

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2022**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on August 16, 2022 in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Karen Hill, Heather Shank, John Thomas (late), Rick Wollert, and Kevin Demers.

Absent: Jim Major, Matt Cashman, Terry Crotty, and Fred Reagan.

Guests: Alison and Chris Casco.

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. *Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2022*

The meeting minutes of June 21, 2022 were approved.

Motion: Demers. *Second:* Cedarholm. *Unanimous.*

Abstain: Shank.

b. *Overview of City-Wide Crash Data*

June and July crash data was submitted in advance of the meeting. Thomas discussed accidents are rising to pre-COVD levels. Bicycle accidents have increased, mostly due to bicycles not following the rules of the road.

Crash data for June 2022 was reviewed. There were 112 reportable crashes in June 2022. This compares with 79 and 94 reportable crashes in June 2021 and 2020, respectively. 14 crashes resulted in a total of 19 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were 2 reported crashes involving pedestrians or bicyclists in June, a report summarizing the accidents was included in the agenda package.

Crash data for July 2022 was reviewed. There were 101 reportable crashes in July 2022. This compares with 74 and 74 reportable crashes in July 2021 and 2020, respectively. 17 crashes resulted in a total of 17 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were 5 reported crashes involving a pedestrian in July, a report summarizing the accidents was included in the agenda package.

- c. *City Council Meeting Update*
Cedarholm reported that CIP #40 – Langley Parkway, Phase 3 was removed. Council also approved the FY23 budget which includes \$100k to study McKee Square intersection improvements.
- d. *Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update*
Hill discussed that there was a presentation from NHDOT and their consultant McFarland-Johnson on the I-93 Bow-Concord project. There will be an update and discussion later in the meeting under item 4e.

3. **Ongoing Discussion and Action Items**

- a. *Follow up on School Bus complaint on Westbourne.*
Deputy Chief Thomas and the School District reviewed the video of the school bus complaint on Westbourne Road. The vehicle pulled over to the right to take left with a last-minute blinker, which was very confusing to the bus driver. The conclusion is that the bus driver did not act with negligence in the incident. Hill will still collect speed data and follow up with resident and Councilor Brown in the future.

4. **New Discussion and Action Items**

- a. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for WEEBLE at crosswalk on Broadway at Rollins Park.*
Hill mentioned that the City has a specific number of 24 WEEBLES that are deployed throughout the City, some have recently been removed in locations where they kept getting hit. This location meets many of the conditions listed in the City's WEEBLE policy, highlighting that it is a crosswalk located adjacent to a public park. Hill mentioned that parking demands are inconsistent on Broadway, often times leaving the roadway wide open and susceptible to higher speeds. The crossing distance is also skewed and approximately 55' wide. Hill stated that highlighting this concentrated crosswalk with a WEEBLE is important. Hill made a motion to add this WEEBLE as one of the 24 locations throughout the City. *Second: Cedarholm. Unanimous.*
- b. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for consideration of a traffic signal at Woodcrest Heights at Loudon Road.*
Alison and Chris Casco attended the meeting to speak on their concerns. They have lived on Wedgewood Drive for 20 years. With the addition of Dairy Queen across the street, left turning movements are the biggest concerns with many conflicts and no dedicated left turn lanes. Woodcrest Heights is a residential neighborhood with one access point to/from Loudon Road. Hill mentioned that through the Planning Board process, the Developer completed a Site Access Evaluation (Traffic study) for the entire proposed development in 2016, which showed the intersection did not meet MUTCD traffic signal warrants. Hill will

send the residents the traffic study to review. Engineering will keep the intersection on their radar and monitor for accident trends. Shank brought up the prior consideration of a road diet and center turn lane on Loudon Road that was not supported by Council at the time.

- c. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for radar feedback signs to be active at all times.*

Wollert discussed that although the radar signs are powered separately from the blinking school zone signs, they are preprogrammed with the same schedule. The Committee discussed concerns that leaving the radar signs on at all times will cause them to lose their effectiveness especially when school is in session. Where they are tied to the school zone signs, the Committee did not want those signs to lose their effectiveness as well. Hill made a motion to maintain current operation of signage in school zones. *Second: Wollert. Unanimous.*

- d. *Discuss Intersection Improvements at Lilac Street at Borough Road.*

Hill shared the concept plan that is proposed to be completed when General Services reclaims the roadway. Engineering is currently planning a Neighborhood Meeting. Hill has reached out to Ward Councilors and Fred Reagan from MVSD. GSD to reclaim next week and coordinate other improvements in the Spring.

- e. *I-93 Bow-Concord Update.*

TPAC and Council are reviewing updates presented by NHDOT and McFarland Johnson. Hill informed the committee that the presentation and recording are available on the project's website.

Motion: Cedarholm. Second: Hill. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.