



Michael J. Bobinsky  
Director of Public Services

April 10, 2014

Anne Pringle, President,  
Western Promenade Neighborhood Association  
44 Neal Street  
Portland, Maine 04102

Dear Anne:

Thank you for your letter dated January 31, 2013 where the Western Promenade Neighborhood Association (WPNA) requested an in-house traffic street analysis of the one-ways on Bramhall between Chadwick Street and West Street, and the block of Chadwick Street between Bramhall Street and West Street. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding formally to you and the WPNA regarding this request.

While I had not responded formally, I had asked our Transportation Engineer to begin preliminary evaluation of the current conditions and determine possible options or constraints by converting these street segments from one-way to two-way streets. This initial review has led us to submit an FY15 CIP project request addressing curbing modifications on these streets to improve the alignment to allow for two-way directions.

Additional evaluation and engineering is needed to fully address the changes but initial assessment seems promising. While other project priorities has led us to delay further analysis and to wait for the outcome of the CIP funding process, I am supportive of changing these street directions from one-way to two-way to improve traffic flow and reduce driver confusion while enhancing pedestrian safety. The recent work our Department did to improve the proper turning lanes into the MMC Parking lot off of Chadwick Street is helpful but we understand that more improvement should be considered. Certainly, our additional analysis will involve abutters, Maine Medical Center, the Police and Fire Departments and the District Councilor to ensure our evaluation is complete and support exists for making this further change.

I anticipate our in-house assessment analysis will be complete by mid- to late summer 2014; assuming the analysis supports our initial assumptions, the actual construction of the modifications (intersection/curbing changes, signage, etc.) will be driven by available

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funding. Scheduling the actual construction work will occur after a funding source is determined. Cost is estimated to be in the \$30,000 range.

Thank you in advance for your interest in improving the traffic circulation within the Western Promenade neighborhood area. I appreciate your patience, and we look to consider additional improvements on Chadwick and Bramhall beyond the lane markings we installed on Chadwick Street.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Bobinsky'.

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