

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2023**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on August 15, 2023
in City Council Chambers, 37 Green Street.

Attendees: Michael Bezanson, Karen Hill, Alec Bass, Jim Major, John Thomas, and Harold Palmer.

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

Guests: None.

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. *Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2023*

The meeting minutes of June 20, 2023 were approved.

b. *Overview of City-Wide Crash Data*

June and July crash data were submitted in advance of the meeting. Crash data for June and July 2023 were reviewed.

There were 104 reportable crashes in June 2023. This compares with 114 and 79 reportable crashes in June 2022 and 2021, respectively. 35 crashes resulted in injuries. There were no fatalities. There were 3 reported crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in June.

There were 69 reportable crashes in July 2023. This compares with 101 and 74 reportable crashes in July 2022 and 2021, respectively. 13 crashes resulted in injuries. There was one fatality. There were 2 reported crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in July. Thomas noted that accidents in July were much lower than average.

Thomas discussed that the recent accident on N State Street was related to an illegal U-turn. Hill also asked him to follow up with information on the 7 accidents this year at the intersection of Hoit Road and Whitney Road.

c. *City Council Meeting Update*

None.

- d. *Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update*
None.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

- a. *Referral from Councilor Todd in regards to a resident's request for a STOP sign at the intersection of Tanner Street and Charles Street (P).*
Hill completed a site visit after the last meeting to confirm sight lines from Charles Street, westbound, looking right to Tanner Street. She shared an image that shows private bushes obstructing the view. She discussed that Engineering will follow up with the property owner to discuss the City's Ordinance and ask that the bushes be trimmed. The Committee agreed that this is the best solution at this time.

- b. *Resident request to review the 4-way stop intersection of Portsmouth Street and S Curtisville Road.*
Hill discussed the history of concerns at this intersection and existing signage from prior site visit.
Hill discussed that this intersection will likely be studied further if the middle school project moves forward in this location.
Thomas indicated he would initiate additional patrols at the intersection and along Portsmouth Street the week of August 28 through September 1. He also mentioned this could be a location to explore flashing stop signs.

4. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for widening Roger Ave at N State Street.*
The Committee reviewed a map of the intersection and pre and post Route 3 construction photos. After reviewing the widths of other neighboring streets, it was determined that Roger Ave is one of the narrower ones but not substandard. It was also discussed due to the dead-end, low-volume nature of the roadway that there is likely not many conflicting vehicle movements at the intersection. There having only been two accidents in the past three years, the Committee did not feel that improvements were necessary at this time.
- b. *Resident request through SeeClickFix to review intersection of Hoyt Road and Shaker Road in regards to speed concerns and sight lines.*
Hill shared findings and photos from a site visit to the intersection. The Committee discussed the geometry of the intersection and limited sight lines in multiple directions. Hill mentioned some trimming of roadside brush may help increase sight lines on the corner. The Committee also reviewed a right-of-way map and determined some clearing and potential tree clearing would need to occur on private property. Engineering will follow up with notices

and research of a potential easement on the northeast corner. Thomas mentioned that the Concord Police Department is actively patrolling Hoit Road for speed violations and thru trucking.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.