

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2022**

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) met at 6:00 pm on April 28, 2022, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Members Present: Dick Lemieux (Chair), Mayor Bouley, Councilor Todd, Councilor Brown, Councilor Rice-Hawkins, Gregory Bakos, Terri Paige

Members Absent: Craig Tufts

Guests: Ian McGregor, members of the public (see attached sign-in sheet)

City Staff: Karen Hill (Transportation Engineer), Sam Durfee (Senior Planner)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2022

The meeting minutes of *March 24, 2022* were approved.

Motion: Todd. Second: Rice-Hawkins. Unanimous. Abstain: Paige.

3. Public Comment

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment; members of the public attended to discuss item 10d – Langley Parkway. The Chair confirmed that this is on the agenda as a staff update and staff confirmed there is no update at this time. Members of the public expressed concerns with the project moving forward stating that it should be done so with the best interest of all of the community. Folks mentioned that all data and information is necessary and that the prior study is outdated and should be revisited prior to moving any plans forward. Residents who use the trails frequently mentioned concerns with environmental impacts, including wetlands/drainage, wildlife, and noise as well as housing impacts including values. It discussed that the attendees were fighting to have Langley Parkway (CIP 40) removed from the CIP. Opposition is robust and will continue to be and the cost just keeps rising. Mayor Bouley discussed the portion of Langley Parkway near the Lincoln Financial property and where it ties into Penacook Street. He informed the attendees that they could attend the budget meeting to voice opposition and request it be removed from the CIP. City Councilors will vote. He discussed that even if it is removed now, there is no saying it will not come back in the future.

Lemieux thanked folks for attending and voicing their opinions. He did mention that TPAC has always been a long-standing supporter of Langley Parkway as it will relieve many other traffic issues in the City.

4. New Business

a. *Merrimack Street in regards to upcoming paving program.*

Hill circulated a map depicting the roadways in Penacook to be reclaimed in FY 23. It was discussed that Councilor Todd and Staff would host a neighborhood meeting to hear concerns from the neighborhood. Durfee suggested TPAC-BP look into potential options for improvement to be included with the paving program. Hill will place a traffic counter on Merrimack Street over the next few weeks. Hill and Todd to coordinate efforts.

b. *Review South Street lane striping (McKee Square to Thorndike).*

Hill circulated a striping plan that was considered by TPAC-BP for potential re-striping of South Street between McKee Square and Thorndike Street, which is a designated bike route. It was discussed that the benefit of a short segment of bike lane in this area did not necessarily outweigh the effort to remove parking. Members thought that bicycles would still take the lane and it would provide a false sense of security for the rest of the corridor. It was also discussed that the loss of parking on one side may encourage higher vehicle speeds due to the loss of friction with parking on both sides. Paige made a motion to maintain existing lane/parking layout with the addition of “sharrows.” Lemieux seconded. Unanimous.

5. Old Business

a. *None.*

6. Consent Reports

a. *Acceptance of Subcommittee Minutes*

i. TPAC-BP: None

ii. TPAC-PT: None

7. City Council Meeting Update

Councilor Rice-Hawkins mentioned the Community Gardens and asked if TPAC had discussed access in the past. It was discussed that there was a suspense item on the agenda for a May public hearing on the purchase of the Pan Am ROW for the MRGT project.

8. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

a. *None.*

9. Status Report on Subcommittees

- a. *Traffic Operations Committee (TOC), Karen Hill*
Hill shared the TOC agenda prior to meeting. She discussed a few TOC action items. Lemieux asked if the City could generate reports through SeeClickFix summarizing request by type and location. Hill will follow up.
- b. *Public Transportation Committee (TPAC-PT), Terri Paige*
No recent meeting. Next meeting is May 3rd at 12pm. Paige discussed that CAT is still rebuilding after malware attack in November, but hopeful they are almost through it. She mentioned that she reengaged the consultant to move the expansion routes forward. Paige confirmed that CAT does not need additional funding until the end of FY 23 due to a grant they received. She mentioned concerns she had while awaiting the census data which could ultimately change CAT's status from rural to small urban, which has many anticipated impacts.
- c. *Bicycle / Pedestrian Committee (TPAC-BP), Craig Tufts*
Tufts was absent. Durfee provided a summary, stating that the subcommittee discussed the South Street re-striping plan and the federal grant opportunities.

10. **Staff Updates**

- a. *Storrs Street Extension (CIP 18)*
No discussion. Durfee did mention a potential for a federal grant opportunity for area projects.
- b. *Whitney Road / Hoit Road Intersection (CIP 30)*
Hill discussed that the contractor has implemented Phase 1 of the traffic control and will begin widening the north side of Hoit Road. The plan is to get the intersection operating as a single lane roundabout as soon as possible. Once the overhead signs are installed, the roundabout would be final paved and functioning as a hybrid roundabout.
- c. *Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP 543)*
Bakos informed the committee that FMRGT did not receive the EDA grant that was submitted for. Lemieux reported that there has been progress on the Pan Am ROW purchase and will be discussed at a Council hearing in May. He asked a few questions that City staff agreed to follow up on. Lemieux also informed the committee that there have been preliminary discussions with the owner of #6 Loudon Road about the trail going between the parking lot and the river.
- d. *Langley Parkway Phase 3 (CIP 40)*
No update. Public testimony heard under item 3.
- e. *Loudon Road Bridge (CIP 588)*

Hill discussed that a municipal agreement is in process between the City and the State. It was discussed that funding was increased in the NHDOT TYP with many thanks to Councilor Cinde Warmington.

f. *I-93 Bow-Concord*

It was discussed that City administration and NHDOT discussions are ongoing.

11. *Other Discussion Items*

12. *Adjourn*

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by unanimous consent.

13. *Upcoming Meeting Dates*

May 26, 2022 – *Meeting is tentatively rescheduled to Tuesday May 31st at 6 pm due to conflict with City budget meetings.*

June 23, 2022

City of Concord
 Transportation Policy Advisory Committee Meeting
 4/28/2022 @ 6 pm
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