

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

OSSIPEE 10431, X-MGS-NHS-X-T-0271(032)

NH 16/28

February 22, 2017 – Ossipee Town Hall – 6 PM

Ossipee 10431, X-MGS-NHS-X-T-0271(032)- This project will provide improvements at the intersection of NH 28/ NH 16, widen shoulders and improve pavement condition extending northerly approximately 1 mile.

The project will involve replacing and upgrading the signals at the NH 28/ NH 16 intersection, shoulder widening for a segment of NH 16 to match the segments of roadway north and south of the area that were previously improved, and pavement rehabilitation from NH 28 to Polly's Crossing Road. Drainage will be improved, water treatment areas will be constructed, and a remote weather information system (RWIS) station will be installed.

The following decisions are the Department's resolution of issues as a result of testimony presented at the February 22, 2017 Public Hearing and written testimony subsequently submitted. There were no verbal issues presented from Elected Officials or the General Public at the Public Hearing. Issues submitted as written testimony within the ten day comment period are addressed below.

1. Ron Adams (Written testimony) (Hearing Commission Member) suggested construction of a drive on to NH 28 from the Hannaford/ Ocean State Job Lot plaza. He states the traffic would have easier access if they could avoid the NH 16/28 intersection.

Response: The Department acknowledges that the suggestion for a drive from NH 28 to the Hannaford and Ocean State Job Lot plaza could facilitate access for plaza traffic destined for NH 28/ Wolfeboro. However, several significant challenges exist:

- The suggested access point adds conflict in the intersection areas. It is contrary to good Access Management Principles and could be a detriment to safety.
- The parcel has no legal access to NH 28, as the highway has Controlled Access Right of Way (CAROW) acquired in 1958.

-The addition of a drive from NH 28 for this parcel would need to be initiated by the property owner. The owner would need to follow the Department's formal process to acquire the access right through this CAROW, at current fair market value (NHDOT Surplus Property).


- The owner would be required to get all local approvals associated with the newly designed business access point.

-The existing parking lot and vehicle circulation within the lot would need reconfiguration, potentially impacting available parking.

The NHDOT is proposing to reconstruct and modernize the signals at the NH 16 / NH 28 intersection to improve the efficiency and safety of the intersection. The new signals will meet current standards and will provide a separate signal head for the northbound left turn movement, which will provide green arrow or flashing yellow arrow indications and thus improve the safety of this movement. The traffic signal will safely and efficiently facilitate turning movements and traffic from the plaza to NH 16 and NH 28.

The plaza property owners could pursue alterations within their lot, which would improve utilization of the existing driveways on to NH 16 and improve traffic patterns for their patrons. There is the potential to modify the existing main driveway to permit only right turns, while diverting left-turning traffic to the shared drive with abutting business (Irving), which is located further from the NH 28 intersection. These proposals are very conceptual, and would need to be studied by the owner's engineering representative. Re-work of the commercial lot is not considered to be within the scope of this transportation project.

Date: 4/3/17



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