

South Berwick Transportation Feasibility Study
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The purpose of the South Berwick Transportation Feasibility Study is to identify actions that will:

- Control traffic congestion in downtown South Berwick
- Improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicular traffic in the downtown area
- Improve regional mobility by reducing conflicts between local and through traffic
- Provide a wider range of transportation options for residents
- Improve transportation facilities to enhance the downtown environment
- Provide adequate transportation access to meet the long-term economic and community development needs as outlined in the South Berwick Comprehensive plan
- Ensure that future development decisions within South Berwick and the surrounding communities do not contribute adversely to traffic congestion

The need for the study:

- Route 4 and Route 236, which both converge and become Main Street, do not adequately balance local and regional travel needs
- Roadway capacity constraints and traffic conflicts during peak periods.
- Residential streets are increasingly being used as alternative routes to meet mobility needs
- Downtown South Berwick contains two High Crash intersections, and Main Street is a High Crash road segment
- Insufficient transportation choices for residents and commuters