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Public Meeting Announced Regarding Woodbury Avenue Traffic Study

PORTSMOUTH, NH – The Portsmouth Department of Public Works will be holding a public meeting on Monday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Franklin School cafeteria to kick off the Woodbury Avenue traffic study. The study will analyze traffic volumes, accidents, traffic flow, traffic signal warrants, signs, school traffic and pedestrian and bike accommodations on the section of Woodbury Avenue between Rockingham Avenue and Dennett Street.

A major thoroughfare in the City, Woodbury Avenue connects a retail area to the City Center, passing through and serving a large residential area. The study area, less than a quarter mile in length from Rockingham Avenue to Dennett Street, is particularly busy with an interstate highway off-ramp, two US Route 1 Bypass on/off-ramps, the nearby Portsmouth traffic circle, three hotels, a state liquor store and an elementary school. There are also crosswalks across Woodbury Avenue at the Rockingham Avenue and Dennett Street intersections, and seven other crosswalks crossing side streets at their intersections with Woodbury Avenue.

This study is being conducted to analyze the current infrastructure and identify any needed improvements regarding signaling, signage and other traffic control measures to ensure safe and efficient public use of the roadway. Concerns in this area have included delays, heavy traffic volumes and poor sight distances surrounding the Franklin Elementary School and the Route 1 Bypass off-ramps.

Public Works will be holding this meeting to allow the community to voice additional concerns and educate residents on the steps involved in the study process. For more information on the Department of Public Works and ongoing projects, please reference:

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