

**Portsmouth**  
**Parking & Traffic Safety Committee**  
8:00 AM – July 9, 2015  
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley City Council Chambers

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**ON SITE COMMITTEE:** Please meet on Tuesday, July 7th at 8:00 AM in the upper parking lot at City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, to view the following locations:

- Islington Street at White Heron: crosswalk, parking spaces, or bike corral
  - Hanover Street at Fleet Street: crosswalk
  - South Street at Broad Street: crosswalk
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AGENDA

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

**IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

No financial report this month. A summary of fiscal year 2015 will be provided in August.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Request for crosswalk, parking spaces, bike corral on Islington Street at White Heron
- B. Request for safety measures along Elwyn Road
- C. Request for crosswalk on Hanover Street at Fleet Street
- D. Request for crosswalk on South Street at Broad Street
- E. Request to remove NO RIGHT ON RED signs at Middle, Miller, and Summer
- F. Request to remove NO RIGHT ON RED signs at Congress and Maplewood
- G. Request to remove NO RIGHT ON RED signs at Fleet and Congress
- H. Request to remove NO RIGHT ON RED signs at Fleet and State

**VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Request for crosswalk on Marcy Street at Humphrey's Court
- B. Request to improve safety of existing crosswalk on Middle Street at Richards Avenue and Austin Street
- C. Request for crosswalk on Woodbury Avenue at Cottage Street
- D. Crosswalk bump outs near Sanders Market on Marcy Street

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL**

- A. New pay and display parking meters to replace single space parking meters
- B. Diagonal parking suggestions from Rick Chellman
- C. Proposed bicycle / scooter parking ordinance

**ADJOURNMENT**

V.A. Request for crosswalk, parking space, bike corral on Islington Street at White Heron

**From:** [John P. Bohenko](#)  
**To:** [Peter H. Rice](#); [Eric B. Eby](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: White Heron etc  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:28:05 AM

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Fyi  
John

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jonathan Blakeslee <[jonathan@whiteherontea.com](mailto:jonathan@whiteherontea.com)>  
**Date:** June 11, 2015 at 9:12:22 AM EDT  
**To:** Doug Roberts <[doug.roberts@portsmouthnh.com](mailto:doug.roberts@portsmouthnh.com)>  
**Cc:** "John P. Bohenko" <[jpbohenko@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:jpbohenko@cityofportsmouth.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: White Heron etc

Hello Doug and John,

I would be happy to learn more about working with the City of Portsmouth towards getting a crosswalk in place outside White Heron.

Doug's suggestions of a few parking spaces out front and a bike rack are great as well. As a pedestrian and for cars pulling out of our lot, it can be a major challenge. As Doug mentions, traffic speeds up towards the intersection with Bartlett St and cars coming onto Islington from Bartlett tend to whip around the corner.

Beyond White Heron, there are numerous other neighbor businesses that draw walking traffic. It would be great to know that there are measures in place to help pedestrians, cyclists and auto commuters safely navigate the Bartlett/Islington intersection. It would be good for business, for public safety and making the west end feel a bit more "people friendly".

Let me know how I can get involved in this process.

Much appreciated,

Jonathan Blakeslee

Owner/Operator  
Cell# [603-702-1581](tel:603-702-1581)  
Ofc# [877-501-6266](tel:877-501-6266)



On Tue, Jun 9, 2015 at 6:52 PM, Doug Roberts  
<[doug.roberts@portsmouthnh.com](mailto:doug.roberts@portsmouthnh.com)> wrote:

Hi John,

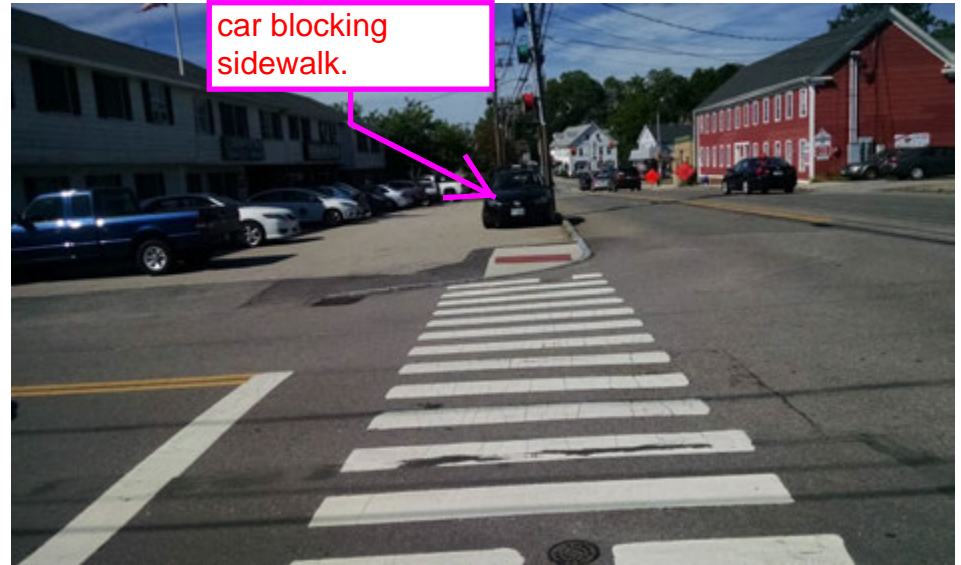
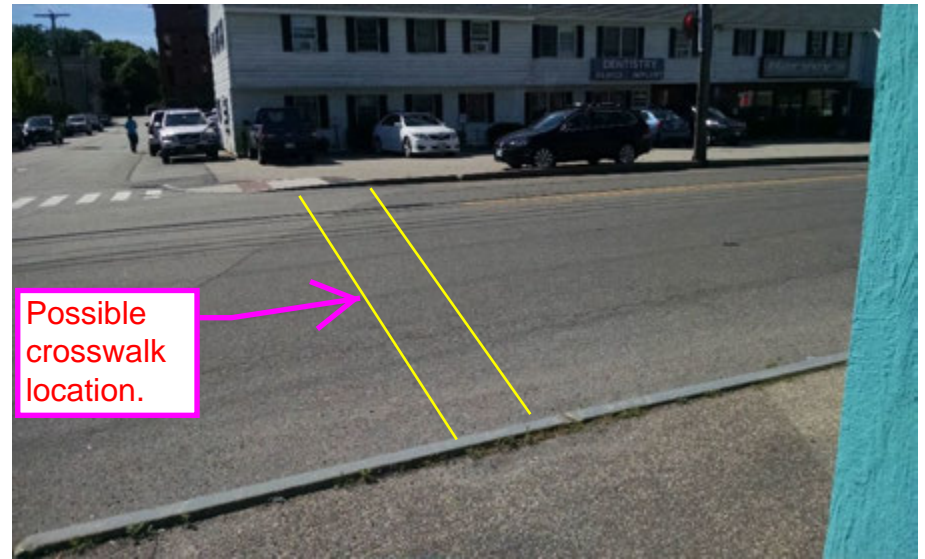
Following up on our conversation about White Heron ... A lot of people cross Islington Street there on the way to the tea and coffee shop. Islington Street is 30 feet wide at that point and increases to about 42 feet near Bartlett. So there's lots of room to go fast.

Jonathan, the owner (cc'd here), said he asked for a crosswalk to S. Albany St., at one point, but it never came to pass. I suggested a couple parking spaces or bollards and a bike corral out front could help his business and increase safety. In any case, 8 a.m. is a good time observe traffic there if the committee or staff want to take a look.

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Doug

V.A. Request for crosswalk, parking spaces, bike corral on Islington Street at White Heron



**V.A. Request for crosswalk, parking space, bike corral on Islington Street at White Heron**



V. B. Request for safety measures along Elwyn Road

**From:** [Peter H. Rice](#)  
**To:** [Eric B. Eby](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Dangerous Elwyn Rd  
**Date:** Friday, June 12, 2015 10:29:28 AM

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FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bradley M. Lown" <[Lown@nhtrialattorneys.com](mailto:Lown@nhtrialattorneys.com)>  
**Date:** June 10, 2015 at 7:56:10 AM EDT  
**To:** Stephen DuBois <[SDubois@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:SDubois@cityofportsmouth.com)>, "Peter H. Rice" <[phrice@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:phrice@cityofportsmouth.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Dangerous Elwyn Rd

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**From:** [fp1\\_fm192@formmail.com](mailto:fp1_fm192@formmail.com) [[mailto:fp1\\_fm192@formmail.com](mailto:fp1_fm192@formmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2015 7:45 PM  
**To:** Copy Sent to City Email Folder; Bob Lister; Eric Spear; Chris Dwyer; Esther Kennedy; Jack Thorsen; Bradley M. Lown; Jim Splaine; Stefany Shaheen; Zelita Morgan  
**Subject:** Dangerous Elwyn Rd

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
Patty Lundgren ([Patty-L@comcast.net](mailto:Patty-L@comcast.net)) on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 18:45:14

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address: 264 Elwyn Rd, Portsmouth, NH 03801

comments: Dear Councilors  
6/8/15

We are asking for your help in making Elwyn Road a safer saner road. This curvy hilly connector road with a rarely followed 25 MPH speed limit, with a high volume of cars going to the beach, Rye and Portsmouth has become ever more dangerous. There are the runners, walkers and bicyclists also trying to navigate the road.

We live at 264 Elwyn Road, ½ mile from Lafayette Road. Our house is on a hill

and sharp curve to the left. 250 and 264 Elwyn Rd (side by side homes) have had multiple accidents involving property damage to our fences, mailbox and telephone pole being knocked down more than once. Last year, a girl took out the fence at 250 Elwyn Rd and landed in our front lawn, stopping by hitting a tree stump instead of our house. Drivers turning off Elwyn Road into Taft or Harding are rear ended by speeding cars. Near misses occur frequently by cars turning from Taft and Harding Road onto Elwyn Road because of the hill and curves and speeding cars.

We are asking you to help us get a safer Elwyn Road. Some ideas are:

1. Frequent police speed enforcement especially on weekends and commuter hours. Volume and speed increase in the summer.
2. "Your speed is" signs like we see on Peverly Hill Road.
3. More speed limit signs and more evenly spaced out on the road in both directions.
4. City traffic study to determine volume and speed of cars and the number and location of accidents on Elwyn Road to pinpoint the more dangerous parts. Look at 250 and 264 Elwyn Rd specifically.
5. More reflective signs or arrows to define the road on dangerous curves.
6. Rye and Portsmouth working together for speed control and speed limits. Rye has 30 MPH posted on Elwyn Road and then it changes to 25 MPH at Portsmouth line. The speed limit should be 25 MPH the entire Elwyn Road.

We appreciate all you do for the city of Portsmouth and would welcome your help.

Patty and Carl Lundgren  
264 Elwyn Road  
Portsmouth, NH 03801  
[Patty-L@comcast.net](mailto:Patty-L@comcast.net)  
Cell ph 828-2782

Engage: Submit

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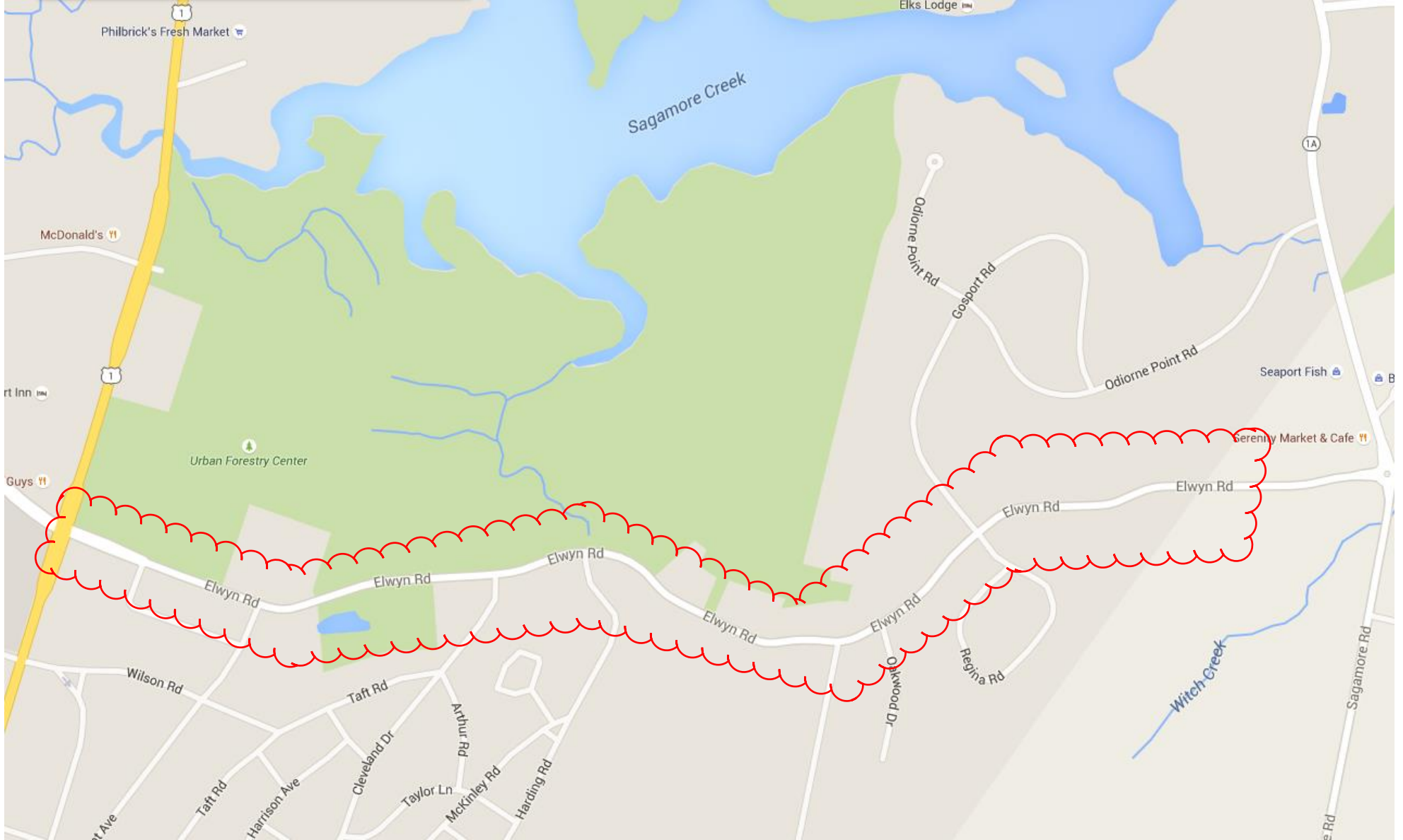
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V. B. Request for safety measures along Elwyn Road





### V.B. Request for Safety Measures on Elwyn Road



## V. C. Request for crosswalk on Hanover Street at Fleet Street

**From:** [Peter H. Rice](#)  
**To:** [Eric B. Eby](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St  
**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2015 7:06:21 AM

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**From:** Dave Desfosses  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 12:11 PM  
**To:** Peter H. Rice  
**Subject:** FW: Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St

FYI

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**From:** Destefano, Barbara [<mailto:Barbara.Destefano@peoples.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** Dave Desfosses  
**Subject:** FW: Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St

*Me again - since our last back & forth,, I have been watching countless people crossing at the Fleet & Hanover St area. They come out of the garage & just cross over not knowing there is a crosswalk down the street. Even people who know about the new Portwalk crossing area still cross where it is most convenient. There is no real good reason why we can not have one at that location too plus it further calms the Hanover St traffic which helps make us a "more walkable city". Thanks!  
Barbara*

*Barbara J DeStefano, AAI, AIS, AINS, CIIP  
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*We appreciate your business! Please consider passing our information on to your family, friends and co-workers if you think that we may be of assistance to them.*

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**From:** Destefano, Barbara  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 12:00 PM  
**To:** 'Dave Desfosses'  
**Cc:** Peter H. Rice; Eric B. Eby; webmaster  
**Subject:** RE: Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St

*Ok - I was afraid that could be the case. That is a great new crosswalk but people are still going to cross @ Fleet because of the Bank & people cutting through our parking lot to get to & from the hotels and the parking garage etc. Thanks! Barbara*

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**From:** Dave Desfosses [<mailto:djdesfosses@cityofportsmouth.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 11:44 AM  
**To:** Destefano, Barbara  
**Cc:** Peter H. Rice; Eric B. Eby; webmaster  
**Subject:** RE: Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St

The crosswalk at Fleet St was temporary and will not be reinstalled. The new crossing at Portwalk is the new crosswalk in this area.

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**From:** Alan Brady **On Behalf Of** webmaster  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:50 AM  
**To:** Dave Desfosses; Eric B. Eby  
**Cc:** Roberta Orsini; Peter H. Rice  
**Subject:** FW: Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St

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**From:** Destefano, Barbara [<mailto:Barbara.Destefano@peoples.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 11, 2015 9:29 AM  
**To:** info  
**Subject:** Public Works - Crosswalk - Hannover St @ Fleet St

*Hello - we previously had a crosswalk on Hanover St to cross over to Fleet St at the Portwalk parking area in front on the NTB Bank. The area was repaved but the crosswalk was not re-done. Many people still cross there so now it is a safety issue. Please bring it back. Thanks!  
Barbara DeStefano, 99 Hanover St.*

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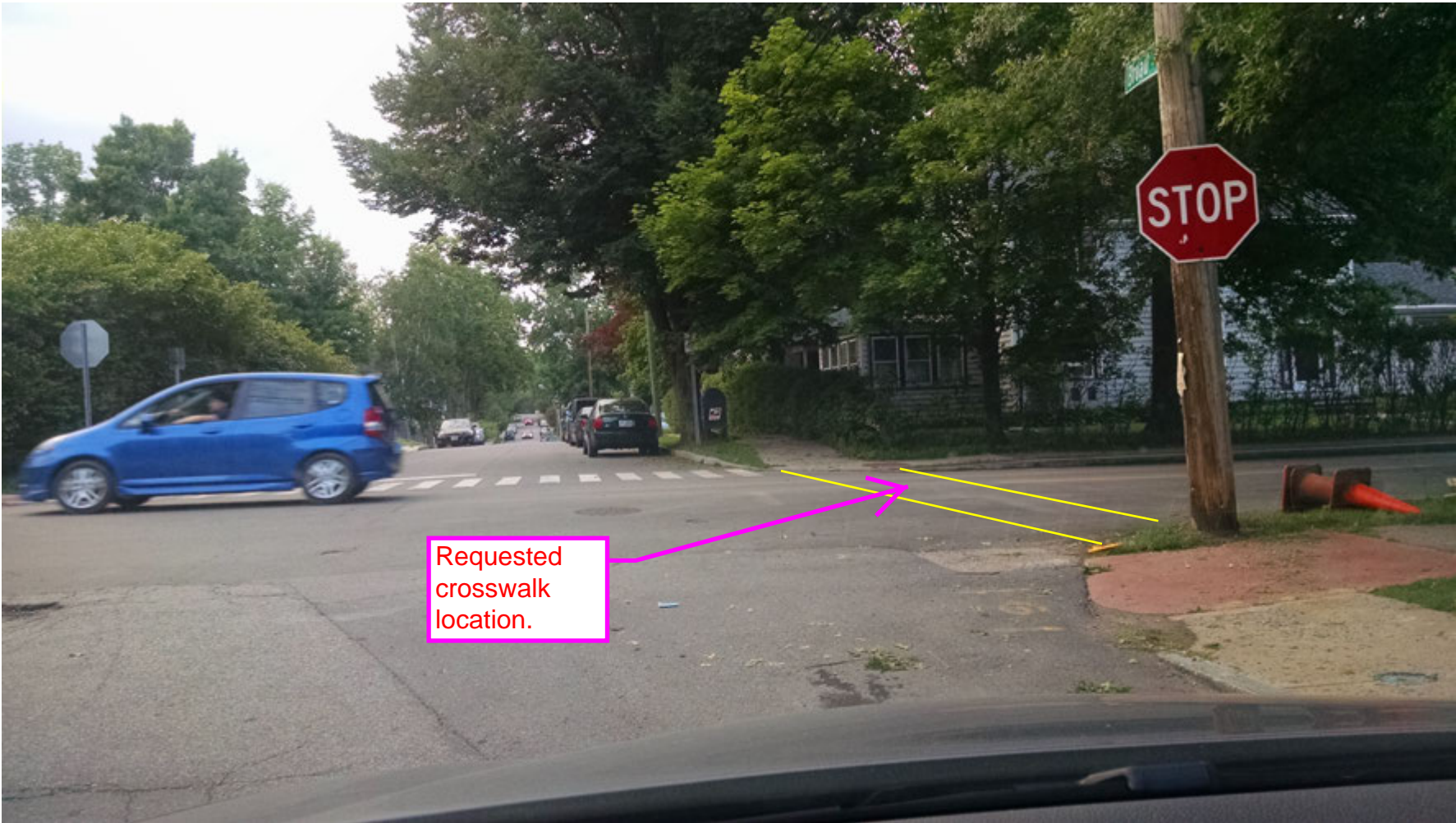
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V. C. Request for crosswalk on Hanover Street at Fleet Street



V. D. Request for crosswalk on South Street and Broad Street



V.D. Request for crosswalk at South and Broad.



V.E. - H. Request to remove NO RIGHT ON RED signs

**From:** [Peter H. Rice](#)  
**To:** [Eric B. Eby](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: crosswalks, right on red  
**Date:** Friday, June 26, 2015 7:29:37 PM

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**From:** [David Mulhern](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2015 9:25 PM  
**To:** [Peter H. Rice](#)  
**Cc:** [Bradley M. Lown](#)

I would also add that the no turn on red signs at the corner of State Street and Fleet Street are unnecessary. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

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On Jun 25, 2015, at 7:09 PM, Peter H. Rice <[pkrice@cityofportsmouth.com](mailto:pkrice@cityofportsmouth.com)> wrote:

Will do.



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On Jun 25, 2015, at 4:52 PM, Bradley M. Lown <[Lown@nhtrialattorneys.com](mailto:Lown@nhtrialattorneys.com)> wrote:

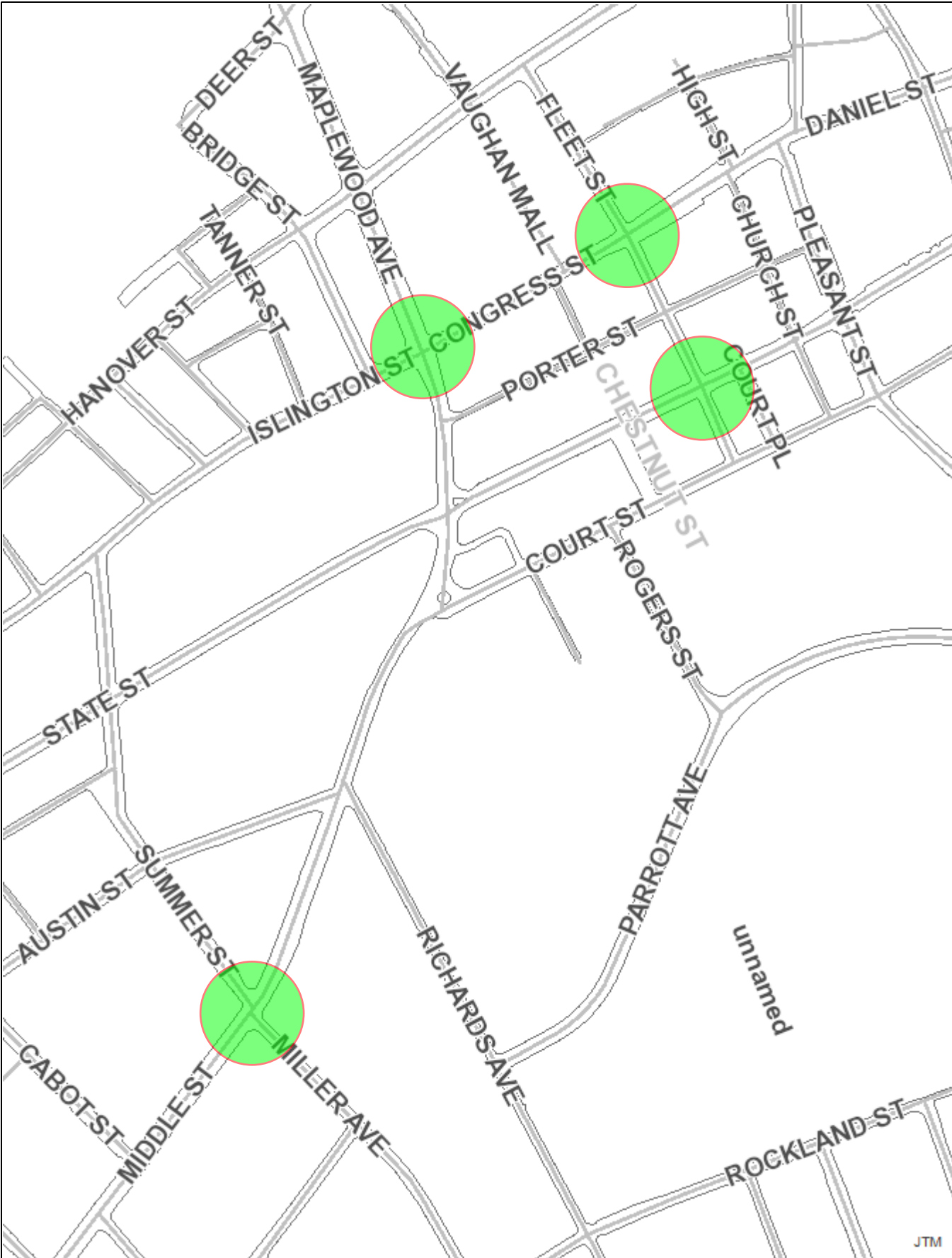
Hi Peter - Dave Mulhearn just took me on a spin around town to point out the following:

1. We need a crosswalk at Broad and South.
2. We should eliminate the “no right on red” signs at Middle and Miller/Summer and Miller
3. We should eliminate the “no right on red” signs at Congress and Maplewood
4. We need a crosswalk at Fleet and Hanover
5. We should eliminate the “no right on red” at Fleet and Congress (going south on Fleet)

I think these all make sense. Can we get these on the agenda and for a sitewalk so the experts can weigh in? Thanks!

**Bradley M. Lown**  
**Coughlin, Rainboth, Murphy and Lown, P.A.**  
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**Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801**  
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V.E.-H. Request to remove NO RIGHT ON RED signs.



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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

FROM: Eric Eby, P.E., Parking and Transportation Engineer

DATE: June 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Humphrey's Court at Marcy Street

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Following up on the request by residents of Humphrey's Court for a crosswalk across Marcy Street, the Parking and Transportation Engineer visited the site and took measurements of sight lines and roadway widths, observed parking, traffic flow and vehicle speeds, and drove the road several times in each direction.

With vehicles allowed to park on Marcy Street at the intersection with Humphrey's Court, the usable width of Marcy Street for two-way traffic is reduced to 19 feet. This is very narrow for two-way traffic, especially considering the volume of trucks that use this route. The parked cars, combined with the horizontal curve in Marcy Street to the east of this location, limits the sight lines for both motorists and pedestrians. No pavement markings are present along this section of Marcy Street.

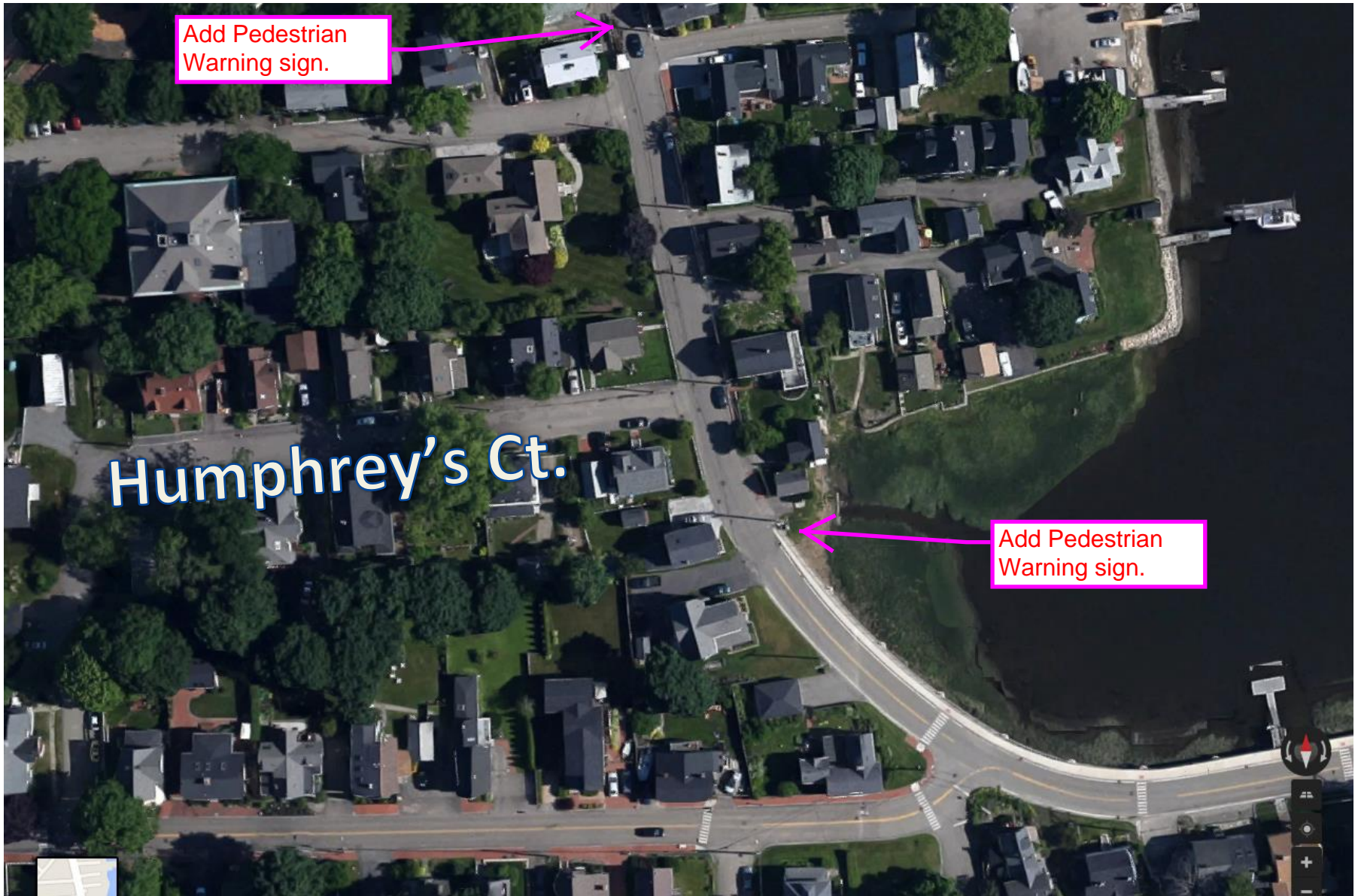
A crosswalk at the Humphrey's Court intersection would require the removal of the parking spaces along Marcy Street as crosswalks must have 20 feet of no parking on either side to provide visibility for pedestrians using the crosswalk. A crosswalk at this location would also require a wheelchair ramp to comply with ADA standards. The sight lines at this location are limited to 100 feet due to the horizontal curve in Marcy Street, which is only sufficient for vehicles traveling at up to 18 mph. For these reasons, a crosswalk is not recommended at this intersection.

A crosswalk at the intersection of Walden Street, with a painted walkway along the side of Marcy Street, was also suggested during the PTS site walk. A crosswalk at this location would not require the removal of any on-street parking spaces, would be able to use the existing wheelchair ramp at the intersection and would have slightly better sight lines. However, the sight line would still be only 150 feet, sufficient for speeds of up to 24 mph. A painted walkway along the west side of Marcy Street would reduce the usable width of the roadway to 14 to 16 feet, insufficient for two-way traffic in this area. In winter, with snowbanks, the width would be even narrower. Therefore, a crosswalk at this location is not recommended, either.

As an alternative to a crosswalk, and to provide motorists with a warning that pedestrians are crossing in this area, it is recommended that diamond shaped pedestrian warning signs be posted in each direction on Marcy Street, prior to the horizontal curve coming from New Castle, and in the area of the South Street intersection approaching from the north.

In addition, it is recommended that the City contract with one of their on-call traffic engineering firms to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the Marcy Street/New Castle Avenue corridor between Sanders Market and the New Castle bridge. The analysis would consider methods to calm traffic speeds and allow for safe pedestrian crossing and bicycle traffic along the corridor, while still allowing for two way traffic and truck and emergency vehicle operations.

VI.A. Request for Crosswalk on Marcy Street at Humphrey's Court.



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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

FROM: Eric Eby, P.E., Parking and Transportation Engineer

DATE: June 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Pedestrian Crossing of Middle Street at Richards Ave. and Austin Street.

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This intersection is included in the Safe Routes to School bicycle lane design project currently underway. While long term improvement measures will be identified in that design effort, it was requested that DPW staff investigate any immediate measures that could be implemented to improve safety in the short term.

Based on a field review of the intersection, it is recommended that new Pedestrian Crossing warning signs that meet current standards for size, color, retroreflectivity and design be installed on each side of Middle Street at the crosswalk, facing traffic on Middle Street. Additional advance warning signs should also be installed on Middle Street. An in-street sign would likely interfere with turning vehicles at the intersection, and is not recommended. A crossing guard was stationed at the intersection for the 2013-2014 school year, but not during the past school year. City staff will review the need for a crossing guard for the coming school year based on several factors including bus routes, school population and walking routes.

Parking along the east side of Middle Street south of the intersection is prohibited for 85 feet, which provides sight lines sufficient for vehicle speeds of up to 30 mph on Middle Street. Removal of more on-street parking spaces is not recommended.

City staff will review the possibility of applying color paint to the pavement between the white stripes of the crosswalk. Possible acceptable colors include red, rust, brown, burgundy, tan, clay or similar earth tone equivalents. In accordance with Federal regulations, the color can not detract from the contrast and visibility of the white lines.

VI.B. Request to improve safety of existing crosswalk on Middle Street at Richards and Austin



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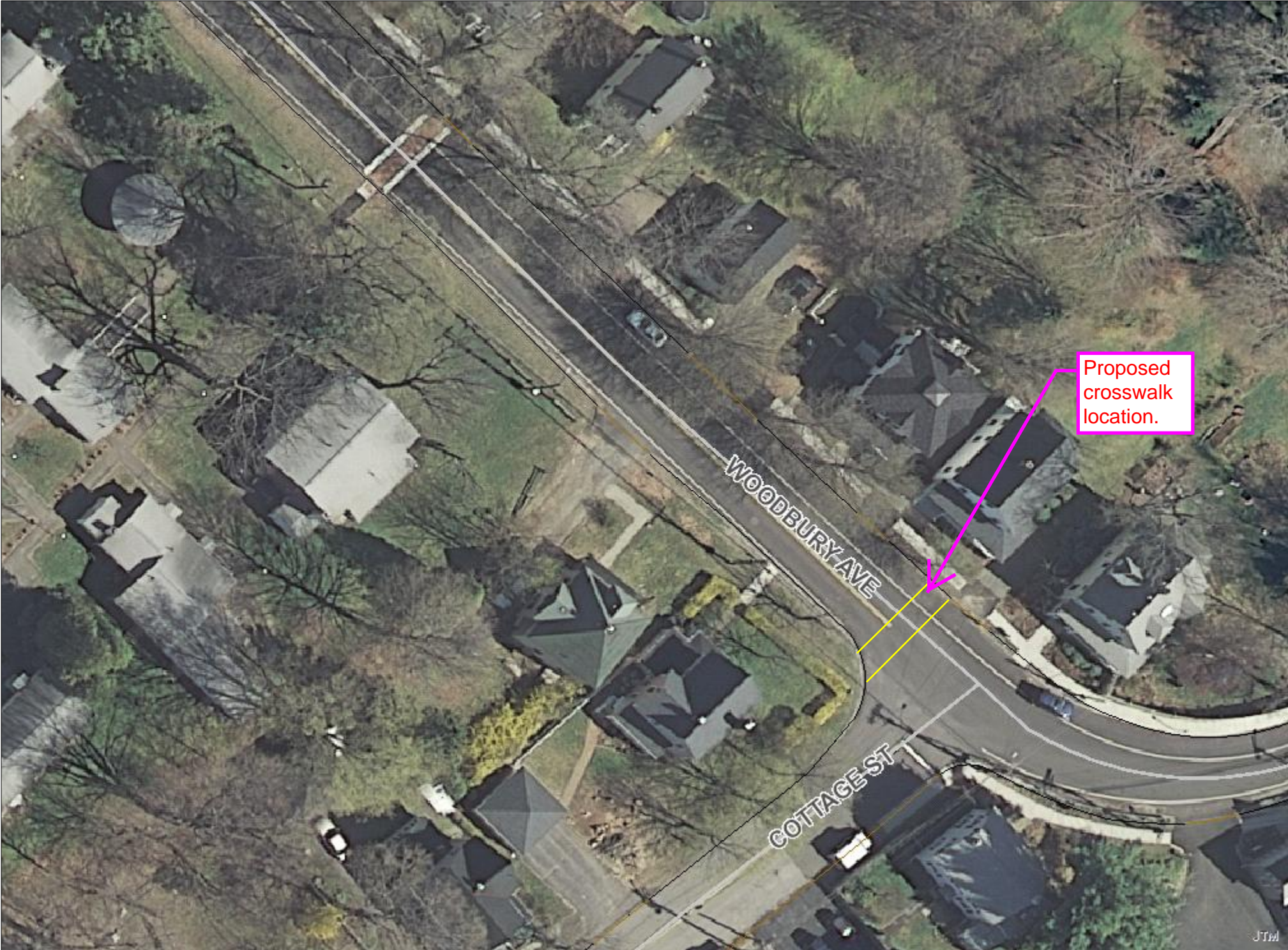
DATE: June 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Pedestrian Crossing of Woodbury Street at Cottage Street.

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Following up on PTS recommendation for further study of this location, DPW staff conducted a field investigation to determine the feasibility and requirements for a crosswalk at this intersection. The curbed area on the north side of Woodbury Avenue between driveways is 31 feet long. The tree is located in the middle, about 15 feet from either driveway. This provides sufficient room to construct the necessary wheelchair ramp next to the driveway located between 83 Woodbury Avenue and 95 Woodbury Avenue and still leave room for a parking space. It is recommended that a crosswalk be installed along with the required wheelchair ramps at each end, when the funding becomes available in the DPW budget.

VI.C. Request for crosswalk on Woodbury Ave at Cottage Street



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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

FROM: Eric Eby, P.E., Parking and Transportation Engineer

DATE: June 29, 2015

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Pedestrian Bump-outs on Marcy Street at South Street.

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The PTS requested that DPW staff determine the feasibility of constructing sidewalk bump-outs on each side of Marcy Street at the Mill Pond bridge in order to provide for a pedestrian crosswalk at this location.

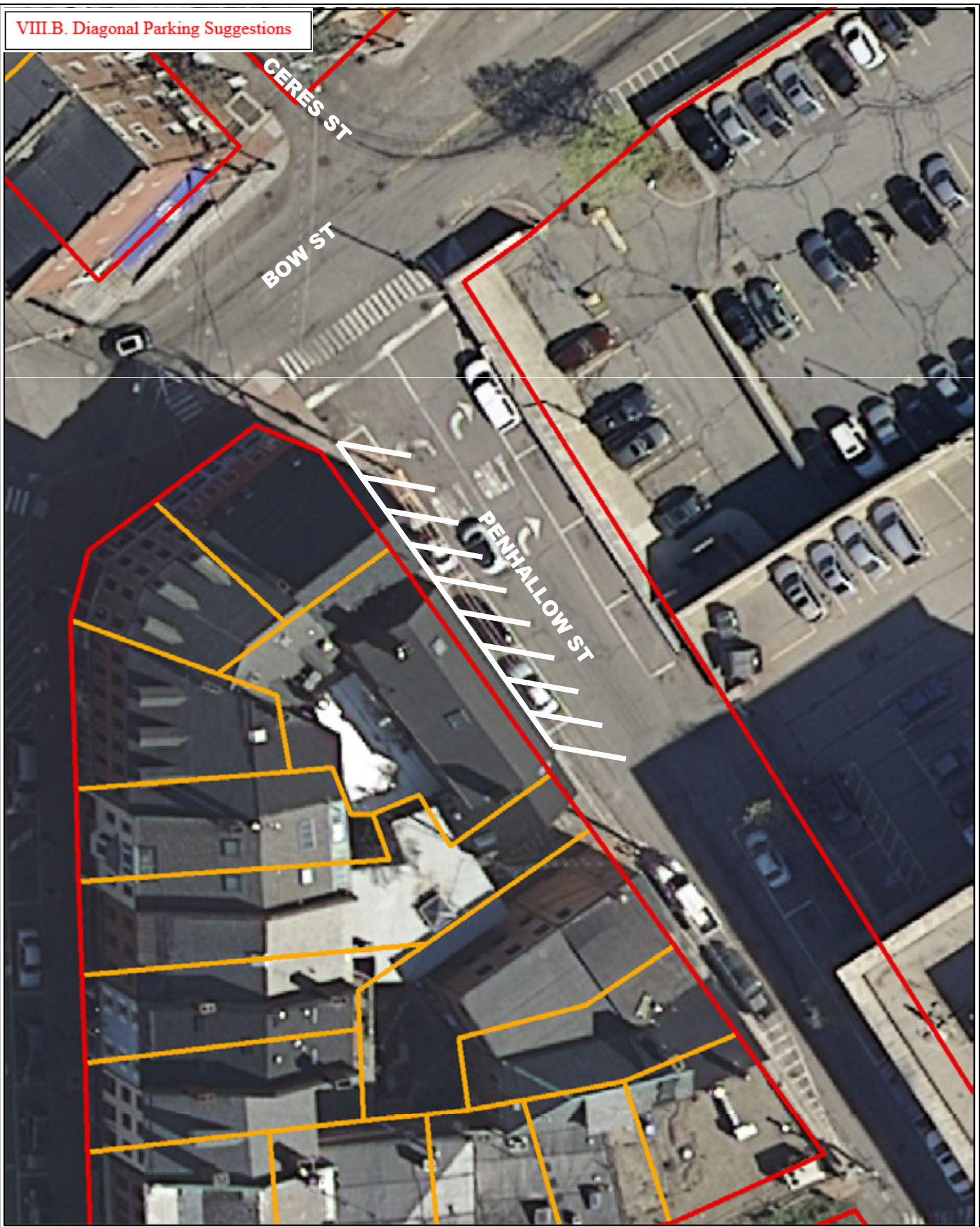
Based on a field investigation, it was determined that the construction of bump-outs would require the loss of three parking spaces or extensive drainage system reconstruction to accommodate the change in storm water patterns that would result from the presence of the bump out. The bump-out would also cause significant problems for snow removal in this area and would likely result in the loss of additional parking spaces during the winter due to the inability to easily clear snow from around the bump-out.

It is recommended that the bump-outs not be constructed and that a pedestrian crossing be reexamined as part of a larger corridor study of the Marcy Street area between Sanders Market and the New Castle Avenue bridge. This study would provide recommendations to address pedestrian crossing concerns throughout this area.

VI.D. Crosswalk bump outs on Marcy Street at South Street



VIII.B. Diagonal Parking Suggestions

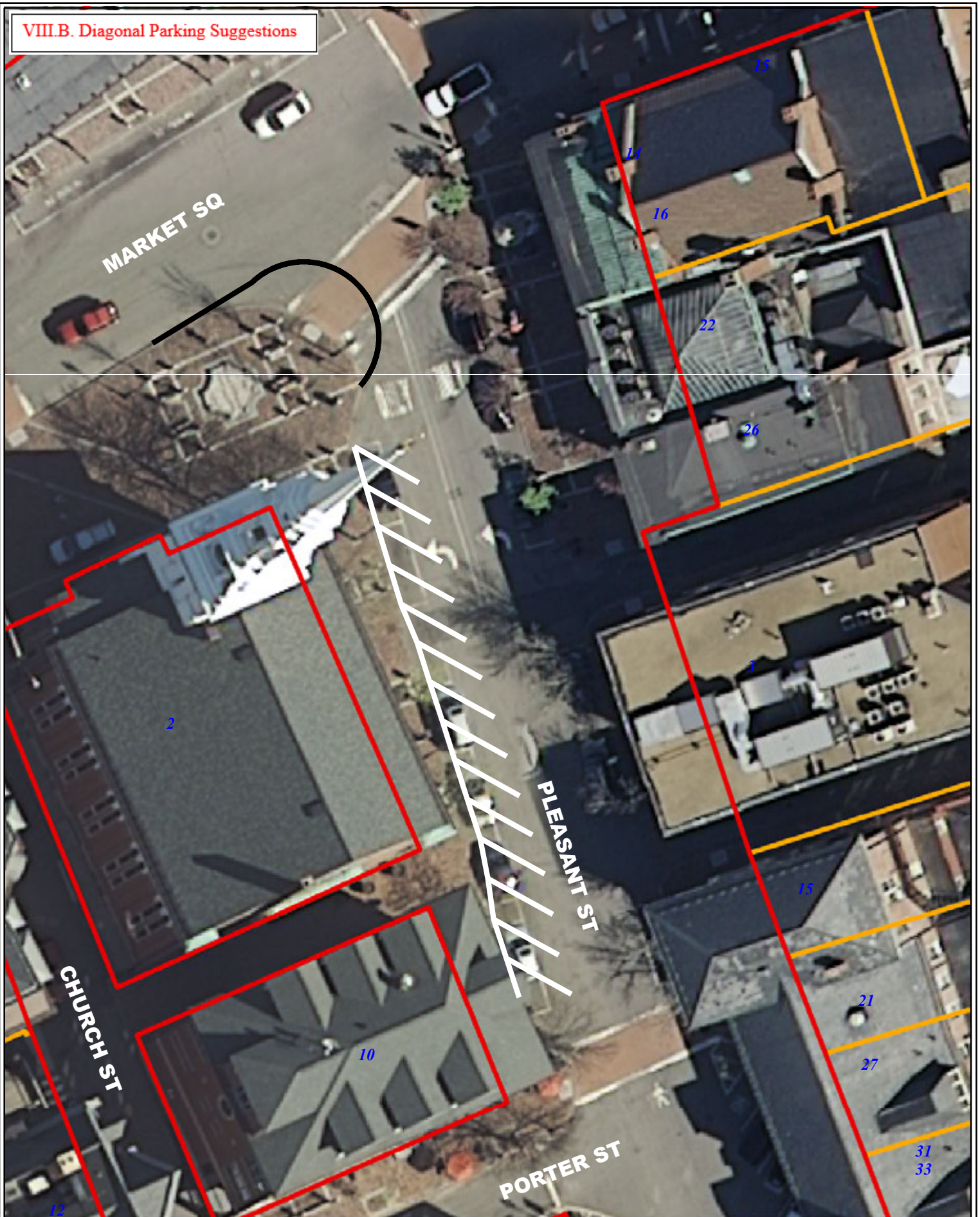


Penhallow St & Bow St



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VIII.B. Diagonal Parking Suggestions



Pleasant St at Market Sq



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1"=30'