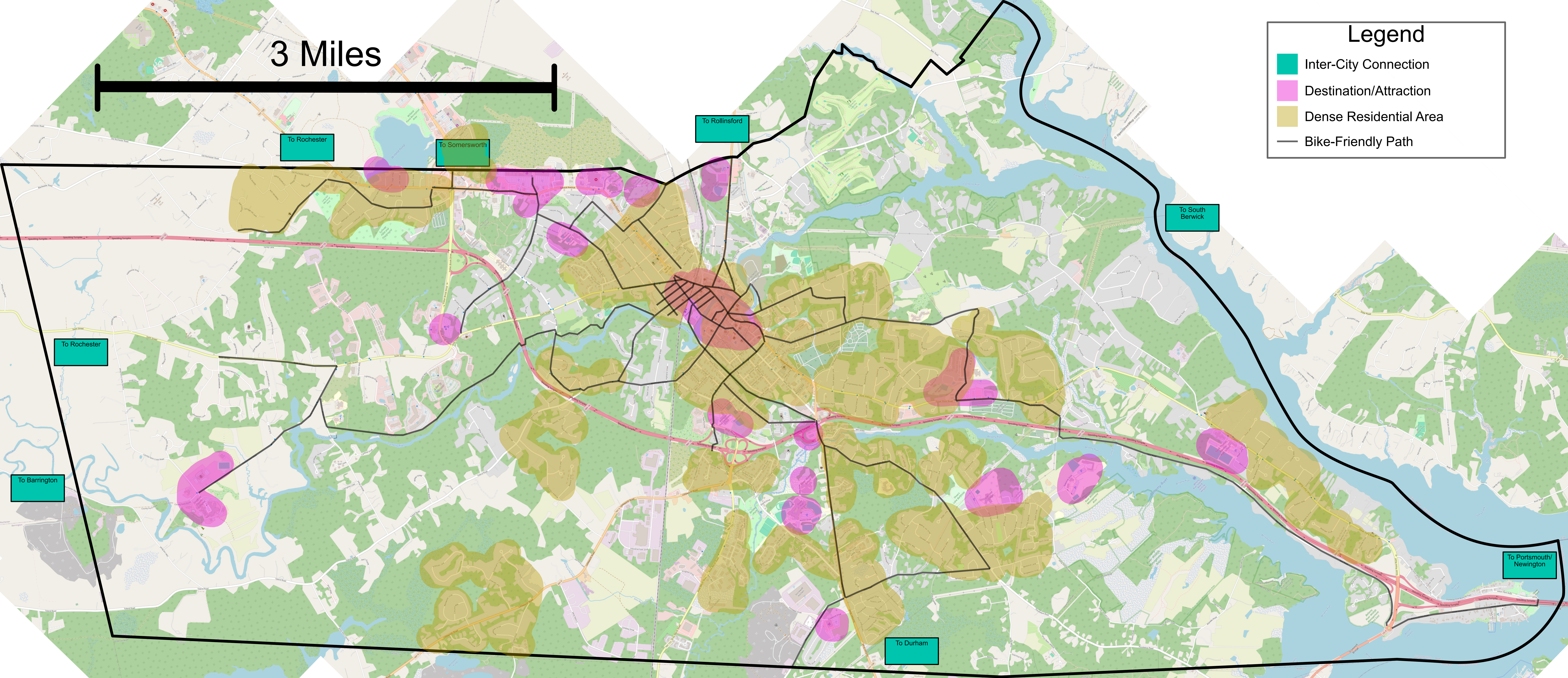
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Legend

- Inter-City Connection
- Destination/Attraction
- Dense Residential Area
- Bike-Friendly Path

From: Lambert, William <William.R.Lambert@dot.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 2:19 PM

To: Terlemezian, David <D.Terlemezian@doher.nh.gov>; Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@doher.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: NH 9 (Littleworth Road) safety concerns reported by abutter

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Thanks for responding, see my responses to your follow-up questions below.

Bill

William R. Lambert, PE
State Highway Safety Administrator
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
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From: Terlemezian, David <D.Terlemezian@doher.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2025 9:20 AM

To: Lambert, William <William.R.Lambert@dot.nh.gov>; Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@doher.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: NH 9 (Littleworth Road) safety concerns reported by abutter

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Good morning-

I'm just looking to clarify a few things. When you ask how Littleworth Road ranks compared to other rural segments of the city, what do you mean? *It is not unusual for highway users to claim that their concern is the biggest safety issue in the state. We used to have a program to verify those claims (and hope to have an updated program for that purpose soon) based on crash data for intersections and segments. Since we lost that resource, we try to get the local*

perspective as to how the subject segment compares to others. For Dover, that might include NH 155 (Knox Marsh Road), NH 108 (Mills Scenic Byway), and Dover Point Road. We will certainly look at NH 9 based on the complaint, but would be curious where the city would place it when compared to other locations. Also, in #3 when you ask about information about bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the segment, do you mean frequency of use of the segment by pedestrians or bicyclists? Yes. Mr. Chase mentioned school bus stops and people walking along the road. He didn't mention anything about bicycles. I'd be curious to know if this is a regular, occasional, or rare bike route. I will work on obtaining crash statistics along with all calls for service in the segment.

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From: Lambert, William <William.R.Lambert@dot.nh.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 2:56 PM
To: Transportation Advisory Commission - All <TransportationAdvisoryCommission-All@dover.nh.gov>
Subject: NH 9 (Littleworth Road) safety concerns reported by abutter

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Good afternoon,

I had a phone conversation today with Guy Chase of 87 Littleworth Road. He reported concerns with speed and safety along NH 9. I have put this on our agenda for a tour of safety concerns in our Highway Maintenance District 6 in December. That review will include staff from our Bureaus of Traffic and Highway Safety, along with personnel from District 6. In advance of that review, it would be helpful to have the local perspective of this segment.

Mr. Chase notes speed concerns from approximately French Cross Road to Knox Marsh Road (NH 155), with particular concern regarding the "sharp curve" west of Crosby Road.

In advance of our review in December, could you kindly respond to the following questions:

1. How does Littleworth Road rank as compared to similar rural segments in the city?
2. Other than the curve west of Crosby Road, are there other specific areas of concern along this segment?

3. Do you have information, even anecdotal, about bicycle and pedestrian traffic along this segment?
4. Is there a common “gist” of crashes along the segment?

Thanks for any information you can provide.

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Knoxmarsh/Littleworth/Bellamy**09/01/2022 - 09/30/2025**

Motor Vehicle Stops	46
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23
Assisting Other Agency	1
Motor Vehicle Disturbances	4
Motor Vehicle Complaints	1
Traffic Hazards	1
Motorist Assist	0
Disabled Motor Vehicle	0
Traffic Complaints	0
Total Calls	76

Littleworth Road - French Cross to Knoxmarsh**09/01/2022 - 09/30/2025**

Motor Vehicle Stops	555
Motor Vehicle Accidents	44
Assisting Other Agency	3
Motor Vehicle Disturbances	8
Motor Vehicle Complaints	3
Traffic Hazards	6
Motorist Assist	2
Disabled Motor Vehicle	1
Traffic Complaints	2
Total Calls	624