

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2022**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:13 am on April 19, 2022 in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Sam Durfee (via 'Call-in' until Item 4a), Karen Hill and Jim Major.

Absent: Matt Cashman, Terry Crotty, Fred Reagan, John Thomas and Rick Wollert.

Guests: None.

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. *Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2022*

The meeting minutes of March 18, 2022 were approved. *Motion:* Major.
Second: Cedarholm. *Unanimous.*

b. *Overview of City-Wide Crash Data*

Thomas was not in attendance. March crash data reports were submitted in advance of the meeting.

Crash data for March 2022 was reviewed. There were 100 reportable crashes in March 2022. This compares with 93 and 66 reportable crashes in March 2021 and 2020, respectively. 15 crashes resulted in a total of 16 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were 3 reported crashes involving pedestrians or bicyclists in March. Two accidents were at the fault of the driver, one in a Dunkin parking lot. One accident the bicyclist was found at fault for traveling against traffic.

c. *City Council Meeting Update*

Cedarholm reported that there were no transportation related items discussed at the last City Council meeting. He noted that Council voted to eliminate CDD-Eng Fund 21 and adjust the Engineering permit fees to a new tiered rate schedule.

d. *Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update*

Hill reported on the items discussed at the last meeting including the results of the Main Street TIGER report, sidewalk snow removal policy, adding a sidewalk to Dolphin street, and consideration of pavement marking modifications on South

Street. Durfee discussed the possible repainting of bike symbols at various intersections to indicate to cyclists where to stop at a signalized intersection.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

a. *Review of WEEBLE on Storrs Street*

Hill initiated discussion regarding the WEEBLE on Storrs Street that is being moved on a regular basis in front of the driveway to Market Basket. A State RSA exists stating that it is a violation to move a traffic control device. Hill will contact the State distribution warehouse to inform them of the RSA.

4. New Discussion and Action Items

a. *Referral from Councilor Todd regarding resident concerns on crossing safety at the Manor /Abbott Road roundabout*

Hill presented concerns brought forward by Councilor Todd regarding pedestrian safety and the lack of crosswalk on Manor road near the roundabout. Cedarholm noted that there is a future plan for a sidewalk in the area on Abbott Road. TOC examined the concerns regarding the Manor/Abbott Road intersection. It was determined that the sidewalk along Abbott Road that connects to the existing crossing and sidewalk would be the best solution. *Durfee left the meeting at 9:55am.*

b. *Resident request through SeeClickFix to convert the 4-way stop intersection of Portsmouth Street and South Curtisville Road to a roundabout*

Hill presented the request submitted by Mark Vattes. Hill reviewed the data from the speed counts that were collected in the area. Hill also reviewed the accident data at the intersection, stating there were 2 accidents in the last 5 years. It was discussed that the intersection is skewed and does not have sufficient space to construct a roundabout. Hill will reach out to John Thomas and request additional enforcement on Portsmouth Street.

c. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for speed limit signs of 30 mph on South Street between Pleasant and Clinton, and WEEBLES at all crosswalks*

Hill presented the concern brought forward by resident Sandra Duston and informed the Committee that bump-outs are planned for Fayette, Thompson and Concord streets. Hill will notify Ms. Duston of the City's plans. Major mentioned the project opportunity to improve crossing signage in the area.

d. *Resident request to examine the safety of various intersections, including South State/South Main, Washington/Centre, Warren/Westbourne (pedestrian safety)*

Prior to leaving the meeting, Durfee commented that the TPAC Bike-Ped subcommittee should examine these requests.

Hill reported on a request from resident Jim Foley who brought forward several concerns including the intersection of South State and South Main streets. Hill noted that this area of South Main street is part of CIP 505, however, the improvements are not planned until 2031, and that the intersection of Washington and Centre is being addressed by the City as part of CIP 520 during Fiscal Year 2024. Hill added that Mr. Foley also requested a 3-way stop at the intersection of Warren and Westbourne, and noted that there is a crossing guard at the crosswalk during peak times. TOC discussed that bumpouts were also constructed at this intersection recently.

Motion: Cedarholm. Second: Major. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am.