

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2023**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on May 16, 2023 in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: Karen Hill, Alec Bass, Jim Major, and Harold Palmer (partial).

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

Guests: None.

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. *Approval of Minutes – April 18, 2023*

The meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 were approved.

b. *Overview of City-Wide Crash Data*

April crash data was tabled for the June meeting.

c. *City Council Meeting Update*

Hill mentioned that Council approved funds for the design of the Loudon Road Bridge. Hill also discussed that Council approved alternative plans for the outdoor dining in parking spaces downtown.

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

Hill mentioned that TPAC last met on May 11th and reviewed the Transportation related CIP projects.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

a. *None.*

4. New Discussion and Action Items

a. *Referral from Councilor Nyhan to limit late night trucking near Bela Brook Lane.*

Hill discussed that the residents in the area of Bela Brook Drive have requested no trucking during nighttime hours due to a large truck using their neighborhood to turn around at 2 AM. They have contacted the truck driver but it is still happening. Hill shared the City's Trucking Ordinance (17-6-7) with the Committee and Birchdale and neighborhood streets are not

designated for truck use which states that these streets shall not be used for truck traffic between the hours of 7 PM and 7 AM. Engineering will send the truck driver a letter to inform them of the City ordinance, if not followed, Concord Police Department will enforce it. Hill will follow up with residents.

- b.** *Referral from Councilor Pierce for additional lighting on Fisherville Road.*
Hill made a site visit and collected data on number of crosswalks along Fisherville and took inventory of which ones were lit or could easily be lit. She discussed that this is a large effort that should will need to be a report to Council. She mentioned the effort to introduce a City-wide crosswalk policy, that TPAC has tabled for now. The Committee felt that the policy shall require all crosswalks be lit.
- c.** *Resident request for 4-way stop at the intersection of Rumford Street and School Street.*
Hill mentioned that a 4-way stop is not warranted per the City's Stop Sign Policy, however there are existing sight line issues at the Rumford Street southbound approach to School Street. She showed an image of street trees within the grass strip that are impeding sight lines looking west. The Committee agreed that the best approach was to contact the property owners and ask them to trim the tree branches to 8' above the roadway surface.
- d.** *Resident concerns in regards to vehicle speeds on N Spring Street in school zone.*
Hill shared prior speed data collected in 2016. Average speeds in this area were 22 mph and 85th percentile speeds were 26-27 mph. Hill made a site visit and confirmed that school signage is appropriate to alert drivers of School Zone during specific times of the day, as well as SCHOOL pavement markings in each direction. It was determined that because of the narrowness along that stretch of Spring Street, especially when parked cars are present; that in general, excessive travel speeds would be unlikely, given historical data. TOC felt that the perception of speeding would likely be limited to a small number of inconsiderate drivers; and that no type of signage can correct that behavior.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.