



Engineering Services Division

Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2016

Attendees: Rob Mack, PE, PTOE, Engineering Services
Heather Shank, Planning Division
Rick Wollert, Fire Alarm Division

A. Regular Discussion Items

- 1) **Overview of city-wide accident data, including prior-month accident summary and discussion of select accident locations, circumstances and potential action.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Crash data for April 2016 was reviewed. There were 101 reportable crashes in April 2016. This compares with 85 and 66 reportable crashes in April 2015 and 2014, respectively. 23 crashes resulted in total of 24 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were two crashes involving pedestrians: a pedestrian aged 73 years walking near the Bank of America exit to Storrs Street and being struck by a vehicle exiting the bank to turn left onto Storrs Street (minor injury, driver at fault); and a pedestrian aged 74 years walking in the Walmart parking lot and being struck by a vehicle backing out of a parking space (minor injuries, driver at fault).

There was one crash involving a bicyclist: a bicyclist aged 39 years traveling southbound on N. State Street in the bike lane and being struck by a southbound vehicle turning right into Penacook Street (minor injuries, driver at fault, helmet worn).

- 2) **City Council meeting update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: No TOC items were considered.

- 3) **Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: TPAC discussed the status of ongoing transportation CIP projects.

B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) **Concern from the Cemetery Administrator regarding northbound trucks on N. State Street entering Blossom Hill Cemetery to make a U-Turn to head back southbound (*Engineering: 3/24/16*).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: As discussed last month, at issue is a concern with trucks (parcel delivery trucks, semi-trucks) heading northbound on N. State Street, then entering the southerly cemetery entrance to make a U-Turn within the cemetery site so that they can turn right back onto N. State Street

southbound to get access to Rumford Street southbound. Rob Mack reported that CPD indicated earlier that a number of directed patrols were done a few weeks ago but that the U-turn movements had not been observed. Officers had also spoken with cemetery staff while on patrol. CPD was not available to provide further update on enforcement efforts.

C. New Discussion and Action Items

- 1) Request from a resident of Portsmouth Street to add a segment of double yellow centerline on the Broken Ground Drive approach to the stop line at Portsmouth Street (*Engineering: 4/29/16*).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At issue is a resident concern that some traffic turning left from Broken Ground Drive onto Portsmouth Street does so from a position left of the stop line, making it difficult for Portsmouth Street northbound vehicles to make the left turn onto Broken Ground Drive. Broken ground drive does not have a double yellow centerline painted and the small curve as it approaches Portsmouth Street may promote wide left turns by some vehicles. Attendees concurred that a short length of double yellow line in the area of the stop line might help focus traffic to turn from the stop line and not drift too far left. (GSD indicated that a short line segment would be painted in conjunction with the ongoing repaving project along Portsmouth Street.)

D. Open Discussion Items

- 1) Staff response to miscellaneous inquiries (refer to correspondence in agenda packet).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mack, PE, PTOE, Traffic Engineer
Chair, Traffic Operations Committee

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 @ 12:00 PM in the 2ND Floor Conference Room.***