



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr.
Chief of Police

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Andrea Fenn, Postmaster
United States Postal Service
133 Washington Street
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Dear Ms. Fenn,

The City of Dover's Transportation Advisory Commission reviews all transportation policy and safety matters affecting the City and serves as a sounding board for citizen traffic, pedestrian, and safety issues.

Door-to-door service of USPS mail on Sixth Street extends only as far north as Hillside Drive. The commission has reviewed a safety concern regarding the placement of rural carrier residential mailboxes on Sixth Street in the area north of Hillside Drive. Sight distance for motorists and for crossing pedestrians is severely limited in this area by both a horizontal curve and the crest of a hill. Residents on the north side of Sixth Street, especially from #91 to #119, face a serious hazard in retrieving their mail.

As you may be aware, when this section of Sixth Street was reconstructed in 2000 the City had deemed it necessary to relocate mailboxes from the north to the south side, so as to provide less impediment to pedestrians traversing the northerly sidewalk. The City still considers the placement of mailboxes on the north side to be less than ideal, especially due to a retaining wall.

Accordingly, as the police department's staff representative to the Transportation Advisory Commission and on behalf of the TAC following the committee's unanimous recommendation made at its July 25, 2011 meeting, I am urging the United States Postal Service to extend door-to-door delivery of mail on Sixth Street beyond Hillside Drive, to a point at or at least approaching Autumn Street. This is a distance of approximately 800 feet and will include an extra 4 to 5 properties on the north side and 9 on the south side.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to your affirmative reply. Please feel free to contact me at (603) 742-4646 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

SGT. MARN E. SPEIDEL
Traffic Bureau

cc: Property owners, 91 - 125 Sixth Street
Councilor Karen Weston, Chairperson, Transportation Advisory Commission