

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on November 18, 2025
in the Second Floor Conference Room, 41 Green Street

Attendees: Michael Bezanson, Karen Hill, Alec Bass, Matthew Casey, Kevin Demers

Absent: Fred Reagan, Matt Cashman, Harold Palmer

Guests: None

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. October 21, 2025 TOC Draft Meeting Minutes
On a motion made by Demers, seconded by Bass, the meeting minutes of October 21, 2025 were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Review City-Wide Crash Data

Accident data was provided to the Committee during the meeting.

- a. September 2025
There were 96 reportable crashes in September 2025. This compares with 88 reportable crashes in September 2024. 19 crashes resulted in injuries. There were no fatality involved accidents. There were 5 reported accidents involving pedestrians and 0 involving bicyclists.
- b. October 2025
There were 103 reportable crashes in October 2025. This compares with 122 reportable crashes in October 2024. 18 crashes resulted in injuries. There was one fatality involved accident. There were 5 reported accidents involving pedestrians and 2 involving bicyclists.

4. Council/Committee Updates

Hill shared that the Cemetery Street speeding concern report was accepted by consent at the November 2025 City Council meeting.

5. Project Updates

Hill shared that the Centre/Washington, Clinton Street, and Sewalls Falls/Abbott improvements are just about wrapped up for the year, with some remaining items to be completed in the Spring. Airport Road sidewalks have been base paved and will be completed in the Spring. The sidewalks will not be maintained this winter.

6. New Business

- a. *Referral from City Council in regards to a resident request for additional street lighting on Prescott Street*

Hill provided a summary of the referral.

The Committee reviewed a map and noted that there appears to be adequate overhead lighting along both Prescott Street and Thomas Street considering they are low volume, dead end streets. The Committee also noted that the streets are in the City's Pedestrian Master Plan for future sidewalk consideration, however noted that they rank #97/117.

The Committee recognized that GSD plans to reclaim the streets in FY 2027, and discussed that TPAC recently reviewed the upcoming paving list and did not recommend proposing sidewalk construction at this time due to other competing needs, the low ranking, and right-of-way constraints.

Lastly, the Committee noted that adding a pedestrian connection from Prescott Street to Hazen Drive would involve access through State and private property and did not recommend acting on this at this time.

- b. *Resident request to improve safety at the Village Street roundabout*

Hill provided a summary of this item and provided an update from a site visit.

Hill shared that there were 5 reported accidents at the roundabout in 2023, 4 in 2024, and 2 in 2025 so far. Casey and Demers mentioned that some of those accidents may not have involved other vehicles but instead signage or islands.

Hill noted that the yield sign from the Washington Street approach is obscured by a tree and should be cleared. She also mentioned that some roundabouts include an additional yield sign in the median as well, but confirmed that the second sign is not required by MUTCD.

The Committee discussed that the lack of yielding is prevalent throughout the City at various roundabouts and did not believe that additional signage would correct driver behavior.

The Committee agreed that the short term solution is to have General Services either trim the tree to increase visibility of the yield sign, or relocate the sign accordingly. Accidents will continue to be monitored.

- c. *Resident request for stop control on Church Street (eastbound) at Bradley Street*

Hill provided a summary of this item and provided an update from a site visit.

Hill shared that there has been 1 reported vehicle accident at this intersection in 2023, 1 in 2024, and none in 2025.

The Committee reviewed the intersection and noted that there is currently no stop control on the eastbound approach due to the 18% grade of Church Street. Adding stop control would create a greater safety concern by requiring vehicles to stop on the steep hill.

The Committee recommended no action at this time.

- d. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for traffic calming on High Street*
Hill provided a summary of this item.

Hill shared that due to the recent improvements to Community Drive and Allen Street, traffic leaving the school campus is now shifting to High Street. The Committee discussed restricting traffic on High Street to one-way but recognized that it would only alleviate the situation in the PM hours. Hill mentioned that the proposed campus master plan involved modifications to Beede Drive to add multiple egress lanes, but the School was unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary property rights to construct the improvements when Beede Drive was recently improved.

The Committee noted that without additional improvements, allowing traffic to disperse is essential for traffic flow as all of the traffic would not be able to safely exit directly onto Village Street and would be forced to travel through downtown Penacook.

Hill mentioned that a similar request was discussed in May as a City Council referral and a report was accepted by consent at their September 8, 2025 meeting. The report recognized a need to educate students/new drivers with a school campaign to encourage safe driving and courtesy of the neighborhood in an effort to combat the speeding issues.

Casey agreed to reach out to the school resource officer to initiate this effort.

- e. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for all-way stop control at the intersections of Community Drive at Merrimack and Summer streets*

Hill provided a summary of this item. Noting that this request is specifically asking to add stop signs to control speed. As stated in the City's Stop Sign Policy, *STOP signs will not be used for speed control.*

The Committee agreed that AWSC is not warranted at this time and referenced Item 6e for addressing neighborhood speed concerns.

- f. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for pavement markings on West Street*
Hill provided a summary of this item.

Hill noted that West Street is scheduled to be paved in the near future, and will be studied in part with the McKee Square project.

The Committee recommended no action at this time.

- g. Resident request through SeeClickFix for turn lane arrows at Loudon Road at Ft Eddy Road intersection

Hill provided a summary of this item, noting that the bridge was recently resurfaced at it appears markings on this approach were never re-painted.

Demers will create a work order to get this work completed as soon as possible.

- h. Resident request through SeeClickFix for (a) stop sign(s) at Union Street at Maple Street

Hill provided a summary of this item and provided an update from a site visit.

Hill shared that there has been 1 reported vehicle accident at this intersection in the last five years.

The Committee recognized the low volume and low accident rate and agreed to take no action at this time.

- i. Discuss problematic street sign in traffic island on Hall Street near CVS

Hill provided a summary of this item, noting that a report from Demers indicted that this sign has been replaced at least 12 times in the last 2 years.

Hill shared that a full access driveway to/from CVS on Hall Street was shown on the approved site plan.

The Committee noted that at some point, likely when Hall Street is resurfaced, the median needs to be extended to eliminate left turns, or reduced in length to avoid the incidents.

Hill noted there may be options to create an interconnected drive with the abutting property and possibly eliminate the driveway entirely.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. Other Discussion Items

None.

9. Next Meeting

December 16, 2025

10. Adjourn

On a motion by Demers, seconded by Casey, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am. All in favor.