

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on September 20, 2022
in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Karen Hill, Heather Shank (partial), Terry Crotty, and Kevin Demers.

Absent: John Thomas, Jim Major, Matt Cashman, and Fred Reagan.

Guests: Councilor Rice-Hawkins, John Fink.

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. *Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2022*

The meeting minutes of August 16, 2022 were approved.

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

b. *Overview of City-Wide Crash Data*

In Thomas' absence, the August crash data was tabled to the October meeting.

c. *City Council Meeting Update*

None.

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

Cedarholm discussed that there have been ongoing discussions on the NHDOT I-93 Bow-Concord project. Video recordings and minutes are available online.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

a. *None.*

4. New Discussion and Action Items

a. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for lane striping on Knight Street at N State.*

Mr. Fink attended the meeting to discuss his request for turn lane striping at the end of Knight Street. He discussed that it is difficult for vehicles to take lefts on N State Street during peak hours and Sundays. The left turning vehicles delay the vehicles wanting to take a right at Hutchins Street, causing backups. Vehicles divert to Knight Street. The same phenomenon happens at the end of Knight Street. Due to the width of the roadway, his request is to stripe a left and right

turn lane to allow right turning vehicles to turn without being stuck behind the left turning vehicles. The Committee discussed that the roadway is only approximately 18-20 feet wide. Crotty had concerns with buses making turning movements from narrow lanes. It was determined that Hill would perform traffic observations and coordinate a striping test with the School District and the Fire Department. Hill will follow up at a future meeting.

- b.** *Resident request through SeeClickFix for blind driveway signage and speed concerns on Rumford Street at #79.*
Hill completed a site visit. Her video revealed that sight distance was well beyond the minimum required. The Committee discussed that there was signage to indicate the sharp corner in both directions with 15 mph advisory speed plaques. The sharp corner does not allow fast speeds. The Committee questioned whether the resident was backing out of the driveway and suggested pulling out for a safer maneuver. It was suggested that the vegetation be removed or trimmed as well. Hill will follow up with resident.
- c.** *Referral from Councilor Rice-Hawkins in regards to parking and emergency response concerns on Hoit Road.*
Councilor Rice-Hawkins attended the meeting to discuss the resident's concerns with the Hoit Road Marsh wintertime racing events and parking in the lot and along the side of the road. The concerns are around emergency response. The Committee questioned whether or not the tower truck could make the turn onto Tallant Road in the winter or if they use the parking lot to turn around. Hill shared a video of the tower truck making a multi-point turn. Hill suggested the need to view photos or observe an event to determine whether vehicles parking on the road are causing concern for emergency response. Demers mentioned that GSD has never had complaints from their plow drivers that they are unable to get through. It was suggested that because the parking lot is owned by the State, that they are asked to handle the excess parking so that it does not overflow onto the City Street.
- d.** *Resident request through Facebook for Speed Tables on West Street.*
It has been a long-standing City practice to not install speed tables, especially on collector or arterial streets. Hill is collecting traffic and speed data on West Street and will follow up with data at a future meeting.
- e.** *Resident concerns through SeeClickFix in regards to heavy traffic on Mountain Road.*
Hill discussed that the heavy traffic on Mountain Road is caused by drivers avoiding the backups on the interstate. Hill will respond to the resident and recommended that they advocate for the interstate widening project to move

forward. The Committee agreed that this was the ultimate solution to alleviate heavy traffic on Mountain Road.

- f. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for STOP sign on Gale Street at Pleasant Street.*

Hill discussed that there have been two accidents at the intersection over the last 5 years. TOC reviewed a map of the area, confirming that the intersection is a low-volume standard T-intersection.

Based on the City's Stop Sign Policy and the intersection analysis, it was determined that the "T" geometry of the intersections suggests the normal right-of-way rule would be followed. Cedarholm moved that the STOP sign not be added per the City's Stop Sign Policy and the analysis provided by Hill. Second: Demers. Unanimous.

- g. *Resident concerns through SeeClickFix for drivers disregard for STOP sign on Christian Ave at Ormond Street.*

The Committee discussed that enforcement is the best mitigation for this issue. Hill will follow up with Thomas to request enforcement of the area.

Motion: Demers. Second: Hill. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.