



Engineering Services Division

Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2014

Attendees: Rob Mack, PE, PTOE, Engineering Services
Ed Roberge, PE, Engineering Services
Steve Henninger, Planning Division
Becky Hebert, Planning Division
Jim Major, General Services
Greg Taylor, Concord Police Department
Rick Wollert, Concord Fire Department

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: Traffic accident data for June 2014 was reviewed. There were 87 reportable accidents in June 2014. This compares with 101 and 107 reportable accidents in June 2013 and 2012, respectively. 14 accidents resulted in total of 20 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were no accidents involving pedestrians.

There were two accidents involving bicyclists: a bicyclist aged 32 years traveling southbound along S. Main Street and misjudging his speed, and ran into the back of a vehicle slowing to turn (minor injury, bicyclist at fault, helmet worn); and a bicyclist aged 49 years traveling along Pinehurst Street and alleging being sideswiped by a passing vehicle (injuries, bicyclist appeared intoxicated, unable to substantiate cause of alleged crash, no helmet worn).

2) City Council meeting update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its July 14, 2014 meeting, City Council approved the following changes to the Ordinance: parking setbacks from driveways on Christian Avenue and S. Fruit Street; a No Parking zone along S. Curtisville Road in the vicinity of Broken Ground School; and stipulation in the Ordinance that specified parking setbacks from intersections or driveways could be overridden if signing indicated otherwise.

3) Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its June 26, 2014 meeting, TPAC discussed the two referrals from Councilor Herschlag (Items B1 and B2, below), as well as recommendations from the Bike and Pedestrian Subcommittees to improve non-motorized access between the Commercial Street/Horseshoe Pond area and the downtown/Storrs Street/Stickney Avenue areas.

B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) Referral from Councilor Herschlag requesting that additional traffic calming methods be considered on Wildflower Drive between Abbott Road and Woodbine Avenue and on Woodbine Avenue between Mayflower Drive and Sorrell Drive (Council: 4/14/14).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Rob Mack reported discussing TOC's preliminary findings and discussion items from the June meeting with Councilor Herschlag and is awaiting additional feedback.

- 2) Referral from Councilor Herschlag requesting that additional traffic calming methods or stop signs be used at the Washington/Borough/River intersection, and that consideration be given to filling sidewalk gaps and enhancing pedestrian travel along Borough Road between Alice Drive and River Road (Council: 6/09/14).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Rob Mack presented a concept layout of a potential intersection reconfiguration that relocates the Borough Road approach to the intersection to a single right-angle location to the right of the existing utility pole in the small island area. The existing two-way spur between Borough Road and River Road (left of the island) would be sawcut, removed and vegetated. Engineering staff marked out the general layout of the intersection change in the field for General Services to review regarding constructability. TOC members concurred that the proposed change would be an effective and low-cost improvement. Engineering will plan to meet with the resident at #1 River Road regarding potential road improvements along his frontage that will remove pavement and add landscaping. It was noted that the new vegetated area could provide an opportunity for an 'adopt-a-spot' for an interested garden club or similar resident group.

C. New Discussion and Action Items

- 1) None.**

D. Open Discussion Items

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

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: None.

- 2) Weeble map update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: An update of the Weeble map (last updated in 2010) was discussed, with the following changes proposed: removal of Weeble locations near the former Walker, Rumford and Kimball School crosswalks; retention of the Weebles on Mountain Road near Shawmut Street until the roundabout is built in 2016; removal of the Weeble at the Village/Washington intersection due to reconfiguration as a roundabout; and addition of a Weeble on Warren Street at the high school crosswalk west of Westbourne Street. Main Street Weebles will not be needed following the Main Street Complete streets project, however they may remain as appropriate throughout the construction phases. The potential to place a

Weeble on N. Main Street at the YMCA crosswalk was discussed to the extent that one can be physically located near the crosswalk and not interfere with turning traffic; Engineering staff will investigate.

Respectfully submitted,

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

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, August 19, 2014 @ 12:00 PM in the 2ND Floor Conference Room.***