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TO: Mark Forest, Chairman and Members of the Board of Selectmen

FROM: Town Staff Team for Yarmouth Port Traffic Issues

RE: Recommendations for Possible Action Steps

Following the public Meetings conducted on March 30 and April 14 to review traffic and parking issues in the Yarmouth Port Village area of Route 6A, our Town staff team met to discuss the outstanding issues and we respectfully recommend your consideration of the following possible action steps to help address these issues on the State Highway.

I. Short-Term solutions

1. Request the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT) to Paint Cross-Hatching to denote “no-parking” areas.
2. Request the Mass DOT to place No Parking Signs on the North Side of Route 6A (need two new signs) and remove the single, older no overnight parking sign.
3. Request the Mass DOT to place No Parking signs for the South Side of Route 6A in certain areas where parking blocks the sidewalks (at a minimum in front of Lighthouse Keeper’s Pantry and next two properties to the west).
4. Request the Mass DOT to place Parking allowed signs on South Side where geometry allows (five spaces near Inaho, need two signs).
5. Put up temporary traffic and speed counters (Done – Avg, speed 32 mph; peak speeds 6:30-8:30 am and 4:30-6:30 pm).
6. Install a speed trailer to show drivers their speed.
7. Conduct speed enforcement at peak times and randomly.

8. Conduct social media “blasts” to warn about speed enforcement and create awareness of traffic concerns.
9. Conduct a two-week warning period for illegal parking.
10. Work with the Cape Cod Commission to install speed and traffic counters at 8 locations throughout the Route 6A corridor to generate more traffic data for the area.
11. Meet with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to work on shared signage and circulation for parking in the rear (signage in-progress).
12. Install signs in the crosswalks to warn to stop for pedestrians.
13. Request the Mass DOT to paint crosswalks for added visibility.
14. Work with homeowners for selective vegetation trimming on the North Side of Route 6A.
15. Install banners on light poles to denote the Yarmouth Port Village center (in progress).
16. Request the Mass DOT to lower the Speed limit in the Village center.

II. Longer Term Solutions

1. Prepare proposal to re-engage design consultant to develop concept plans for Streetscape Improvements in the Village center as part of the proposed water main project.
2. Engage the MA DOT and the community in evaluation design enhancements for safety
3. Conduct Hearings in front of the Board of Selectmen to select a streetscape design.
4. Evaluate the possibility, feasibility and cost of Town takeover of Route 6A in Yarmouth Port Village