
Congress Street Intersection Modifications

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Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 2:57 PM

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Nell, Jeremiah,

Attached is the proposed plan for the removal of the Valley St signal @ Congress St and the change in pedestrian phasing at St John / Congress St. MMC is submitting this as required by the following condition of MMC's St John St garage...

"15. Prior to issuance of a demolition permit for the Gilman Garage, the applicant shall:

i. Submit a plan for traffic signal changes at Congress Street/St. John Street that would allow for concurrent pedestrian phasing for review and approval by the Department of Public Works. The applicant shall implement such a plan following approval;

ii. Submit a plan for the Congress Street/Valley Street intersection under a traffic signal removal scenario, including recommendations that provide for safe pedestrian movements, for review and approval by the Department of Public Works, and coordinate with MaineDOT on traffic signal removal. The applicant shall implement such a plan following approval. If MaineDOT does not approve of the removal, the applicant shall submit a plan for traffic signal equipment modifications at the Congress Street/Valley Street intersection to allow for concurrent pedestrian phasing at Congress Street/St. John Street for review and approval by the Department of Public Works. The applicant shall implement such a plan following approval; and"

Thank you,

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Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:18 PM

Is there supposed to be some sort of plan for Congress/Valley attached to this, or am I missing something?

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Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:21 PM

Attached is a drawing that supports GP's plan.

Thank you,

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Wed, Nov 6, 2019 at 11:38 AM

Do the three of you have thoughts/concerns about the attached? I know that there is a lot of previous thinking that has gone into this...



Let me know. This relates to a condition of approval that MMC needs to meet before the demo permit for the Gilman garage. At the very least, I think we might want to get some timelines in here?

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Looks good to me.

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All,

- Will we have an issue with regards to the curb extensions?
- The crosswalk markings should be at least 8 feet wide.

Not much else.

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This is the same site plan submitted back in April (dated the 1st notably) that we universally panned that has not been updated in response to our very detailed and pointed comments. It still has Will Conway's stamp (unacceptable) and it doesn't address all four corners of Valley Street which was a major comment of ours. The 2 page memo itself looks good

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On Wed, Nov 6, 2019 at 11:38 AM Helen Donaldson <hcd@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

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Yes! Transportation's Good Here



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Yes on the plan. We have given them some comments on this and will continue to look at it under the Congress Street site plan review, so I'm less concerned about it than about the plan for taking down the signals and reprogramming, etc. I will let them know that the plan is not being approved as a part of the review of this condition.

Jeremiah, assuming you're the one doing most of the coordination with them on the signal work, I'll defer to you. Would a timeline help?

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I am fine with their general plan of signal work. However, I would say that the signal removal should happen AFTER curb extensions are constructed.

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That may put it into 2021. Is that okay?

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Yes. I am concerned about pedestrian safety if we don't reduce those crossing distances.

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To Bruce's point, narrowing up Valley Street should be a priority if at all possible.

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Hi Nell,

Condition 15i:

I concur with others that "the procedure" outlined in the Gorrill-Palmer memo (dated October 25th) represent a solid outline of the steps needed to make the changes as part of **Condition 15 i.** but in no way satisfy the condition of approval. I suggest that the applicant is to submit the actual traffic signal timing and phasing plan (including the required changes to equipment in the signal cabinets and in the field) to accomplish these required changes and be approved prior to satisfying this condition of approval.

Condition 15ii:

The plan for 'lower Congress Street' (dated April 1, 2019) is the same significantly deficient street design plan that we rejected and provided comments on to the applicant approximately 5 months ago. I suggest that a revised plan, too, needs to be fully approved prior to this condition be satisfied, including additional modifications to Valley Street.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Bruce

Helen Donaldson <hcd@portlandmaine.gov>
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Mon, Nov 11, 2019 at 8:46 PM

Thanks, Bruce.

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Mon, Nov 11, 2019 at 8:59 PM

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Al,

Our internal team has now reviewed this and has the following comments:

- The signal removal should not occur until the Congress Street sidewalk/curb extension plan is implemented to avoid safety concerns. Please note this in the procedure you've laid out.
- While the original condition was not specific on this point, we would ask that Gorrill-Palmer develop a traffic signal timing and phasing plan for Congress/St. John (including the required changes to equipment in the signal cabinets and in the field) at this time. This will avoid us having to revisit this condition (or the plan that has been developed to satisfy it - see Step 4) and hopefully save us all some time/headache in the future.
- We can not approve the Congress Street plan at this point. Will has our comments on the curb/sidewalk design in this area, and we are waiting on his revisions.

Let me know if you have questions on this. Otherwise, I'll update the GoogleDoc and wait for additional info from your end.

Thanks, Al.
Nell

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Tue, Nov 12, 2019 at 7:20 AM

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Thanks Nell.

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Hello,

Thank you for the response.

Am I understanding this correctly in that the city would now like the pedestrian crossing revisions prior to the removal of the signal at Valley? If so, I believe this introduces quite a bit of cost and effort down at St. John/Congress due to the lack of capacity.

If my understanding is accurate, can we meet as a group to discuss this further before having GP do any more work?

Best regards,

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Good Morning Dominic,

It is the City's opinion that removal of the traffic signal prior to enhancing the pedestrian environment to cross a wide and busy arterial is a must. The traffic signal itself has likely been unwarranted for a very long time - delay in its removal of several months is not a problem. All we need to know is the schedule to accomplish the pedestrian enhancements, followed by signal removal.

Thank you,
Jeremiah

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Hello,

I suspected these activities would essentially be happening at the same time, but had understood that the signal needed to come down first to make room in the control box for the alterations required for the pedestrian signal modifications desired. Is this accurate and we are saying the same thing? I am not a specialist in this technology.

Best regards,

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This is correct. But keeping the exclusive ped phase at St. John longer is preferable to having no ped modifications at Valley.

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 7:58 PM -0500 from Gagnon, Dominic <Dominic.Gagnon@colliers.com>:

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Nell,

Attached is a revised plan for the City's consideration. Please let us know if we've missed something.

Al

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Al,

Just looking at this now. Did you intend to attach the timing/phasing plan?

Nell

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