

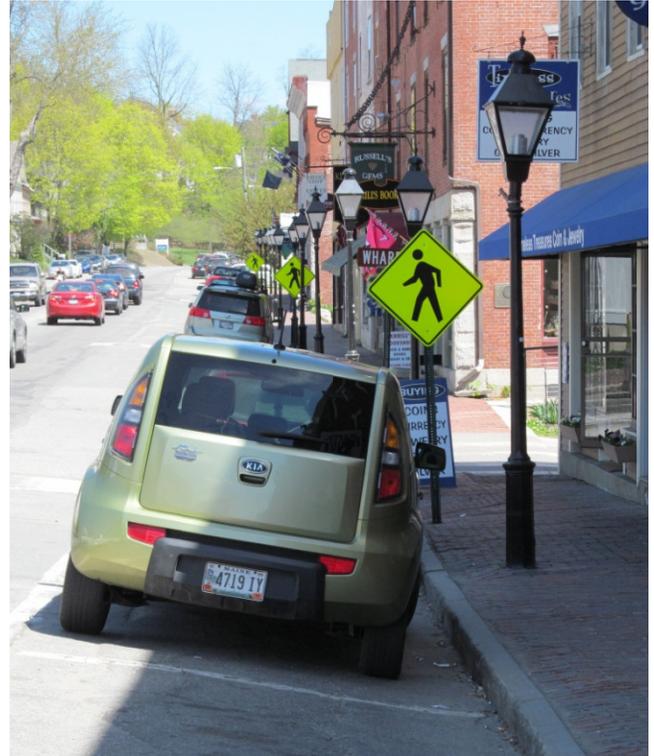


Water Street Feasibility Study

FACT SHEET

What is the Water Street Feasibility Study?

MaineDOT and the City of Hallowell are conducting a study to identify recommendations to improve safety, roadway geometry for on-street parking, and roadway drainage and to maintain efficient flow of motorized and non-motorized traffic along Water Street between Maple Street and the Hallowell/Augusta town line while minimizing or enhancing economic, environmental and cultural impacts or opportunities.



Why is Water Street being studied?

The study was kicked-off in December of last year for the following reasons:

- Resolution from Hallowell City Council asking MaineDOT to improve Water Street
- Traffic and pedestrian safety concerns
- Bicycle and pedestrian mobility concerns
- Inadequate pavement condition
- Severe roadway crown between Academy Street and Winthrop Street affecting parking
- An aging stormwater system
- Local interest in integrating with planned northern Waterfront Park and other streetscape improvements

What is the study status?

The feasibility study is currently under way and scheduled to be completed by November of this year. MaineDOT is in the process of gathering information on the existing conditions (traffic counts, pavement condition, storm drainage inspection, etc.). Over the next few months, MaineDOT and the City will work collaboratively to develop recommendations for a potential future highway improvement.

How does a “study” become a “project”?

Any proposed recommendations for Water Street will compete with other needs for transportation funding statewide. Prior to the conclusion of the study, MaineDOT and the City will explore options to fund design and construction of any proposed recommendations.

How do I obtain additional information?

For more information and to follow this project’s progress, please visit <http://www.hallowell.govoffice.com/>

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