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PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON NH 101A WIDENING PROJECT

NASHUA, NH-3/9/07- The long-awaited roadway project to address traffic, bike and pedestrian needs on NH 101A from Somerset Parkway to the town line has started. The City of Nashua is inviting citizens to voice their opinion on the future of NH 101A at a public information session on April 10th, 6:30 pm, at the NH Community Technical College. Specifically, public input is being sought on a proposal to widen NH 101A to 3 lanes in each direction from Somerset Parkway west to Celina Avenue in Nashua. The goal of this project is to increase vehicular capacity along the corridor while simultaneously enhancing pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit opportunities. The April 10th public information session will provide citizens with an opportunity to view conceptual plans and gain a better understanding of the widening project, as well as provide input and suggestions to project managers.

NH 101A in Nashua provides a critical transportation link to Amherst, Milford, and communities in the western portion of the region, as well as access to the Everett Turnpike and numerous retail, residential, commercial, and industrial developments. Because of its importance, the widening project is critical to address ongoing traffic and safety concerns. The project is currently in the preliminary engineering and environmental phase. This phase will accomplish a number of things. It will analyze potential impacts of the widening on a number of elements, including traffic, noise, air quality, wetlands, water quality, water bodies, historic, and archaeological resources. It will investigate opportunities for improved bus, bicycle, and pedestrian access as well as enhanced aesthetics along the route. It will also prepare preliminary drawings and an environmental report suitable for a Public Hearing to be held towards the end of this year. This phase is scheduled to be complete by Fall 2007 and will be followed by a Final Design phase. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2010 or 2011.

Public Meeting Details:
What—NH 101A Widening Project, Public Information Session
When—Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Time—6:30-8:30 pm
Location—NH Community Technical College, 505 Amherst St, Nashua, Room 150
Who should attend—anyone interested in learning more about the NH 101A Widening Project, no RSVP is required
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