



Engineering Services Division

Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015

Attendees: Rob Mack, PE, PTOE, Engineering Services
Ed Roberge, PE, Engineering Services
Jim Major, General Services
Kevin Partington, Concord Police Department
Terry Crotty, Concord School District
Terry Brennan, Concord School District

A. Regular Discussion Items

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

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Crash data for December 2014 was reviewed. There were 113 reportable crashes in December 2014. This compares with 117 and 123 reportable crashes in December 2013 and 2012, respectively. 16 crashes resulted in total of 19 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were three December crashes involving pedestrians: a pedestrian aged 39 years walking westbound (with traffic) in the roadway on Loudon Road down Gully Hill due to a snow-covered sidewalk and being struck by the side-view mirror of a passing vehicle (minor injury, driver not identified, rain and visibility was contributory); and a pedestrian aged 52 years crossing N. Main Street in the crosswalk near Dominos and being struck by a southbound vehicle (injury, driver at fault, dark conditions and dark clothing were contributory).

There was one December crash involving a bicyclist: a bicyclist aged 29 years traveling westbound on the eastbound sidewalk (wrong way) along Loudon Road, crossing the Bridge Street intersection against the signal and being struck by a vehicle turning right from Bridge Street (minor injury, bicyclist at fault, helmet not worn).

The annual crash summary for 2014 was also reviewed. There were 1107 reportable crashes in 2014. This compares with 1100 and 1225 reportable crashes in 2013 and 2012, respectively. 218 crashes resulted in total of 291 people injured. There were no fatalities. 23 crashes involved an impaired driver, 27 involved a pedestrian and 12 involved a bicyclist. Engineering requested crash details from CPD for further review of several intersections that had elevated numbers of crashes last year including: Fisherville/Bog, Regional/Industrial and Broadway/Rockingham. It was noted that there were no reported crashes at the Regional/Chenell intersection last year.

Noted were observations of excessive red-light running on the northbound left-turn lane on South Street approaching the signal at McKee Square, particularly around 8 AM when long traffic delays coincide with school crossings; CPD will consider targeted enforcement. Another concern was the incidence of drivers not stopping for stopped school buses on wide, multiple-lane roads such as Loudon Road on the Heights and Pleasant Street west of the high school. It was felt that some drivers may not be aware of the

requirement to stop in either direction approaching a stopped bus, regardless of number of lanes. Engineering will consider deployment of message boards at these locations for educational purposes.

2) City Council meeting update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its January 12, 2015 meeting, City Council accepted the TPAC/TOC report on the Council referral of West Village traffic concerns.

3) Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its December 18, 2014 meeting, TPAC approved the consolidation of the bicycle and pedestrian subcommittees; continued discussion of the CAT bus-replacement plan; and received staff updates on several active CIP transportation projects.

B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) None.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 @ 12:00 PM in the 2ND Floor Conference Room.***