

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAFFIC

April 4, 2011
Aldermen Roy, Osborne,
Long, Ouellette, Shaw

5:45 PM
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)

1. Chairman Roy calls the meeting to order.
2. The Clerk calls the roll.
3. The Traffic Division has submitted an agenda which needs to be addressed:

ONE WAY STREET:

Lawton Street, from Young Street, southerly, thence easterly to Belmont Street
Alderman Shea

NO PARKING ANYTIME – EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:

On Somerville Street, north side, from a point 155 feet east of Maple Street to a
point 30 feet east
Alderman Shea

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

4. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, requesting on behalf of Easter Seals twenty on-street parking permits free of charge for their annual walk to be held Thursday, June 9, 2011.

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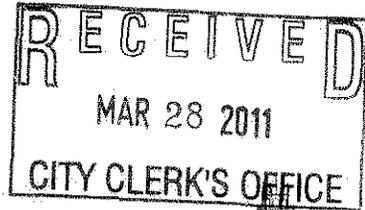
6. Communication from Brandy Stanley, Parking Manager, submitting an amendment to Ordinance Section 70.55 expanding Residential Parking Permit Zone #2 to include the Gaslight District.
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TABLED ITEMS

A motion is in order to remove any item from the table.

7. Discussion regarding a revised Ordinance proposal related to commercial motor vehicles.
(Note: Tabled 1/3/2011; the Parking Division, Traffic Division and City Solicitor to meet with Committee representatives.)
8. Communication from Joseph Parrotto, Beaver Street resident, regarding traffic issues in the area of Candia Road and Hanover Street.
(Note: Retabled 1/3/2011 with a recommendation to be submitted by NHDOT. Originally tabled 12/6/2010. A review from NHDOT submitted on 2/28/2011 is attached.)
9. There being no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.

CITY OF MANCHESTER
PARKING DIVISION



Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
bstanley@manchesternh.gov

March 28, 2011

Chairman Jim Roy
Committee on Public Safety & Traffic
1 City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Re: Requests for Free Parking and the use of Arms Parking Lot

Dear Chairman Roy:

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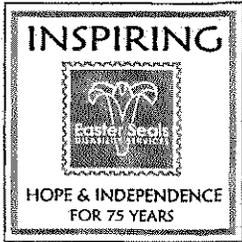
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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
City of Manchester

CC: William Sanders



Larry J. Gammon
President/CEO

Creating solutions, changing lives.

Easter Seals New Hampshire

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603.625.1148 fax
www.eastersealsnh.org

March 16, 2011

City of Manchester
Parking Division
Attn: Brandy Stanley, Parking Mgr
25 Vine Street
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Brandy:

I am writing to request permission for the use of 20 parking passes for use on Merrimack Street and part of Elm Street for our event staff at **Veterans Park** for the 13th annual walk for Easter Seals, titled "Walk With Me", to be held **Thursday, June 9, 2011**. The event officially starts with a 4:30 P.M. registration, with an estimated finish time of 8:30 P.M. (set-up time will start at 12:00PM, site completely packed up by 8:30PM).

The proposed Walk is 5K in length and we hope to attract over 1000 participants with a goal to raise over \$100,000 for children and adults with disabilities and special needs. We also hope to include a brown bag dinner and a live band during the post-event hour (7pm-8pm).

Through the recommendation of the Traffic Division, we will be closing a few of the roads at timed intervals, for this particular event along with utilizing 25 police officers to assist in traffic safety. It is also understood that Easter Seals New Hampshire would provide numerous volunteers to oversee the event, enforce pedestrian rules and collect rubbish after the event. We anticipate utilizing the stage and tent on-site at Veterans Park and would like to discuss other options available to our organization relative to this event.

An insurance certificate stating City of Manchester as the certificate holder as well as additional insured will be forwarded upon receipt.

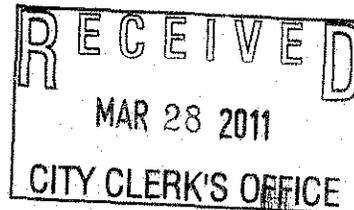
We also hope the Parking Division would consider waiving the fee for these 20 parking passes.

Thank you for your consideration in helping with this event. Please contact me with any questions at (603) 621-3429.

Sincerely,

Christine Hardy
Director of Events & Corporate Relations

CITY OF MANCHESTER
PARKING DIVISION



Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
bstanley@manchesternh.gov



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Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
City of Manchester

CC: William Sanders

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Fax: 603-624-4765

March 14, 2011

Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
City of Manchester
Parking Division
25 Vine Street
Manchester, NH 03101

Re: April 28th, 2011 Take Back the Night Event ~ 6:30 -8:30 PM.

Dear Ms. Stanley:

On behalf of the Greater Manchester Council against Domestic and Sexual Violence (the Council), we would like to request the use of the lot adjacent to Arms Park. As you may know, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In order to promote awareness- and hopefully shift public perception- about this crime we intend to host this year's Take Back the Night event. Traditionally, this event has been held at Veteran's Park.

This year marks a shift in venues and host agencies; as we seek to use the lot behind UNH-M, near Arms Park. Our requested event date has been tentatively reserved for Thursday, April 28th, from 6:30-8:30PM. As I understand it, we need to seek permission from both your Department in addition to approval for the portable staging available for rent via the Parks & Recreation Dept.

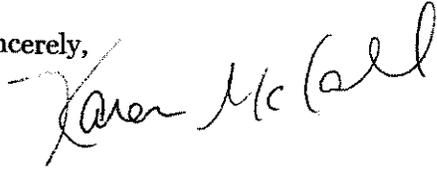
Please let me know what the necessary next steps are in terms of any required permits. We are aware that we will be billed approximately \$360 dollars for the staging rental (including transportation to and from the venue, and a representative to staff the staging during the event). I am unaware of any costs affiliated with the use of the lot. We anticipate a crowd of approximately 150 people, including the Manchester Police Department (MPD) Mounted Unit, musical performers, and several informational booths set up.



*Peace, Justice, Freedom
and Dignity For All People*

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.
Any questions should be directed to me or Sgt. Kristen Taylor at MPD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen McCall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "K" and "M".

Karen McCall, Co-Chair, Greater Manchester Council against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Karenm@ywcaph.org
625-5785 X110

Sgt. Kristen Taylor, Co-Chair, Greater Manchester Council against Domestic and Sexual
Violence
ktaylor@manchesternh.gov
668-8711 X366

Stanley,Brandy

From: Karen McCall [karenm@ywcanh.org]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 1:35 PM
To: Stanley,Brandy
Cc: Kincaid, Kevin
Subject: Re: Fire at Arms Lot

Hi Brandy ~

I'm assuming you spoke with Regina McCarthy at UNH-M? We did discuss briefly if UNH-M would be willing to open their facilities at our last planning meeting. As it seems they aren't able to do that ~ is it necessary to have portable toilets for a 2 hour event? I don't think it's been done in the past, and I'm assuming it's a huge cost. I may explore the possibility of some surrounding establishments supporting us be welcoming any community members to use their facilities if necessary. It may be good for business...

St. A's has some students designing drink coasters in the hopes of having a local pub support the event (by using the coasters and opening their potties)! Wish them luck!

Regardless, please let me know if it's required.

Thanks for your help with this,
~Karen

Education and Outreach Coordinator

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Brandy Stanley" <BStanley@manchesternh.gov>
To: "Karen McCall" <karenm@ywcanh.org>
Cc: "Kevin Kincaid" <KKINCAID@manchesternh.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 1:06:41 PM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern
Subject: RE: Fire at Arms Lot

Hi, Karen:

I spoke with UNH about your event and they have no problem with it, but they did request that we insist that the YWCA provide portable toilets. Let me know if this presents a problem.

Thanks,

Brandy

3/28/2011

From: Karen McCall [mailto:karenm@ywcanh.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 1:15 PM
To: Stanley, Brandy
Subject: Re: Fire at Arms Lot

Hi Brandy ~

Traditionally, the Take Back the Night event includes a small fire built and monitored in a small portable iron pit for the purpose of a Native American "Healing Fire Ceremony". It's a non-commercial grade type pit~ the residential type generally purchased at a Home Depot store.

It's been staffed by a volunteer familiar w/ the tradition and skilled in lighting & maintaining the small fire throughout the ceremony. I'm unsure if the Fire Dept. has actually required a permit or special procedures.

Hope this helps...we have a subcommittee next week and I can solicit further information if necessary.

Thanks for your assistance!

Best,
Karen McCall

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Brandy Stanley" <BStanley@manchesternh.gov>

To: karenm@ywcanh.org

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2011 12:17:29 PM GMT -05:00 US/Canada Eastern

Subject: Fire at Arms Lot

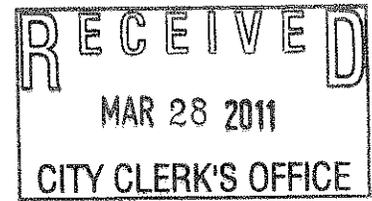
Hi, Karen – could you send me the email we spoke about reference having the fire in the parking lot for your event?

Thanks!

Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
City of Manchester
(603) 624-6580

3/28/2011

CITY OF MANCHESTER
PARKING DIVISION



Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
bstanley@manchesternh.gov

March 28, 2011

**Chairman Jim Roy
Committee on Public Safety & Traffic
1 City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101**

Re: Ordinance amendment expanding residential parking zone 2

Dear Chairman Roy:

Attached please find an amendment to ordinance 70.55: Residential Permit Parking. I was contacted by a representative of the developer working on 555 Elm Street. This building is being developed to include 16 residential units along with some street level retail, and they will begin renting apartments within the next 2 months. This area of downtown is not currently included in the city's residential parking permit program.

The ordinance amendment expands residential permit zone 2 to include the "gaslight district." Please note that the area specifically prohibits parking using residential permits on Elm Street.

Should the committee approve, we respectfully request that the ordinance be reported to the full board as soon as possible in order to move the process along more quickly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Brandy Stanley
Parking Manager
City of Manchester**

CC: William Sanders

City of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and Eleven

AN ORDINANCE

“Amending Section 70.55 (D)(2) Residential Parking Permit Zone #2 by adding a new subsection (c) expanding the zone to include the Gaslight District.”

Page 1 of 2

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester,
as follows:

- I. Amend the Code of Ordinances by deleting language as stricken (-----) and inserting new as **bolded (bold)**. Sections of the following chapters that remain unchanged appear in regular type.

§ 70.55 RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING.

(D) Residential Parking Permit Zones

(2) Residential Parking Permit Zone #2.

(a) Area bounded by Merrimack Street on the north, Auburn Street on the south, Union Street on the east, and on the west by Chestnut Street, Lake Avenue, and Pine Street in the manner they form the western boundary of the R-4 Zoning District pursuant to the Zoning Map of the City of Manchester, NH. Union Street shall not be included in the program.

(b) Area bounded by Amherst Street on the south, Blodget Street (from Elm Street to Union Street) on the north, Union Street on the east, Chestnut Street to Orange Street, then westerly on Orange Street to Elm Street and then continuing northerly on Elm Street to Blodget Street on the west. Union Street and Elm Street shall not be included in the program. Residents within permit zone #2 on Amherst Street must park on Concord Street or northerly in the zone.

(c) Area bounded by Elm Street on the east, Canal Street on the west, Granite Street on the north and West Auburn Street on the south. Elm Street shall not be included in the program.

- II. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

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(1) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds; or

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(4) The vehicle is used primarily for business and industry as contrasted with pleasure vehicles.

(5) *Exclusion.* **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE** shall not include a city vehicle, or emergency vehicles engaged in the provision of emergency medical, Police or Fire services.

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Date: 12/07/10

On motion of Ald. Roy

Seconded by Ald. Long

Voted to refer the discussion regarding a revised ordinance proposal related to commercial motor vehicles to the Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic.

 City Clerk

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE

CURRENT ORDINANCE:

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DEFINITIONS

CURB WEIGHT – The weight of a fueled automobile with standard equipment but without cargo or passengers.

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR) – The maximum allowable total weight of a road vehicle or trailer that is loaded, including the weight of the vehicle itself plus fuel, passengers, cargo, and trailer tongue weight.

FORD FOCUS



CURB WEIGHT – 2,840 lbs.
GVWR – 3,825 lbs.

FORD ESCAPE



CURB WEIGHT – 3,387 lbs.
GVWR – 4,520 lbs.

FORD EXPLORER



**CURB WEIGHT – 4,531 lbs.
GVWR – 6,051 lbs.**

FORD F150



**CURB WEIGHT – 4,904 lbs.
GVWR – 6,744 lbs.**

FORD F450



**CURB WEIGHT – 8,290 lbs.
GVWR – 14,500 lbs.**

FORD E-150 VAN



**CURB WEIGHT – 5,186 lbs.
GVWR – 14,500**

FORD F750 DUMP TRUCK



GVWR – 33,000

Note: Both curb weights and gross vehicle weights vary depending on vehicle model, trim and options. The numbers presented are an average for that vehicle type.

Truck Class Definitions



Commercial Light Duty Trucks - Examples: Minivan, Utility Van, Multi-Purpose, Pickup, Mini-Bus, Step Van.

Where the Gross Vehicle Weight is:

[Class 1 \(Gvw 0 - 6000\)](#)

[Class 2 \(Gvw 6001 - 10000\)](#)

[Class 3 \(Gvw 10001 - 14000\)](#)



Medium Duty Trucks - Examples: City Delivery, Large Walk-in, Bucket, Landscaping.

Where the Gross Vehicle Weight is:

[Class 4 \(Gvw 14001 - 16000\)](#)

[Class 5 \(Gvw 16001 - 19500\)](#)

[Class 6 \(Gvw 19501 - 26000\)](#)



Heavy Duty Trucks - Examples: Refuse, Tow, City Bus, Furniture, Conventional, COE, Fuel, Fire Engine, Refrigerated, Dump, Cement.

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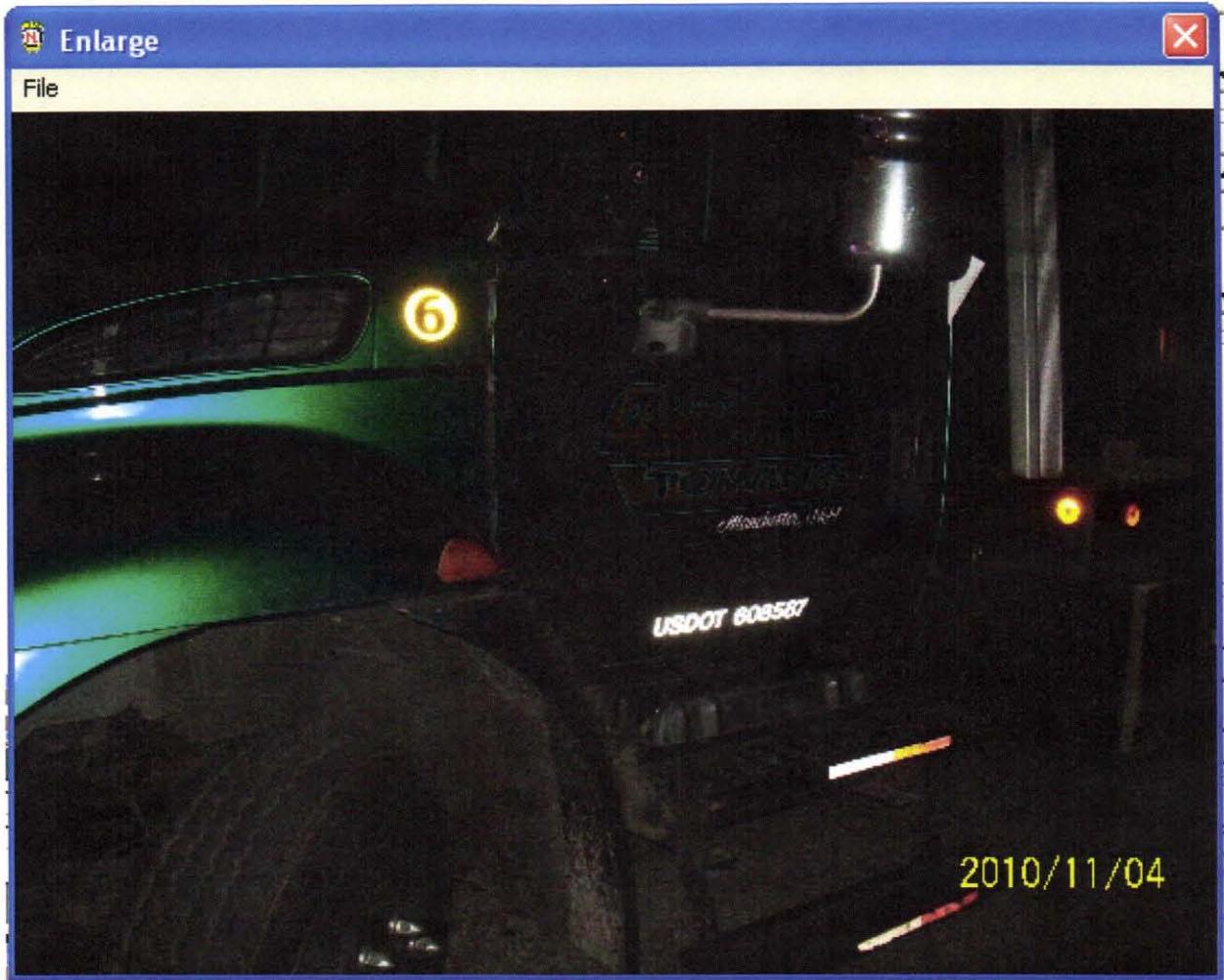
[Class 7 \(Gvw 26001 - 33001\)](#)

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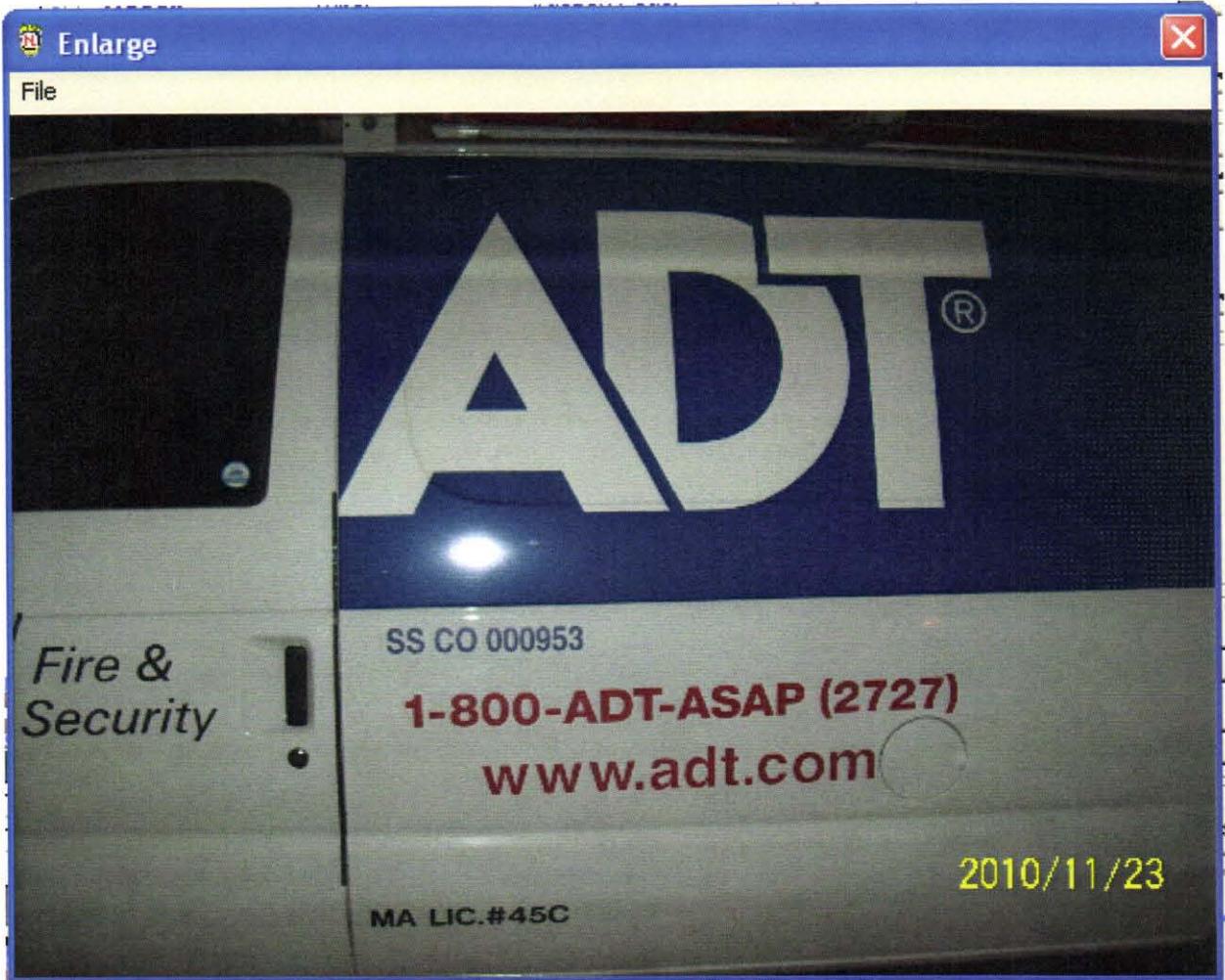


Trailers - Examples: Auto Transporter, Logger, Low Boy, Dump, Platform, Drop Frame, Doubles





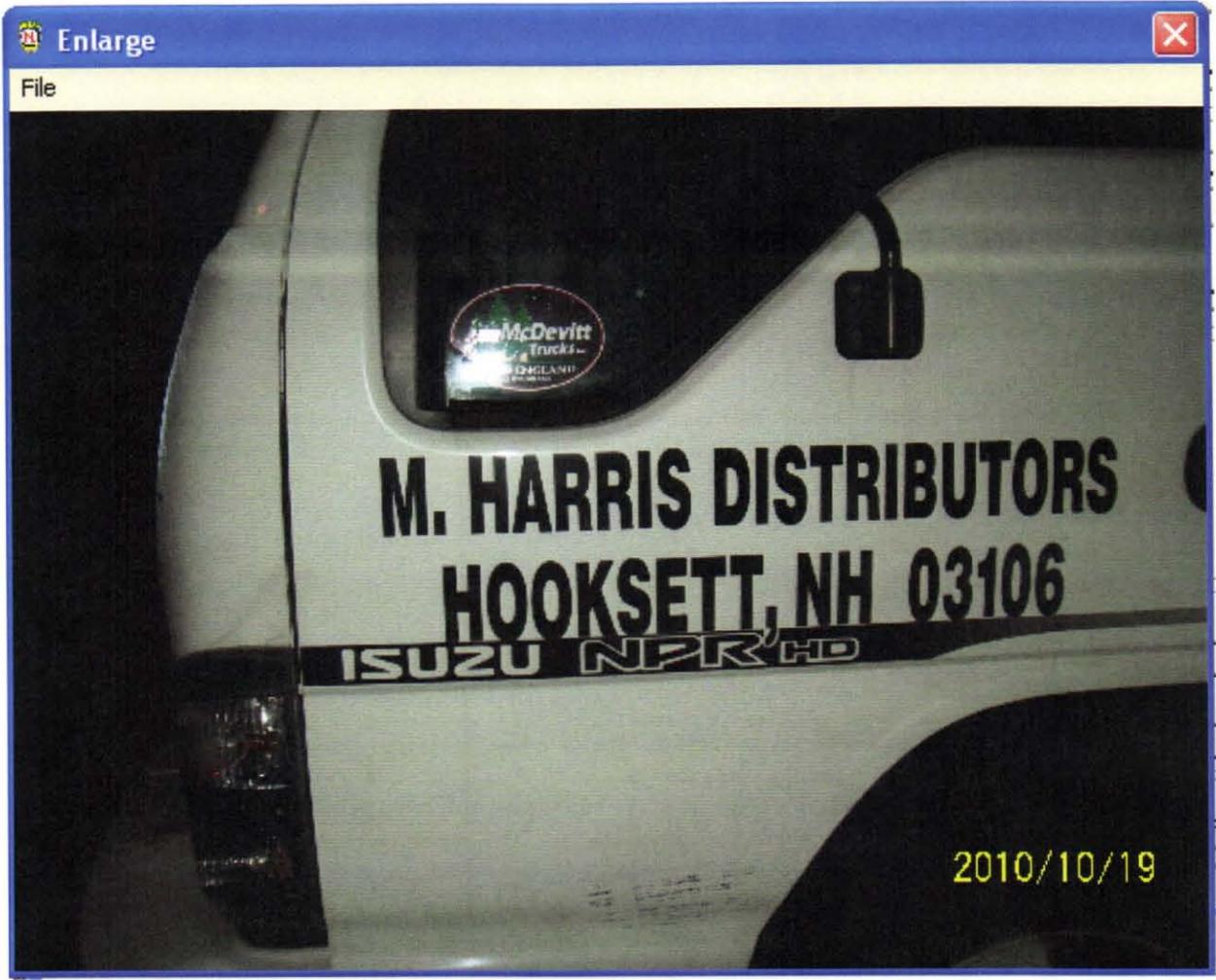
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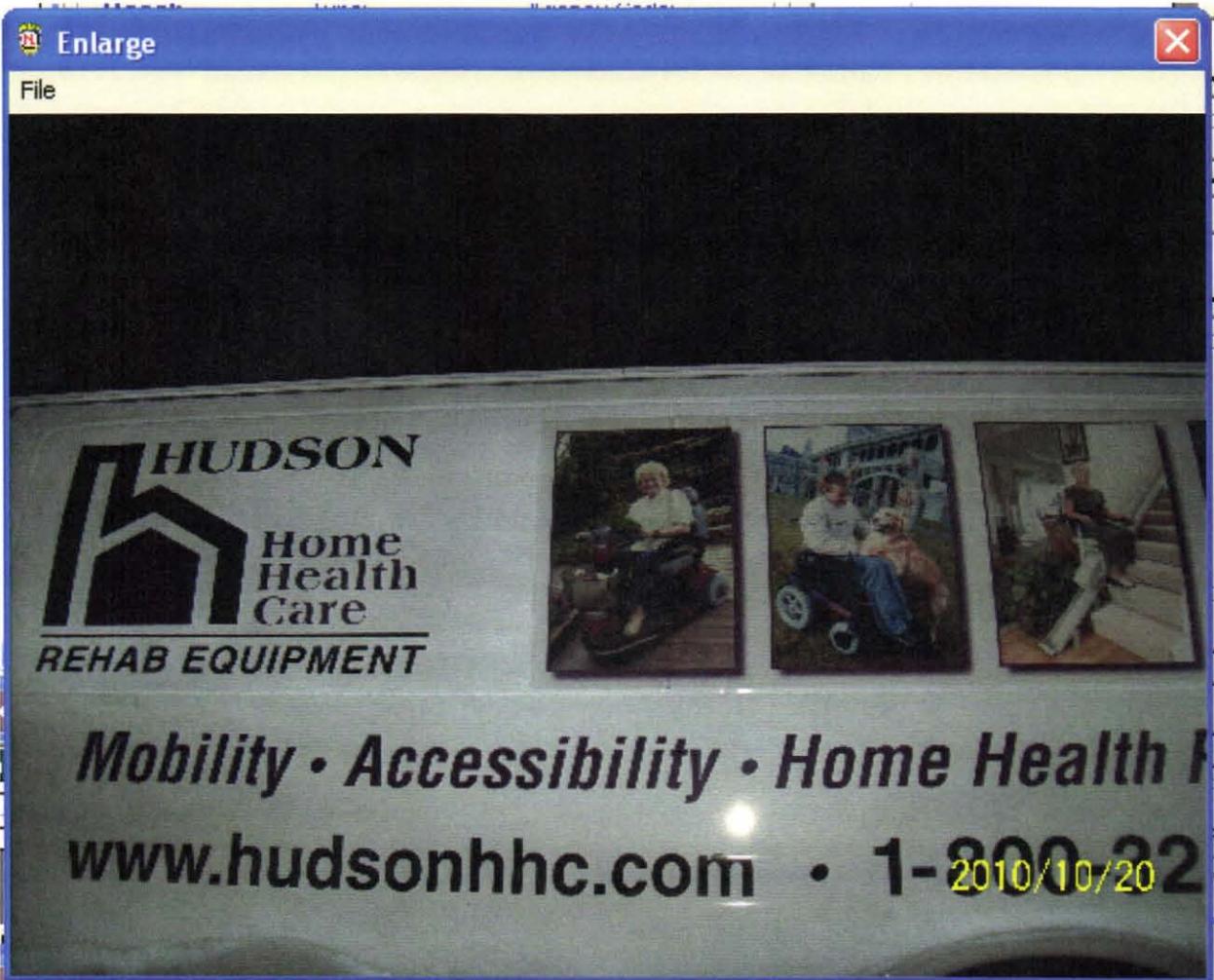


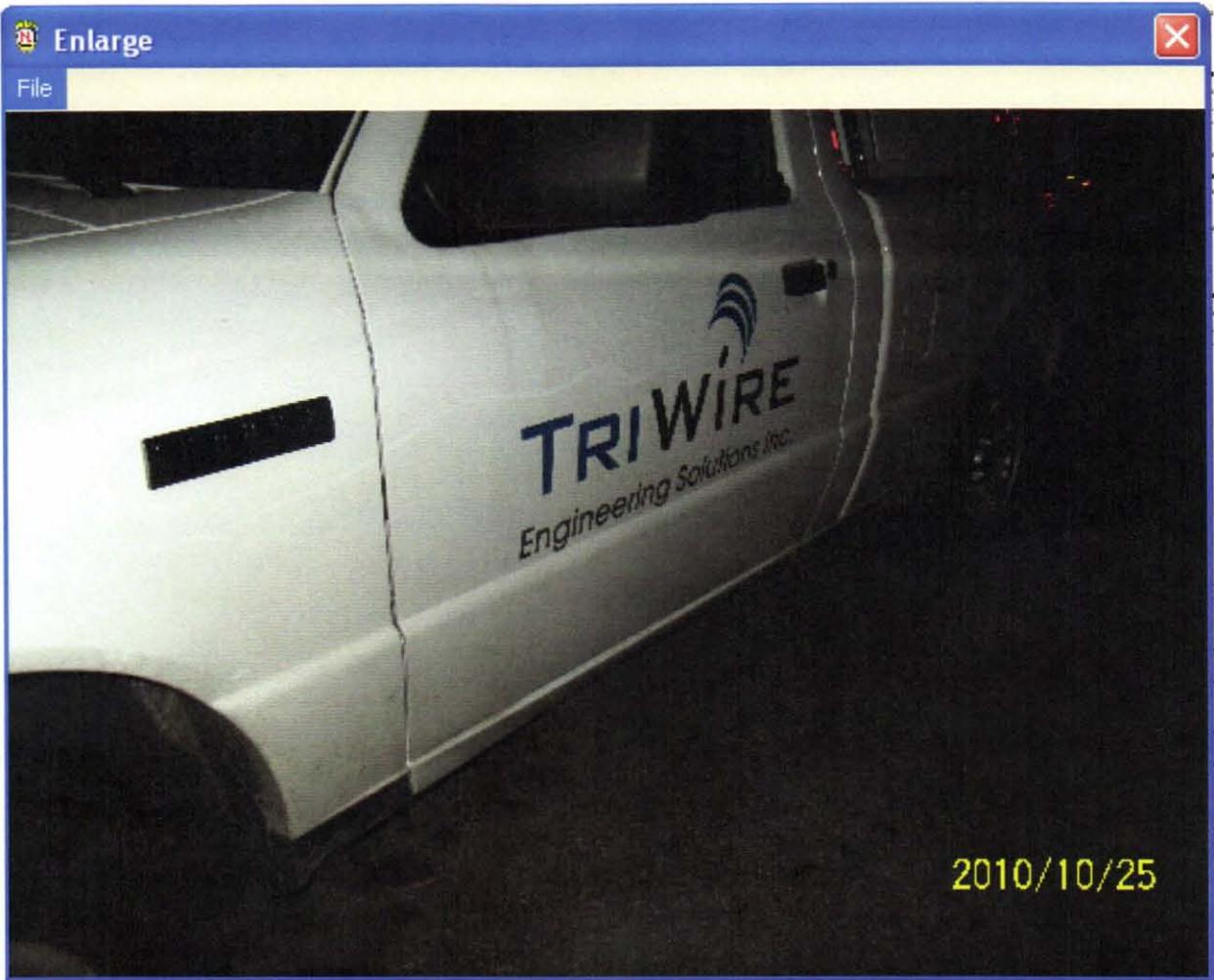




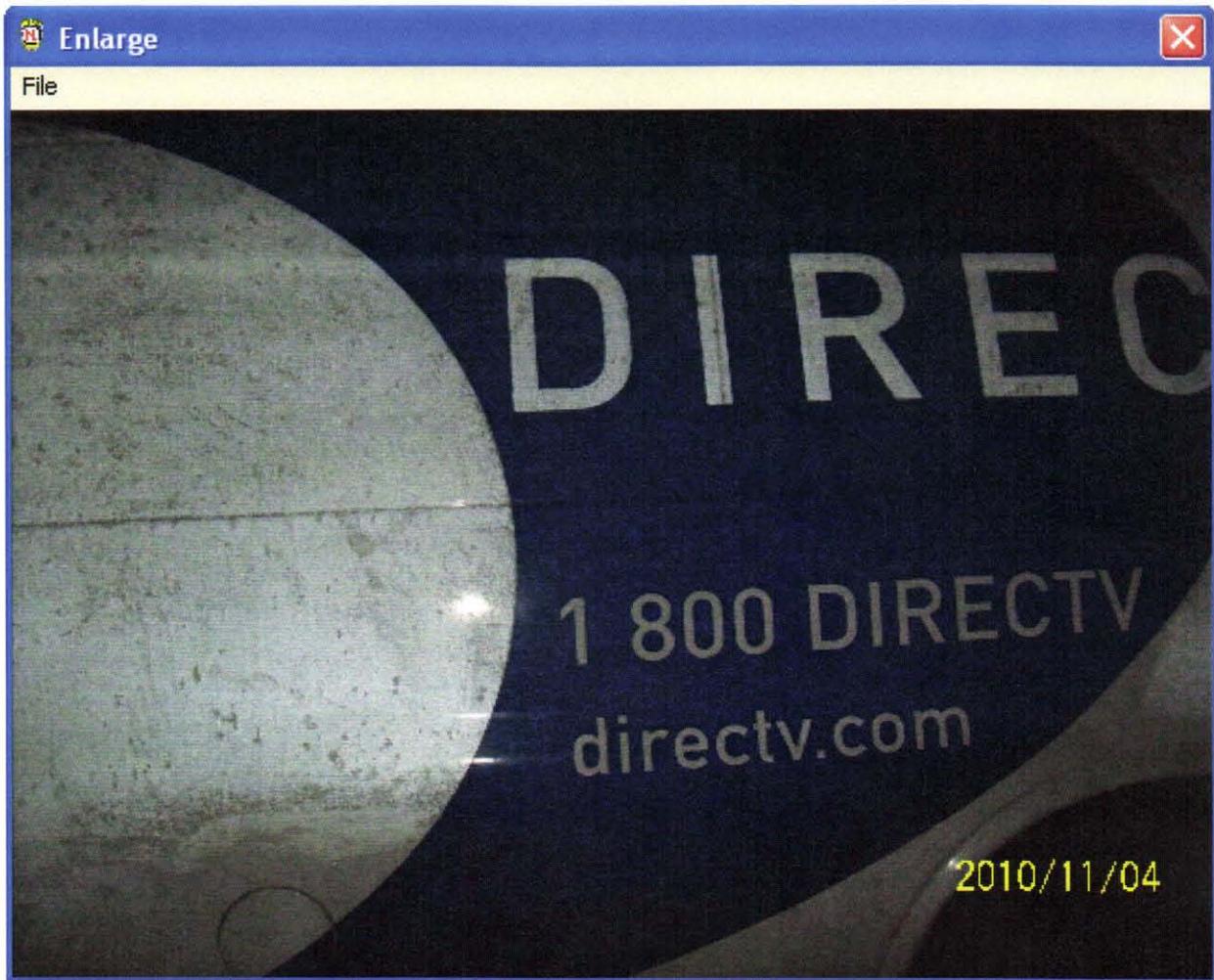
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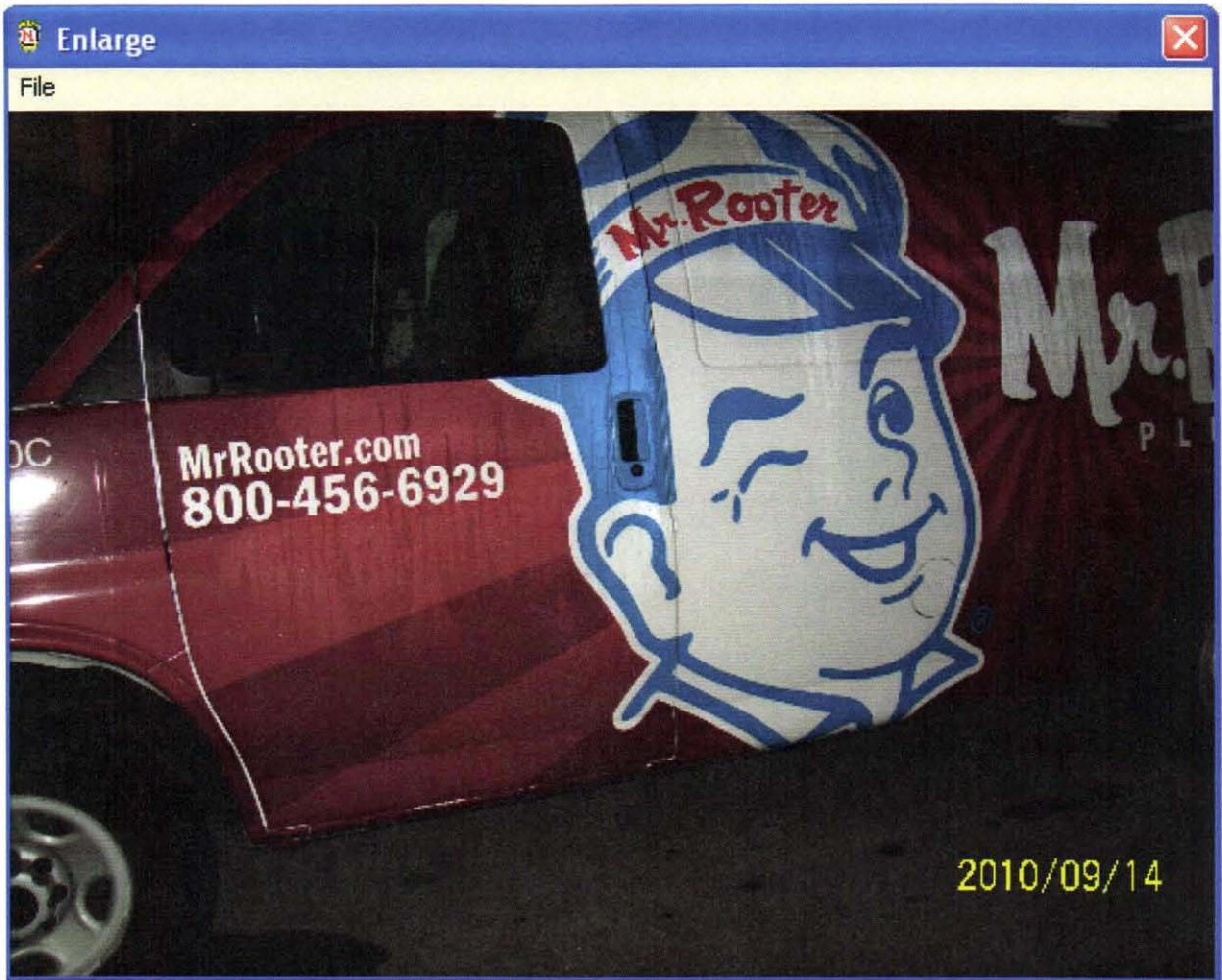


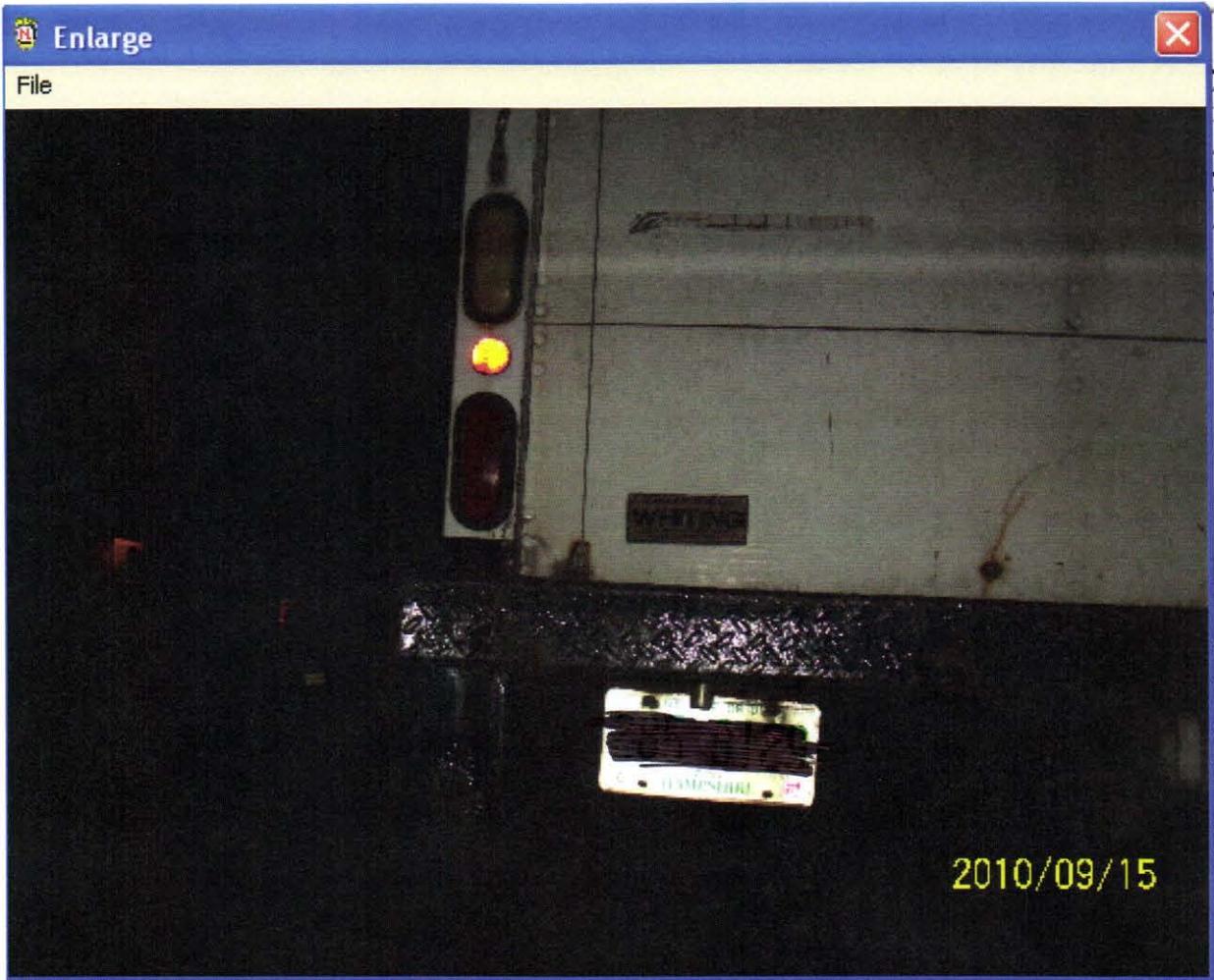




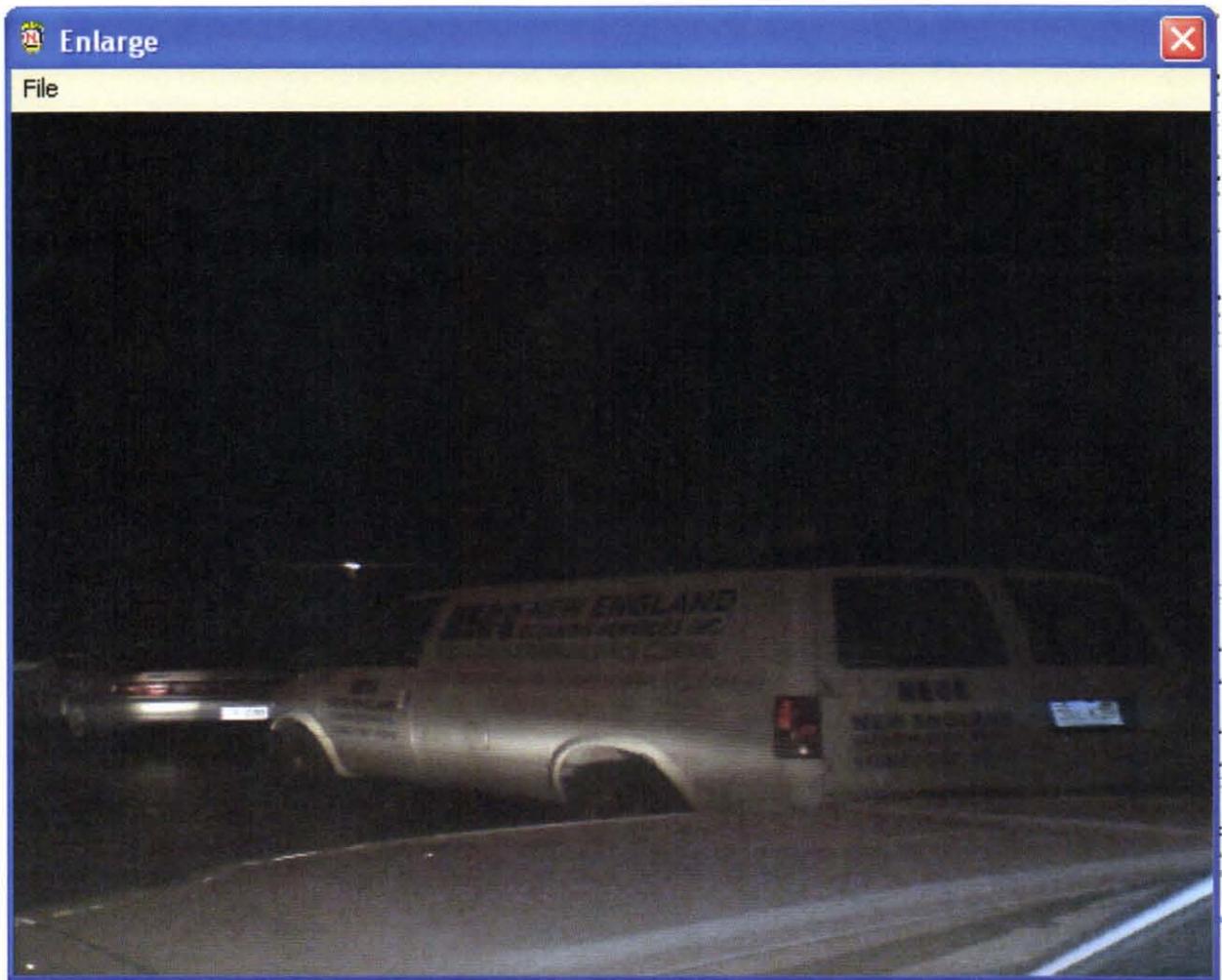




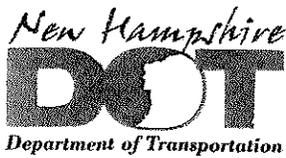




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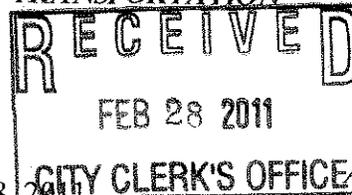




THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



GEORGE N. CAMPBELL, JR.
COMMISSIONER



JEFF BRILLHART, P.E.
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

February 18, 2011

James P. Hoben
Deputy Director of Traffic
City of Manchester
480 Hayward Street
Manchester, NH 03103

Re: Candia Road at I-93 Exit 6 SB on-ramp & SB Connector Road
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Hoben:

Pursuant to a request from your office, initiated by a citizen inquiry, the Bureau of Traffic has completed an extensive evaluation at the signalized intersection of Candia Road at the I-93 Exit 6 SB on-ramp & SB Connector Road. It should be noted that NHDOT maintains the traffic signals at this intersection, and is also responsible for maintenance on the SB Connector Road and Exit 6 SB on-ramp. Candia Road is maintained by the City of Manchester.

Your specific request was that our office investigate whether or not the southbound Connector Road two-lane approach (shared through/left-turn lane and an exclusive right-turn lane) could be re-striped and/or receive additional green time allocation, so as to process traffic more efficiently.

To that end, the Bureau's evaluation included the following: a site inspection by engineering staff; the collection of weekday morning and weekday evening peak period intersection turning movement count data (provided by the Southern NH Planning Commission); and a subsequent analysis of current traffic operations at this location, from a capacity, delay, and queue length perspective.

The intersection of Candia Road at the I-93 Exit 6 SB on-ramp & SB Connector Road is part of a coordinated signal system, which includes the I-93 Exit 6 NB off-Ramp & NB Connector Road, also under NHDOT jurisdiction. This coordination effort was completed by NHDOT in 2008, in conjunction with the \$12.8m Candia Road project (NHDOT Project No. 12328). Accordingly, any potential modification at the SB on-ramp intersection must also be evaluated simultaneously with the NB off-ramp intersection, in order to ensure that the substantial investment made by NHDOT at these locations is preserved.

Based on existing volumes and signal timings, our capacity analysis demonstrates that, overall, these intersections are functioning well below capacity ($v/c < 0.84$) during all analysis periods and operating with acceptable levels of delay and attendant levels-of-service (LOS C).

In order to assess the most appropriate alternative for possible intersection enhancements at the intersection of Candia Road at the I-93 Exit 6 SB on-ramp & SB Connector Road, NHDOT considered both timing modifications, and the approach geometry suggested by the citizen inquiry, specifically, re-striping the SB approach to provide for an exclusive left-turn lane and a shared through/right-turn lane.

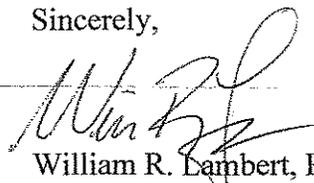
While there is a certain degree of merit to each alternative, they are not without their respective downsides. Timing modifications (adding green time) to the SB Connector Road approach will reduce delays and queuing; however, this inherently takes time away from the mainline (Candia Road), which hinders the coordinated system as a whole. Re-striping the SB approach to provide for an exclusive left-turn lane and a shared through/right-turn lane will reduce delays and queuing for the innermost travel lane, but that burden will be shifted to the outermost travel lane, and our office does not see that as a viable alternative.

Although not suggested in your prior correspondences, a subsequent analysis performed by the Bureau of Traffic reveals that an additional SB approach lane, with attendant changes in geometry to provide for exclusive left, through, and right-turn lanes, will provide the best overall results. A preliminary review of record plans indicates that this improvement could most likely be accomplished within the existing public right-of-way, with minor modifications to signal equipment (location of pull boxes, longer mast arms, etc.).

While NHDOT understands that your office may be seeking to implement a solution immediately, funding for a geometric improvement is not possible this construction season. We will add this intersection to our list for future State Betterment work, to be completed as funding is available.

Our office would be more than happy to speak with you in more detail about any of these options. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Robert Bollinger or me at 271-2291 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

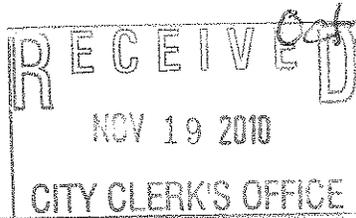


William R. Lambert, P.E.
Traffic Engineer/Administrator

WRL/REB

cc: L. Knowlton, NHDOT Director of Operations
P. Mitchell, NHDOT District 5
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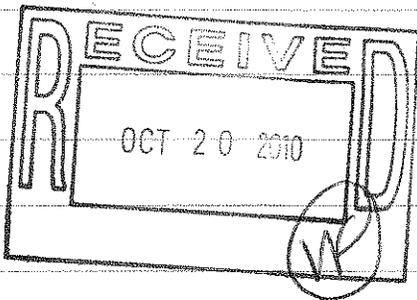


Oct 19, 2010
12/6/10 tabled

Mayor Ted Gatsas,

First and foremost "Thanks" for doing such a wonderful job and being so involved in getting the City of Manchester heading in the right direction. As much as we'd miss you in Manchester, maybe you should have run for Governor so you and Lou D'Allesandro could straighten out New Hampshire.

I was going to attend your open-forums meeting Monday night, October 18, 2010 but wasn't sure if the enclosed would be in order. My main concern is the area within the red area. On weekdays from 7AM-9:30AM and 3:00PM-6:00PM this area is very congested. If I can be of any further assistance or you have any questions please feel free to call.

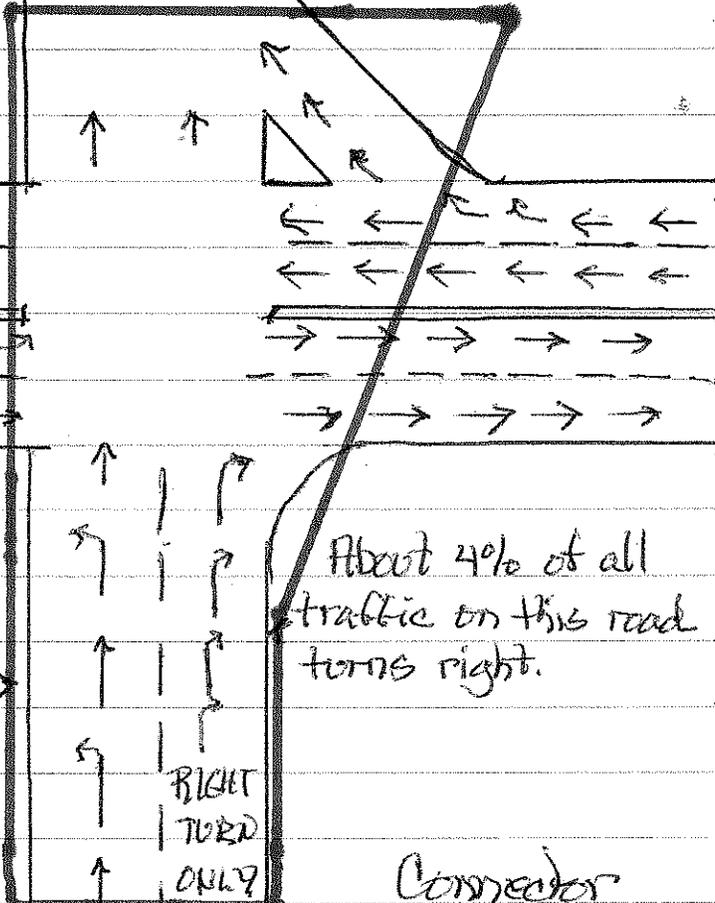
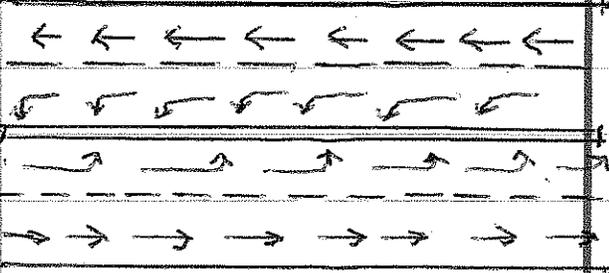


Thank you,
Joseph M. Parrotto
Parrotto

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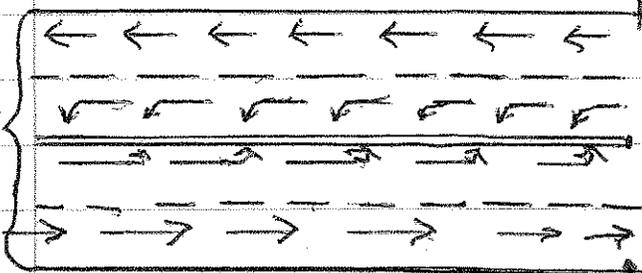
About 96% of people on
this road either turn left
or go straight
(Most turn left)

About 4% of all
traffic on this road
turns right.

Connector Road →

← Connector
Road

HANOVER
ST.



OFF RAMP
EXIT 6
93S

About 96% of people who
come off this ramp go straight
to make left on Canadian Road.

- ① Most people coming off ramp at Exit 6 93 South go straight at intersection with Hanover St, and make left turn on Candice Road to head toward Industrial Drive.
- ② Traffic light at intersection of connector road and Candice Road only stays green on connector road side long enough to allow 4 or 5 vehicles to get through before turning red. After sitting through 2 or 3 red lights people starting to have an anxiety attack get in "right hand turn only" lane. Now when light turns green you have three vehicles (2 from connector road and 1 from Candice Road) trying to get up ramp to 93 South. I have sat through 5 red lights at 4:15 PM to get from connector road to ramp to 93 South.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:

1. Extend time light stays green on connector side of intersection (or)
2. Remove "Right Hand Turn Only" Signs and remove road to be right hand turn ~~for~~ straight ahead to ramp and make left lane a "left Turn Only" lane.

Personally I feel solution #2 would be the most efficient as very few vehicles make this right hand turn considering amount of traffic at this intersection.