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Temporary crosswalk again installed at Islington Street and Albany Street intersection

PORTSMOUTH, NH – A crosswalk was installed today on Islington Street at its intersection with Albany Street. This temporary crosswalk, which was previously a pilot project in the fall of 2016, was approved by the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee to be reinstalled through the end of August to assess activity and impacts during this peak traffic season.

The intent of the temporary crosswalk is to improve safety for all users of the roadway at this location which experiences significant volumes of traffic and pedestrians. To provide a safer, shorter crossing, Islington Street has been narrowed from three lanes to two lanes in front of the White Heron coffee shop. The right-turn lane for the Bartlett Street intersection will start immediately beyond the new crosswalk.

During this time, traffic recorders will be in place to document the effects on traffic, speeds, queuing and pedestrian safety during this change in vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns. This additional research will provide valuable data and information to assist with the final design of the reconstruction of the Islington Street corridor.

The City welcomes and invites public feedback on the project during this second trial period. Comments can be directed to Parking and Transportation Engineer Eric Eby at ebeby@cityofportsmouth.com.