

We are in support of the Select Board's May 11, 2026 decision to act on recommendations to improve sight lines at roadways intersecting with Ocean Boulevard.

The Select Board's action was taken to improve safety conditions at the entrance points to New Hampshire Route 1A within the town of Rye. The improvements allow vehicles, bicyclists & pedestrians clear sight lines along Ocean Boulevard in order to determine their safe passage along and across the roadway. Pedestrians & bicyclists now have two large shoulders to travel on, extending from East Atlantic Ave. to Jenness State Beach, preventing them from the necessity of traveling within the travel lanes of the state highway. The implementation of the Select Board's decision creates safer conditions for all roadway users by diminishing the likelihood of vehicle, pedestrian and bicyclist conflict within the travel lane of a busy state highway.

Two studies have been published supporting the recommendations and can be found on the internet:

1. **New Hampshire Coastal Byway Corridor Management Plan**- prepared by Rockingham Planning Commission, UNH Tourism & Development Program. Acknowledgements to at that date Nancy Stiles, State Senator, and Kim Reed & Phil Winslow, Town of Rye listed within the 2015 report. Chapter 5. *Transportation System*
<https://www.nhstateparks.org/getmedia/964e974e-cb38-4cd4-b5f0-a78245f3aec1/NHCoastalBywayCMP-2015-Final.pdf>
2. **Parking Assessment Study**- prepared by Tighe & Bond. Section 7 *Parking Alternatives and Financial Analysis*. Report date 2015.
https://www.nhstateparks.org/NHStateParks/media/NHStateParks/PDFs/Jenness_traffic_assessment.pdf

Other- McClure Engineering has been contracted by the town for a parking study with concerns that poor sight line conditions existed prior to the Select Board's actions to implement Federal, State, Professional Traffic Engineered and public safety professional's recommendations.