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From: Sidewalk Safety Planning Committee **Date:** October 17, 2002

To: John Murray, Assistant Town Manager

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Several meetings have been held recently including: Town Engineers David Abbt and Corey York, Highway Department Superintendent David Brown and Police Chief Frank Widmayer. As a result of those meetings a safety plan was developed to highlight the sidewalks that in their opinion required the greatest priority. Many aspects of the roadways themselves were investigated however this is a safety plan and all data was considered secondary to safety priority. We only considered arterial and collector roads in our meetings. Part of our priority considered the number of pedestrians using the roads in order to get to a village center or other points of attraction such as a shopping center or the commuter rail lot.

The plan was based on safety and does not consider the feasibility of construction or associated costs of said sidewalks. The data is included to show how difficult it would be to construct some of these sidewalks under consideration.

Much of the data in the spreadsheet is still to be determined based on site visits and evaluation. Also some of the traffic data is quite old. It would involve significant staff time to complete all of the information in the spreadsheet.

Our recommended priority for sidewalk construction based on safety only is as follows:

1. Main Street
2. High Street **OR** Parker Street
3. Willow Street
4. Piper Road
5. Central Street
6. Concord Road
7. Taylor Road
8. Arlington Street
9. Brook Street
10. Prospect Street
11. Newtown Road

Note that there is one tie for #2 on the list. This is due to the fact that we feel that if High is built then Parker would not be as necessary and vice versa.

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Please keep in mind that some of the streets listed may already have a significant portion done at this point. See the attached sidewalk master plan that details the existing locations of sidewalks.

David Brown
Highway Superintendent

Frank J. Widmayer
Chief of Police

Corey York
Engineering Assistant