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Changes near Dolbeare School make travel safer for children

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Children can now walk and bike to the Dolbeare School more safely as a result of a project just completed by the state Department of Transportation. The improvements, on parts of Lowell and Vernon streets, included repaving and constructing new sections of sidewalks; adding handicap ramps where needed; installing two new pedestrian lights — one on Vernon Street and the other on Lowell Street; and improving traffic lights at the intersection of those two streets. The state transportation department undertook the project as part of its Safe Routes to School program, which pays for safety enhancements to promote more walking and bicycling to and from schools, according to Richard Stinson, the town's director of public works. The state funded the \$450,000 cost of construction, as well as the engineering costs. The town spent \$25,000 to add construction of a new section of sidewalk on Vernon Street to the project.

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