

Appendix B – NH Route 104 Business Survey Comments

A total of 28 surveys were conducted on a volunteer basis with many of the businesses in the NH Route 104 corridor. The survey had only one question, “Have you (or your customers) experienced any specific problems traveling from your home/business onto or off of Route 104?” This question fueled a conversation that yielded a variety of answers, which are listed below.

- Many interviewees described alternative turning suggestions at the following locations during peak travel times:
 - From Subway Restaurant to NH Route 104 westbound; use NH 132 N as turnaround
 - From NH Route 104 eastbound to Blake Rd; use Meredith Trading Post as turnaround
 - From NH Route 104 eastbound into Mikes Performance Cycle in Meredith; use Country Cottage driveway to cross street
 - From Waukegan Rd eastbound onto NH Route 104, use downtown Meredith roads
 - From business on US 3 (south of NH Route 104) onto US 3 north; use Reservoir Rd to NH Route 104
 - From NH 132 N into Exit 23 Plaza; use NH Route 104 westbound to center turn lane into Muncie’s Konvenience, use interior roads to plaza
- Problem: Driveways from Dunkin Donuts to Muncie’s Konvenience are too close together. There is confusion, when using a turn signal, as to which driveway the signal is for.
- Problem: Center turn lane from I-93 to Exit 23 Plaza is being used as a travel lane, especially by vehicles turning out of business driveways onto Route 104.
- Suggestion: Install rumble strip or paint turn lane to deter high speed travel
- Problem: 55 MPH is too fast for Route 104; change in vehicle speed from 55 to 35 MPH near JR Discount in New Hampton usually doesn’t occur until the bend in the road near Townhouse Rd.
- Suggestion: Clear trees from speed limit sign; install better signage to signal speed change, similar to overhanging flashing light at end of NH Route 104 in Meredith.
- Problem: Multiple business owners noted that drivers use their driveways for non-business purposes, such as cell phone calls and turning around which has the potential of deterring customers.
- Problem: Accident response in the winter, road surface conditions, and guardrail upkeep are poor; in reference to NHDOT responsibilities.
- Problem: Crossing at blinking light from Clear Water Campground to RV Park is dangerous.

- Problem: Noticed tire marks on pavement traveling eastbound on NH Route 104 approaching traffic lights at Olde Province Common shopping plaza, which indicates travel speeds too high or poor traffic light visibility.
- Problem: Large trucks have difficulty stopping at Pease Rd/Winona Rd traffic light and often travel through a red light.
- Suggestion: A longer delay on side road's green light would be safety improvement.
- Problem: Meredith social activities seem to coincide with peak traffic times, better coordination or requiring traffic detail personnel could alleviate some problems.
- Problem: The curb island at the Meredith Savings Bank in the Olde Province Common could be better defined.
- Problem: Reservoir Rd in Meredith is already a bypass from US 3/Parade Rd to NH Route 104, this traffic will increase when the round-about is constructed; speeds may increase in this 35 and 25 MPH (past school) area.
- Problem: New Hampton resident's driveway gets used 10-15 times/day by drivers misinterpreting the I-93 on-ramp.
- Suggestion: Align the I-93 off ramp and the Visitor Information Center driveway for easier access.
- Suggestion: Widen NH Route 104 at all 4-way intersections to improve right-side passing lane.
- Suggestion: All improvements should be eco-sensitive but must be business friendly.
- Suggestion: Bypass from NH Route 104/US3 intersection at McDonald's in Meredith, across lake to Interlake High School.
- Suggestion: Evaluate and adjust the timing of lights at NH Route 104/US 3 intersection.
- Suggestion: Widen NH Route 104 pull off areas adjacent to NH104/US 3 intersection to give vehicles room to pull off when emergency service vehicles are responding.
- Suggestion: Define a right hand turning lane from Annalee Place onto NH Route 104 eastbound.
- Suggestion: Install signage requiring use of turn signal for vehicles turning out of Olde Province Common and Annalee Place; both sides have a green light and confusion occurs as to who is turning and who is traveling straight across.
- Suggestion: All development in NH Route 104 back lots in New Hampton should go through extensive planning process to maximize potential.