

**PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**CONFERENCE ROOM A**  
CITY HALL, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 1 JUNKINS AVENUE

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(See below for more details)\**

**8:30 AM**

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ATTENDANCE**

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (15 MINUTES)**

This is the time for all comments on any of the agenda items or non-agenda items.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

*(No public comment during Committee discussion without Committee approval.)*

- A.** Woodbury Avenue, request for RRFB at Woodbury Manor crosswalk, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for evaluation and report back.**
- B.** South Street, request for DO NOT BLOCK box at driveway to 169 Lafayette Road, by resident. **Sample Motion: Move to install DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY sign on South Street outbound at driveway.**
- C.** Maplewood Avenue, request to slow traffic at Prospect Street, by resident. **Sample Motion: Refer to staff for evaluation and report back.**
- D.** State Street, request to move 15-minute space from 148 State Street to 121 State Street, by building owner. **Sample Motion: Move to refer to staff for evaluation and report back.**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** Daniel Street, request for 15-minute spaces at #22 Daniel Street, by business owner. **Sample Motion1: Move to approve two 15-minute spaces in front of #22 Daniel Street. Sample Motion 2: Move to change three existing 15-minute spaces on south side of Daniel Street to regular Zone A spaces.**
- B.** Harding Road, report back on speed study. **Sample Motion: Move to place on file.**
- C.** Market Street, request for crosswalk between Deer Street and Hanover Street, by business owner. **Sample Motion: Move to place on file.**
- D.** Little Harbor Road, report back on speed study. **Sample Motion: Move to place on file.**

- E. Pannaway Manor, request for speed tables, by resident. Report back on speed study.  
**Sample Motion: Move to place on file.**

**VIII. INFORMATIONAL**

- A. Monthly Accident Report from Police
- B. Middle Road RRFB installation

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. NHDOT Route 1 Improvement Project, Public Advisory Committee representative

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

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City of Portsmouth

Parking Related Revenues

**Unaudited**

<b>Percentage of Fiscal Year Complete</b> <b>100.00%</b>
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Preliminary  
Totals Thru  
June 30, 2022

	Total	Budgeted	% of Budget
FY 22			
Parking Meter Fees	3,769,231.45	2,783,750.00	135%
Meter Space Rental	258,935.00	150,000.00	173%
Meter In Vehicle	21,680.00	50,000.00	43%
EV Charging Stations	10,623.98	5,500.00	193%
Parking-Area Service Agreements	48,900.00	-	
High Hanover Transient	2,549,787.45	2,456,500.00	104%
High Hanover Passes	1,304,841.45	1,377,900.00	95%
Foundry Place Transient	327,813.04	207,650.00	158%
Foundry Place Passes	393,844.41	333,600.00	118%
Parking Sign Permit	-	-	
HH Pass Reinstatement	1,240.97	500.00	248%
Foundry Pass Reinstatement	1,775.01	500.00	355%
Parking Violations	980,873.50	600,000.00	163%
Immobilization Administration Fee	5,614.00	5,000.00	112%
Summons Admin Fee	-	-	
<b>Total FY 22</b>	<b>9,675,160.26</b>	<b>7,970,900.00</b>	<b>121%</b>

<b>III.</b>
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	<b>BUDGETED</b> <b>5,558,595.00</b> <b>2,412,305.00</b>
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70% Transfer to Parking Fund  
30% Funds Remaining in Gen Fund

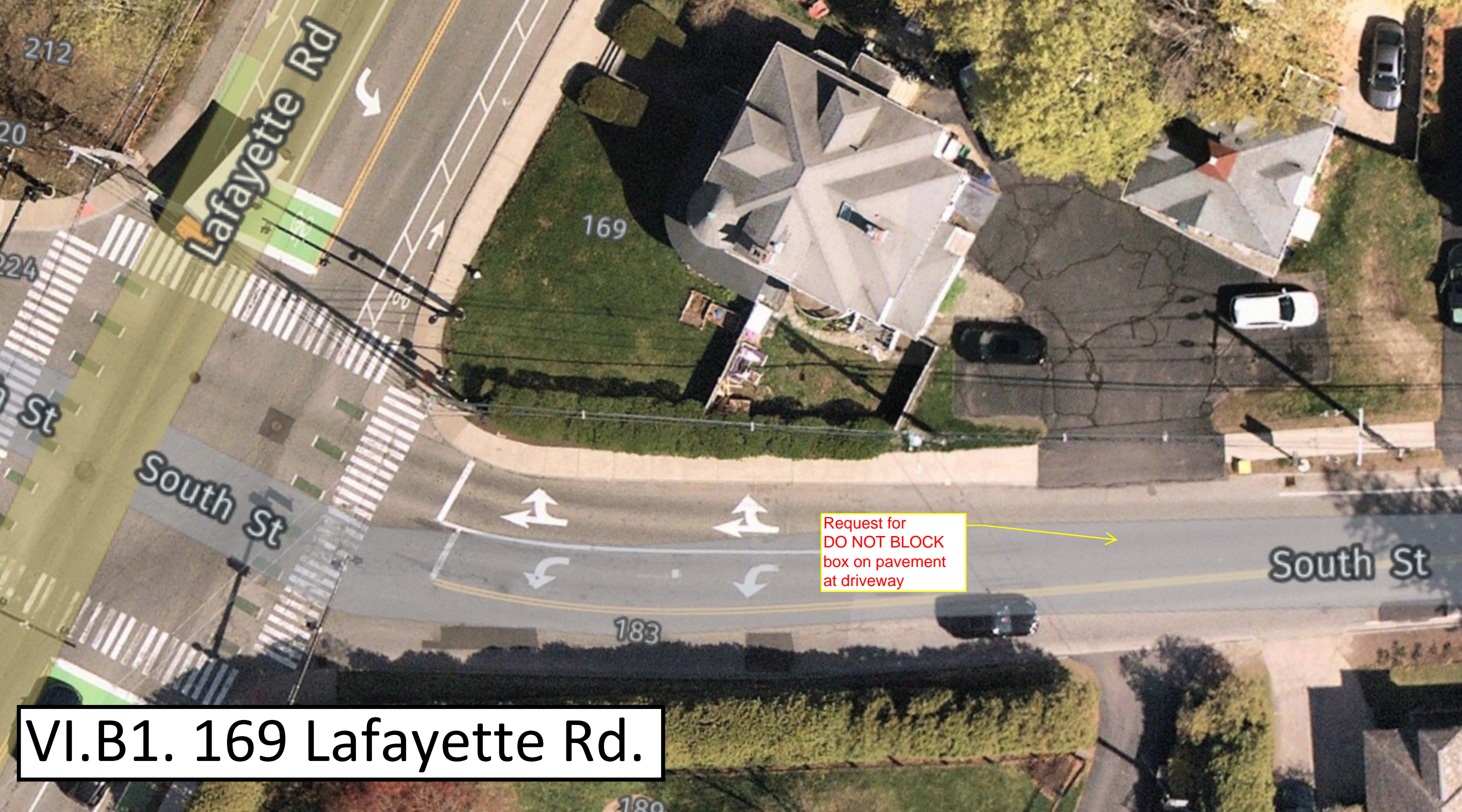




Request for RRFB at this crosswalk.

# VI.A. Woodbury Manor





Request for  
DO NOT BLOCK  
box on pavement  
at driveway

VI.B1. 169 Lafayette Rd.



**Thomas Stephen McCarthy**  
**1253 South Street**  
**Portsmouth, NH 03801**  
**Office 978-255-4830 - 617-276-7675**  
**Email: smccarthy@justicema.com**

July 18, 2022

Peter Rice  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
680 Peverly Hill Rd.  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Thank you and a favor question please

Dear Peter,

Recently, the city resurfaced and paved South St. and my home is situated directly on the street. What a marked improvement to be sure. We appreciate the effort very much.

Our property, technically 169 Lafayette Rd has its curb cut on South St and there are two homes located on the property, one large Victorian with two condos and my Carriage House. The driveway is a "double wide" curb cut as it services three families.

I have included an aerial photo which illustrates the area best for you to look at.

What I want to ask you for is one of those "X" boxes that designates the painted line box as an area not to block as you have elsewhere in the city. For example at the intersection of Middle & Court Sts., as well as Lafayette Rd and what I call "Ledgewood Dr."

In our case, this driveway services three active families and their guests. The potential for a serious rear and crash is particularly enhanced by the driveway being in such close proximity to the intersection of Lafayette & South (Ward's Corner). I have owned this home for some twenty-six years now and have had too many close calls with East bound traffic not noticing our turn signals flashing and ending up locking up the brakes to avoid collision. The traffic, especially east bound does not travel at 20 MPH as I personally have say in my driveway with a radar and measured speeds and know all too well that the speeds are much more.

The West bound traffic causes a blockage to enter or exit the driveway all too often and when any of us are traveling East bound we cause a back up through the whole intersection of Lafayette & South until such time as West bound traffic flows through the light and someone yields to a turning car. At peak times it can be extremely dangerous not to the owners of our homes but to the lives and safety of the motoring public traveling on the road as well.

Any reasonable person can see the compelling argument for such a traffic aid such as I ask you for here. The potential for serious collisions are now more real than ever in the post Covid climate with all the people using this major thoroughfare again.

**VI.B2. 169 Lafayette Rd.**



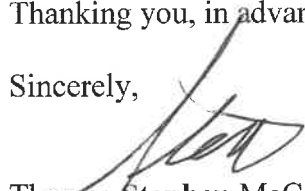
Vehicular traffic on South St. with the plethora of dump trucks and large commercial vehicles also presents issues as those vehicles cannot stop on a dime. I feel it is in the city's best interest as well as ours to consider my request please.

Let me reiterate that we are not looking for some "*special accommodation*" here. We are looking to use a common sense approach to a problem that exists and that is causing many real problems with egress and to eliminate a potential crash which is inevitable and wholly foreseeable.

We seek to ask you to review this and perhaps talk to me informally Peter please.

Thanking you, in advance, for your time and anticipated cooperation, I remain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Thomas **Stephen** McCarthy, Esq.





# VI.C1. Maplewood Ave.



# VI.C2. Maplewood Ave.

**From:** [Dan Freund](#)  
**To:** [Eric B. Eby](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Maplewood Ave Exit Ramp  
**Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022 10:43:45 AM

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Eric,

I'm still seeking your attention to the intersection at Maplewood and Prospect. In the past week, there has been evidence of an accident with a shattered headlight in the street. As I mentioned in my email to you on June 20th, I was nearly struck by vehicles that proceeded through the exit ramp intersection at speed. At the August 13, 2015 Traffic Safety meeting, a vote was taken to address the intersection. That action was never taken. With the construction currently taking place and the increased traffic that will occur as a result of new occupation on Prospect St, I am concerned that you have not adequately addressed this issue. I would like to see two things from you.

- 1: Signage on Walker St alerting traffic to the presence of children at play
- 2: Adequate effort to slow the traffic coming from the exit ramp and from over the bridge through the blind intersection at Maplewood and Prospect St.

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**Dan Freund**  
Video Producer

[www.myfrienddan.com](http://www.myfrienddan.com)

m: 603-817-0161

On Mon, Jun 20, 2022 at 1:26 PM Dan Freund <[hey@myfrienddan.com](mailto:hey@myfrienddan.com)> wrote:

Hello Eric,

I'm writing to request your attention to the Maplewood Ave exit ramp. This morning as I was nearly struck by a vehicle speeding through the stop sign trying to beat traffic approaching from the bridge. With the speed bumps further up the road, I'm sure there can finally be a solution. Additionally, with all the construction happening on Prospect St and the inevitable addition of tenants/residents to the street, I'd like to see some signage warning the presence of kids to vehicles approaching up Walker street. I know we've visited these issues before, but more can be done to make this street/intersection safer yet.

Regards,

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Requested  
15-minute space

Existing  
15-minute spaces

VI.D1. State St.

[Redacted]



## VI.D2. State St.

Mark M. Bodi

121 State St.

Portsmouth, NH 03801

July 25, 2022

Parking and Traffic Safety Committee

C/O

Benjamin Fletcher

Director of Parking

City of Portsmouth

680 Peverly Hill Road

Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Relocation of one (1) 15-minute parking to 121 State S. from 148 State St.

Dear Mr. Fletcher and Members of the Committee,

I write to request consideration of a change to city ordinance, **7.326: Limited Parking – Fifteen Minutes**, which would permit the relocation of parking meter #69, currently located at 148 State Street, across the street diagonally to 121 State St.

Background:

I am the owner of the building on 121 State St. My lessee, Byrne & Carlson Chocolates, occupies the ground-level retail space at this address. Byrne & Carlson is the longest continuing owned retail business on State Street and among the most established family businesses in the city. Unfortunately, the pandemic, its collateral issues, and the reconfiguration of parking on lower state streets have threatened this small but treasured, nationally acclaimed chocolatier.

Several other factors have precipitated this request, including;

- Increased new building, business, and condominium density on lower State Street, most of which have minimal parking availability for their owners and renters.
- The elimination of 14 parking spaces for seasonal restaurant use on lower



State St. (2 of which are on the corner of State and Chapel St.).

- The day-long occupation of lower State St. parking by long-term construction vehicles.
- The elimination of 2 traditional parking spaces to create a “deliveries only” area in front of School House Day Care and Domo Restaurant.

#### The Basis for this Request

Currently, there are two 15- minute parking meters fronting what was formally Portsmouth Provisions located at 148 State St. and steps away from Googie’s Sub Shop. These parking spaces are most readily accessible only to traffic traveling on the right side of State Street.

Portsmouth Provisions, which once was open daily until 11 pm, has been closed for many months. Although it may reopen some time in the future, there is no indication of when or if that might occur. Googie’s Sub shop is open only until 4 pm. These two 15- minute parking meters are less utilized than ever before.

Given all the changes that have taken place regarding the parking dynamics in the lower State Street area, it seems reasonable to request the relocation of one of the 15-minute parking meters just across the street to the 121-State street area.

In addition, a relocated 15-minute parking meter near 121 State street would also be available for customers picking up evening take-out food at the soon-to-be-opened and expanded, Soul Restaurant immediately adjacent to Byrne & Carlson. This meter would mitigate the frequency of take-out food pick-up "double-parking", which, when it occurs on this lower part of State St., is dangerous for pedestrians and other vehicles trying to maneuver around them.

The relocation of one meter would also be highly beneficial during the winter months when piling snow (before after storm downtown clean-up) exacerbates parking issues and hazards.

**Significantly, this proposed relocation would not increase the number of 15-minute parking meters in the city, nor would it eliminate one from the immediate vicinity.**

This letter is submitted with the understanding that parking in our city is a significant challenge and often emotionally charged. Competing parking constituencies and interests are undoubtedly complex, and I know it is impossible to satisfy everybody. I know you are all doing your best to manage towards the “greatest good for the greatest number.”

In closing, however, I would note that this request does not seek to find “our gain in the loss of others.” We believe and hope you will also) that this proposed relocation allows for a reasonable balancing of interests and is a small parking re-calibration without materially altering the parking situation on lower State St.

Thank you for considering this request and for your service to our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark M. Bodi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

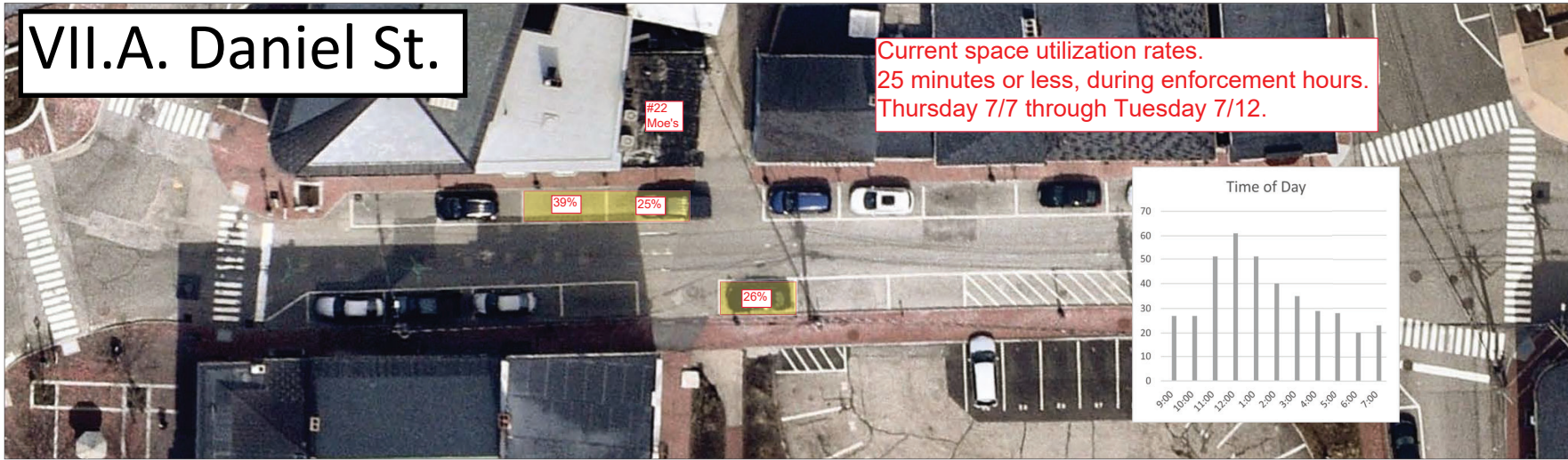
Mark M. Bodi

Mark M. Bodi | [m.bodi@icloud.com](mailto:m.bodi@icloud.com) | 603.440.8339 | 121 State Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 03801



# VII.A. Daniel St.

Current space utilization rates.  
25 minutes or less, during enforcement hours.  
Thursday 7/7 through Tuesday 7/12.





**Key**  
*Average Speed / 85th Percentile*  
 (MPH)

Harding Road  
 Speed Analysis

**VII.B1.**

Feb. 2022: **21 / 26**  
 July 2022: **22 / 25**

Oct. 2021: **23 / 28**  
 July 2022: **22 / 28**

Feb. 2022: **22 / 26**  
 July 2022: **20 / 25**



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# VII.B2. 4 Harding Rd.

City of Portsmouth  
Department of Public Works  
Parking Division  
Traffic Engineering

## SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

### Location



Latitude: 43.044021  
Longitude: -70.761890



### Analysis Time Period



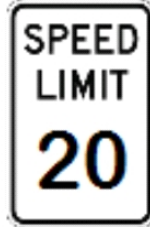
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6/28/2022 1:13 PM	7/6/2022 10:06 AM

### Vehicles Analyzed



**5,710**

### Speed Limit



**20**

### Average Speed



**22**

### 85th Percentile Speed



**25**

# VII.B3. 24 Harding Rd.

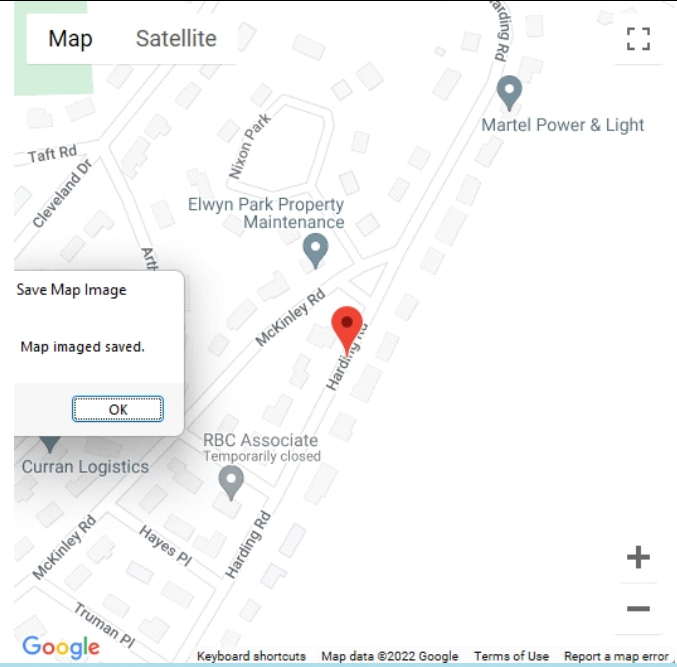
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## SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

### Location



24 Harding  
Latitude: 43.041778  
Longitude: -70.763146



### Analysis Time Period



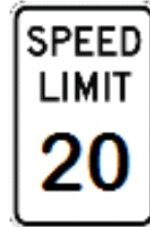
Start	End
6/29/2022 8:45 AM	7/6/2022 10:00 AM

### Vehicles Analyzed



**3,198**

### Speed Limit



**20**

### Average Speed



**22**

### 85th Percentile Speed



**28**



# VII.B4. 56 Harding Rd.

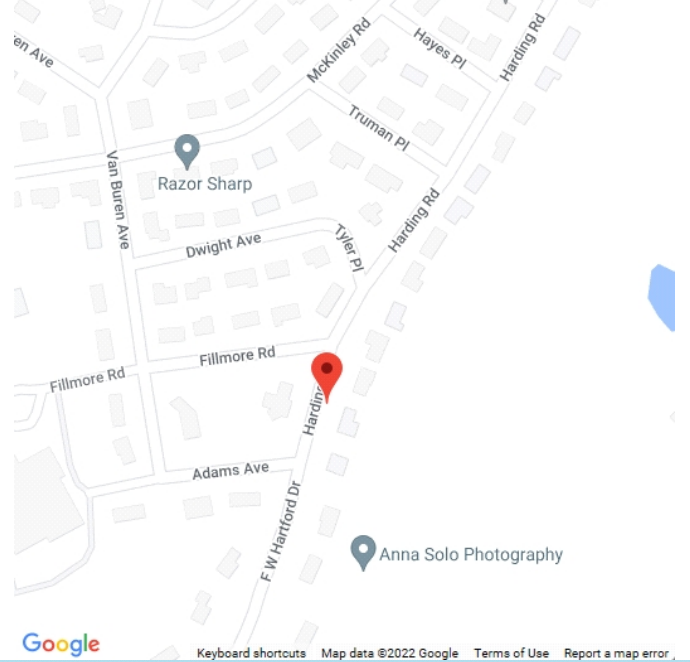
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## SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

### Location



Latitude: 43.038399  
Longitude: -70.765656



### Analysis Time Period



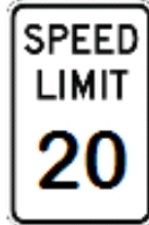
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7/6/2022 10:17 AM	7/11/2022 9:52 AM

### Vehicles Analyzed



**1,811**

### Speed Limit



**20**

### Average Speed



**20**

### 85th Percentile Speed



**25**

# VII.C. Market St.



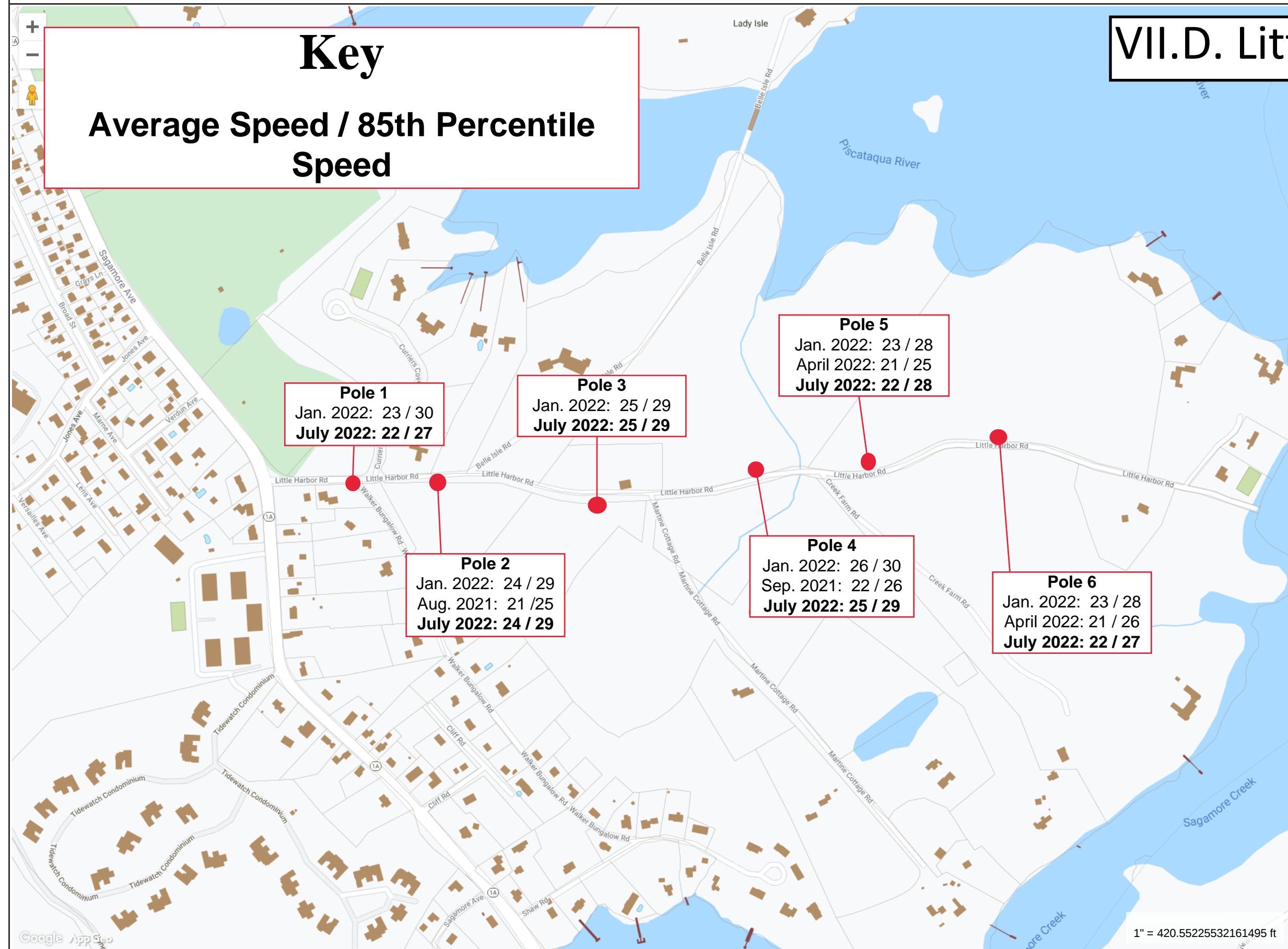


### Little Harbor Road Speed Analysis, July 2022 Update

# VII.D. Little Harbor Rd.

**Key**

**Average Speed / 85th Percentile Speed**



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# VII.E. Colonial Dr. Pannaway

City of Portsmouth  
Department of Public Works  
Parking Division  
Traffic Engineering

## SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

### Location



Colonial Drive  
Latitude: 43.064968  
Longitude: -70.799002



### Analysis Time Period



Start	End
7/21/2022	7/25/2022
8:59 AM	10:49 AM

### Vehicles Analyzed



426

### Speed Limit



20

### Average Speed



15

### 85th Percentile Speed



19



# VII.E2. Decatur Rd. Pannaway

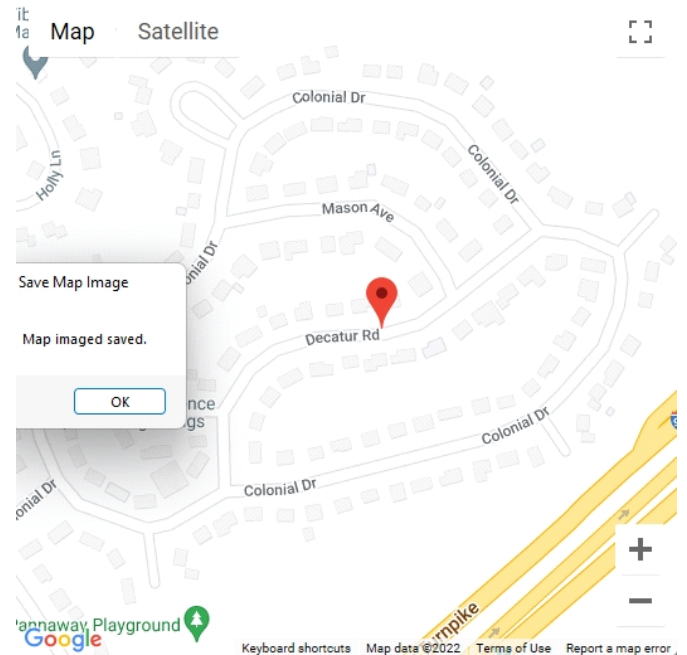
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## SPEED DATA ANALYSIS

### Location



Latitude: 43.063605  
Longitude: -70.799345



### Analysis Time Period



Start	End
7/21/2022 9:30 AM	7/25/2022 10:51 AM

### Vehicles Analyzed



**682**

### Speed Limit



**20**

### Average Speed



**18**

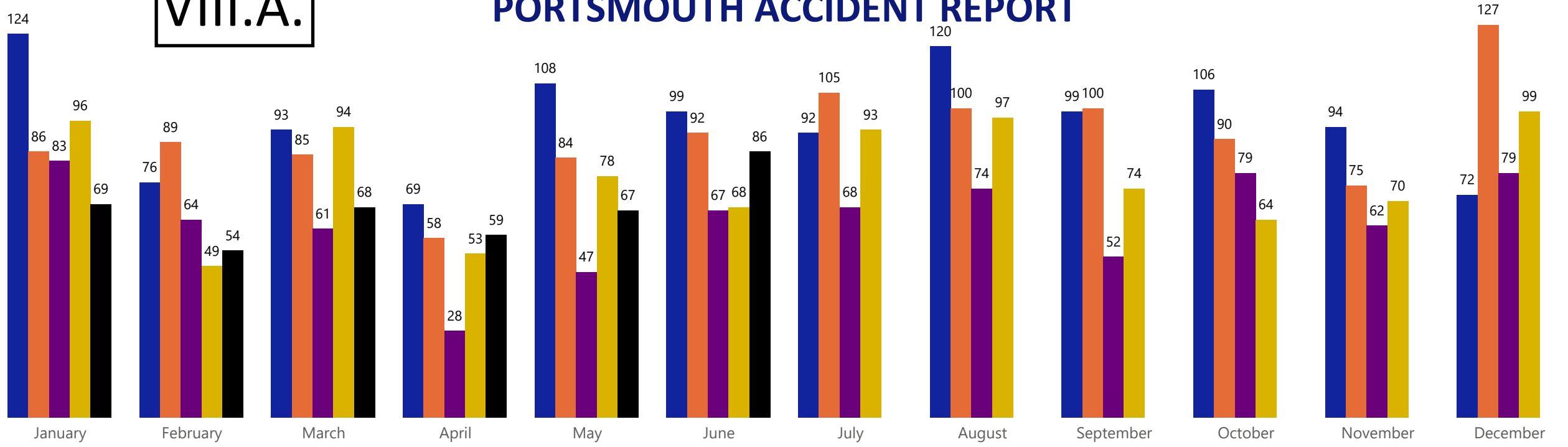
### 85th Percentile Speed



**22**

# VIII.A.

## PORTSMOUTH ACCIDENT REPORT



June 2022 - 54 reportable crashes | damage valued > \$1,000



● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2021 ● 2022

### YEARLY TOTALS

