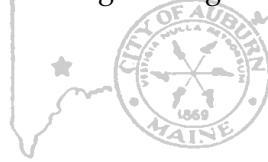


City of Auburn, Maine

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Public Services Department
Engineering Division



July 12, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

The City of Auburn sent a letter in December to residents that live in the Townsend Brook Road area outlining a reclamation project scheduled for this summer. Public input and concerns related to safety at the intersection of Townsend Brook Road and Route 4 has identified the idea that making Townsend Brook Road one way at the southern end and prohibiting northbound left turns from Rt. 4 could reduce rear end collision accidents that occur on that section of roadway. This would effectively push northbound local traffic into Turner to make a left onto Townsend Brook Road or Fern Street where the center turning lane and reduced speed would likely make the left turn movements safer than they are at the south end of Townsend Brook Road. As you know we had another serious accident at the intersection of Rt. 4 and Townsend Brook Road recently involving three cars and sending occupants from all three vehicles to the hospital. My understanding is that it was typical of the collisions along Rt. 4 where a vehicle waiting for a break in southbound traffic to make a left from Rt. 4 to Townsend Brook is rear ended by another northbound vehicle. We have been focused on maintaining traffic mobility and increasing safety in the Rt. 4 corridor and staff believes this idea has some merit and could prevent future accidents without a negative impact on residents.

A public meeting to consider this idea is scheduled for July 20, 2016 @ 5:30PM in Council Chambers at Auburn City Hall. At the meeting we will provide a few years of accident data, a plan of the possible changes and solicit input from affected residents to determine if the modification is desirable.

Sincerely,

Tony Beaulieu, PE
City Engineer