UNION AVENUE CORRIDOR - LACONIA, NH

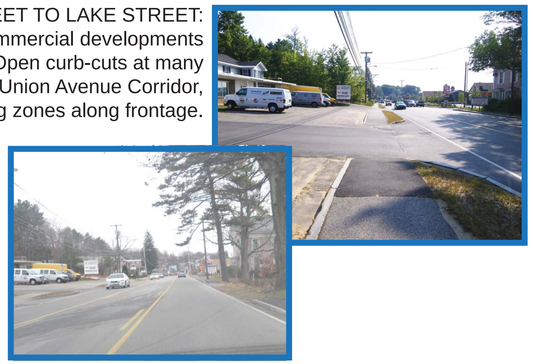
CHALLENGES

Existing on-street parking on northbound approach narrows both the through lane and the exclusive left-turn lane. Vehicles seen crossing painted centerline to fit into left-turn lane.
On-street parking spaces on east side are not visible beyond crest of hill. Vehicles frequently travel through parking spaces as their lane shifts.

Northbound and southbound approaches do not align across intersection with Elm Street. On-street parking spaces contribute to this alignment.

Sight line issues with curvature along Union Avenue approaching Stark Street.
Excessive curb radius at intersection with Stark Street on southeastern corner encourages speeding.

FROM STARK STREET TO LAKE STREET:
Large quantity of retail and commercial developments with multiple curb-cuts. Open curb-cuts at many locations as seen along entire Union Avenue Corridor, including head-in parking zones along frontage.

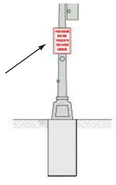


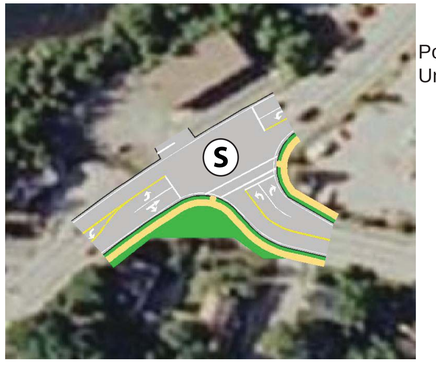
OPPORTUNITIES

Investigate additional angled parking opportunities along Elm Street west of bike trail. May need regrading of slope between Elm Street and parking lot. Seek connection from parking adjacent to waterline to Union Avenue via Moulton Street.

Consider widening Union Avenue in area of Lakeport. Allow for alignment of Union Avenue across intersection while retaining on-street parking opportunities in location. Investigate 1000+ ft pedestrian zone around intersection to support greater vision for redevelopment.

Install ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps and MUTCD-compliant push buttons and sigange at each corner of intersection of Union Avenue and Elm Street.





Possible reconstruction of intersection of Union Avenue and Stark Street:
- Investigate traffic signal warrants for intersection.
- Seek reconfiguration of intersection to close the large radii on the corners to encourage slower speed around curve.
- Consider trimming vegetation on southeast corner of intersection to improve sight lines.

Explore consolidation of driveways for Baron's Billards and adjacent Car Wash to close open curb-cuts and increase parking availability.

Eliminate head-in parking with future redevelopment of Amerigas property.

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