

Portsmouth
Parking & Traffic Safety Committee
8:00 AM – October 1, 2015
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley City Council Chambers

ON-SITE COMMITTEE: Please note there will be no site visit this month.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

V. NEW BUSINESS:

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Wilson Road and Coolidge Drive intersection recommendation
- B. Islington Street speed zoning update
- C. Chapter 7 Bicycle ordinance update

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Banfield Road update
- B. Work Session date to discuss Councilor Thorsen's Parking Program memo
- C. Woodbury Avenue Traffic Study presentation

ADJOURNMENT

City of
Portsmouth
Department of Public Works



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

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

DATE: September 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Intersection of Wilson Road and Coolidge Drive

City staff has further examined the potential for short and long-term improvements to the triangular shaped intersection of Wilson Road and Coolidge Drive. Recommendations for both short and long-term measures have been developed as well as the cost and time frame for implementation.

The short-term recommendation consists of changing the traffic flow on the section of roadway in front of 8 Wilson Road and 3 Coolidge Drive from two-way to one-way flow. The one-way flow would be from Wilson Road to Coolidge Drive, as this results in fewer turning movement conflicts at each of the three points of the triangular intersection. To provide traffic control and guidance in front of 3 Coolidge Drive, it is recommended that YIELD signs be posted facing the one-way traffic, back to back with DO NOT ENTER signs facing northbound traffic on Coolidge Drive. ONE-WAY signs should also be mounted atop the sign posts. The drawback to this option is that vehicle speeds will not likely decrease, as vehicles travel the one-way section from Wilson to Coolidge. These signs could be installed in a matter of days, if the PTS decides to approve this recommendation.

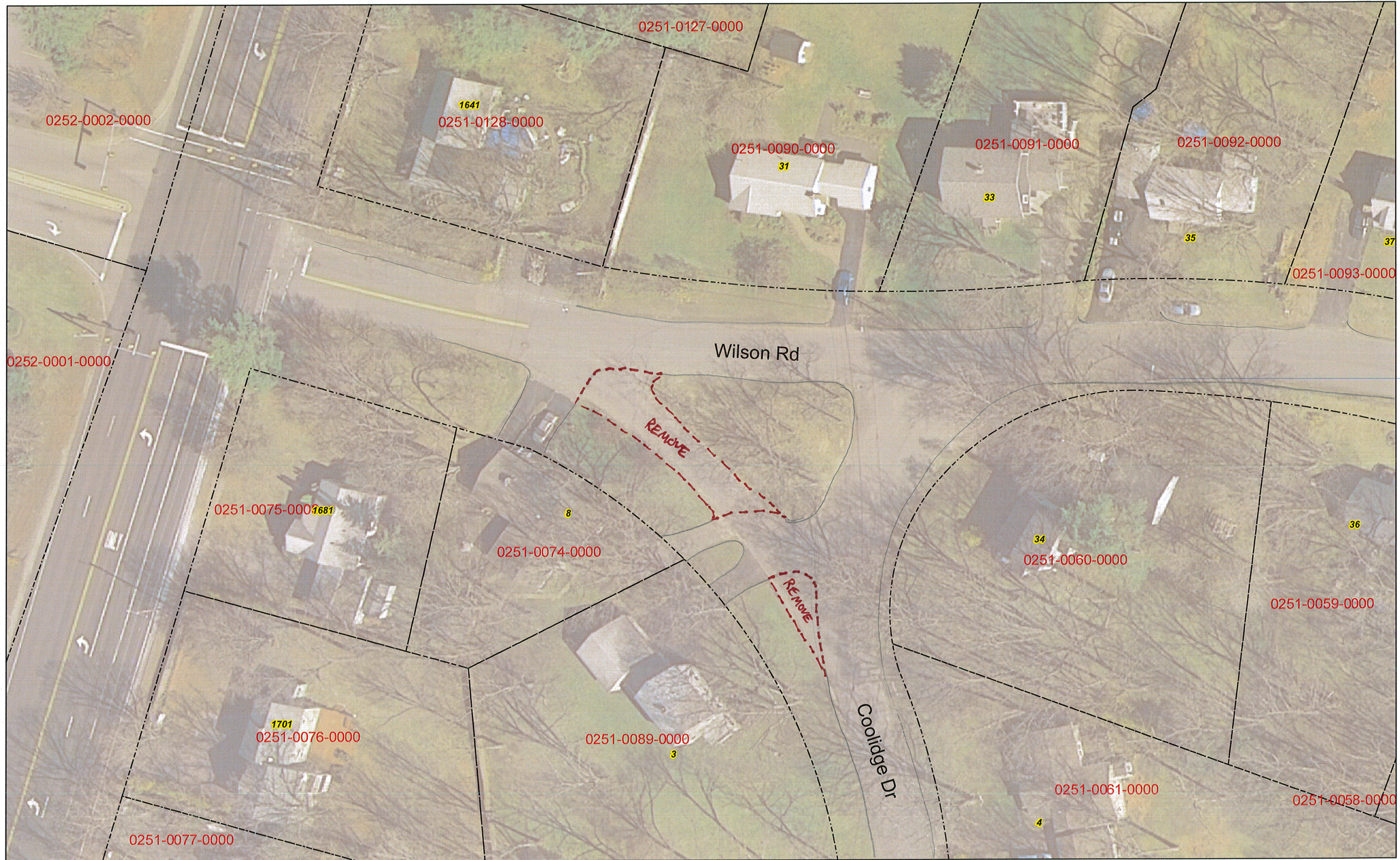
For a long-term solution, it is recommended that the roadway segment in front of 8 Wilson Road and 3 Coolidge Drive be removed and replaced with loam and seed, and trees or vegetation to eliminate traffic using this section of roadway altogether. The driveways from both houses would be extended to meet Wilson Road or Coolidge Drive at close to 90 degree angles. This change would effectively enlarge the existing green space in the middle of the Wilson Road and Coolidge Drive intersection. All traffic would travel through the T intersection of Wilson and Coolidge, thereby reducing the number of vehicle conflict points and reducing vehicle speeds. The estimated cost to construct this change is approximately \$10,000. This improvement could be constructed in the spring of 2016 if the PTS approves this recommendation.

A double yellow centerline and STOP sign on Coolidge Drive at Wilson Road could be included in either the short-term or long-term option.

VI.A. Wilson Road and Coolidge Drive intersection recommendation



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1 inch = 40 feet



CHAPTER 7

VEHICLES, TRAFFIC and PARKING

ARTICLE V: BICYCLE REGULATIONS

~~Section 7.501: LICENSE REQUIRED~~

Commented [JTW1]: Not necessary and not enforceable.

~~From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle propelled by muscular power upon any of the streets or alleys or public highways of the City of Portsmouth without first procuring from the Police Department a license therefor.~~

~~Section 7.502: ISSUANCE OF LICENSES~~

~~The Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to issue licenses which shall be valid for the life of the bicycle.~~

~~Section 7.503: IDENTIFICATION TAGS — RECORD KEPT BY POLICE DEPARTMENT~~

~~The Police Department shall designate and provide identification tags for the use of the license and will direct the manner of placing such tags on the bicycle by the licensee. The Police Department shall keep a record of the name of the licensee, the number of the tag and a description of the bicycle so registered.~~

~~Section 7.504: LICENSE FEES — TRANSFERS~~

~~The license fee to be determined in accordance with Chapter 1, Article XVI or similar wording and said license shall be transferred whenever the ownership of said bicycle is transferred but no fee shall be charged for this transfer. All fees collected under this Ordinance shall be paid by the Police Department into the Treasury of the City of Portsmouth. The license fee may be waived at the discretion of the Police Department.~~

~~Section 7.5015: RIDING ON SIDEWALKS~~

~~No person shall ride or propel any bicycle with wheels of 16" or more in diameter upon any sidewalk in the City of Portsmouth. This shall not prohibit operation of a bicycle on a path that is signed and marked as a designated shared-use path with a minimum width of 8'.~~

~~Section 7.5026: MANNER AND SPEED OF OPERATION~~

~~No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any public way upon a public street, alley or highway except in a prudent and careful manner and at a reasonable rate of speed.~~

Section 7.50~~37~~: EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon any public ~~way, street, alley or highway~~ in the City of Portsmouth unless ~~the said bicycle is the steering, brakes, tires and other required equipment are in safe condition, equipped with a bell or horn (except siren) or other suitable warning device, and a brake in proper working order.~~

Commented [JTW2]: Updated to be consistent with state law

Section 7.50~~48~~: LIGHTS, WHEN REQUIRED

~~It shall be unlawful to ride or propel a bicycle on any street, alley or highway of the City of Portsmouth after darkness unless the same shall be equipped with sufficient light, attached to the front of said bicycle, visible from the front thereof for a distance of not less than 200 feet and properly lighted; no without a tail light, red in color, or in lieu thereof, a reflector attached and visible from the rear for a distance of not less than 200 feet.~~

Commented [JTW3]: Updated to be consistent with state law.

Every bicycle operated upon a public way during darkness shall be equipped with a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of 300 feet in front of the bicycle and with a red reflector on the rear, which shall be visible from a distance of 300 feet to the rear.

Section 7.50~~59~~: OBSERVANCE OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

~~Persons riding bicycles shall observe all traffic signs and signals; shall stop at all stop signs and shall further observe all traffic rules and regulations applicable thereto; shall turn only at intersections and the operator shall signal for all such turns; he/she shall ride at the right hand side of the street, alley or highway; shall pass to the left when passing overtaken vehicles that are slower moving; shall pass to the right upon meeting other vehicles approaching in the opposite direction.~~
Every person riding a bicycle shall have all of the rights and be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under the rules of the road, except as follows:

- A person propelling a bicycle may pass a slower-moving vehicle in the same lane provided such movement can be made with reasonable safety.
- A person propelling a bicycle may pass a stationary or stopped motor vehicle on the right.
- A person propelling a bicycle upon a way at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time and place shall remain on the right portion of the way as far as practicable except when it is unsafe or impractical to do so or where signage or pavement markings are provided which indicate that it is acceptable for bicycles to use the full lane.

Commented [JTW4]: Updated to be consistent with state law and to address shared lane markings.

Section 7.51~~06~~: HANDS ON HANDLEBARS

No person shall operate or propel any bicycle without having at least one of his/her hands upon the handlebars thereof.

Section 7.51407: RIDING ON HANDLEBARS

No person operating or propelling a bicycle having only one saddle shall carry any other person on said bicycle.

Section 7.51208: CLINGING TO VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person while riding or propelling a bicycle to hold onto a moving bus, truck or any other vehicle.

Section 7.51309: RIDING ABREAST ON ROADWAYS

~~No person shall ride or propel a bicycle upon a public street, alley or highway in the City of Portsmouth abreast of any other person so riding or propelling a bicycle.~~

Persons riding bicycles 2 or more abreast on a public way shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on any roadway with two or more lanes clearly marked for traffic, shall ride within a single lane.

Commented [JTW5]: Updated to be consistent with state law.

~~**Section 7.514: TRANSFER OF ASSIGNED IDENTIFICATION TAG**~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to attach or permit to be attached to a vehicle any registration tag assigned and issued by the Police Department to another vehicle.~~

Commented [JTW6]: Not relevant if license requirement removed.

~~**Section 7.515: DEFACING OF IDENTIFICATION TAG**~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person to change, erase, or deface any number or numbers used for the identification of any bicycle.~~

Section 7.5106: UNATTENDED BICYCLES/BICYCLE PARKING

~~All bicycles, when left unattended upon the streets, alleys or highways of the City of Portsmouth shall be parked in the same manner as prescribed for motor vehicles on that street, alley or highway. No bicycle shall be left unattended against or adjacent to any business establishment, building or apartment house in the City.~~

No person shall park a bicycle in a manner that:

- Impedes the flow of motor vehicle traffic on roadways or of pedestrian traffic on crosswalks, sidewalks, and building entrances;
- Prevents operation of a parking meter, parking pay station, traffic control device;
- Hinders or restricts access to handrails or ramps;

Bicycles shall not be parked on public roadways except in an area signed and otherwise designated for bicycle parking.

Bicycles shall not be secured to or parked against a tree.

At no time shall bicycles be secured to a fire hydrant.

At no time shall bicycles be left unattended on private property without the consent of the owner or legal tenant (consent is implied on private commercial property).

Bicycles may park on a public way or on public property for a maximum consecutive time period of 72 hours except in an area signed and otherwise designated for long-term parking.

Section 7.5117: PENALTIES

Upon a conviction of any offense under this ordinance, which alleges that a person has had one or more convictions under this ordinance within five (5) years preceding the date of the subsequent offense, the person shall be subject to the following penalties:

first offense	\$20
second offense	\$40
third and each subsequent offense	\$60

Any fine to which a violator is subject under this ordinance may be paid to the Clerk of Court of the Portsmouth District Court at any time prior to trial in any case charged under this ordinance.

Section 7.5182: APPLICABILITY

The foregoing Ordinances and rules and regulations herein contained shall apply to bicycles with wheels of 16 inches or more in diameter only.