

**CITY OF CONCORD  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) met at 6:00 pm on November 4, 2021, at the Concord City-Wide Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road, in Program Room 4.

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

*Members Absent:* Councilor Rob Werner, Craig Tufts, Mayor Bouley

*Guests:* None

*City Staff:* David Cedarholm (City Engineer), Karen Hill (Transportation Engineer)

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

*Approval of Minutes – September 30, 2021*

The meeting minutes of September 30, 2021 were deferred until the next meeting.

**3. Public Comment**

Chair opened the meeting for public comment; no comments were presented.

**4. New Business**

a. *None.*

**5. Old Business**

a. *Discuss South Street and S State Street potential improvements draft report.*

Hill provided a brief update informing the committee that concepts were included in the paving program bid as alternate items. Once bid prices come back, TPAC would then need to advocate to Council for the improvements to move forward. They were included as alternate items in the bid, leaving it optional whether or not they move forward. The concepts are for the intersections of S State @ Fayette, Thompson, and Concord and South @ Fayette, Thompson, and Concord. Hill discussed that a neighborhood meeting was held in October and only a few subcommittee members attended even though a meeting notice was sent to direct abutters. Hill shared that a report has been

drafted by Sam Durfee, Senior Planner but it will need to be updated with costs and endorsed by TPAC at a future meeting.

The report highlights the benefits of installing bumpouts which include improving pedestrian safety by increasing pedestrian visibility, decreasing pedestrian exposure by shortening crossing distances and reducing vehicle turn speeds, traffic calming, improving pedestrian connectivity (Pedestrian Master Plan), reducing instances of illegal parking, and improving aesthetics by providing opportunities for landscaping and placemaking in the urban core.

Hill asked the committee, if the improvements move forward, about eliminating a crosswalk at each S State Street intersection, to encourage usage of the crosswalk with bumpouts. The committee would like to maintain all crosswalks, stating that pedestrians will cross regardless and having a crosswalk improves safety.

- b. *Discussion surrounding neighborhood traffic and speed and cut through concerns.*  
Hill is compiling a list of top streets with speeding and traffic concerns from City Councilors. TPAC can discuss list of streets and revisit neighborhood traffic recommendations at a future meeting. Hill will share the City's 2005 Traffic Management Plan with committee members to review for relevance and necessary updates.

**6. Consent Reports**

- a. *Acceptance of Subcommittee Minutes*
  - i. *TPAC-BP: None*
  - ii. *TPAC-PT: None*

**7. City Council Meeting Update**

N Main Street bus stops have been moved/consolidated with Council approval. Council approved NH Highway Safety grant funds for roadway patrols.

**8. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair**

- a. *Councilor Rice Hawkins introduced constituent concerns at intersection on East Side Drive and S Curtisville Road.*  
Hill will add the concern to the December TOC Meeting agenda for discussion.

**9. Status Report on Subcommittees**

- a. *Bicycle / Pedestrian Committee (TPAC-BP), Craig Tufts*  
The subcommittee did not meet last month. Craig Tufts absent, no update.
- b. *Traffic Operations Committee (TOC), Karen Hill*

Hill shared the October TOC meeting agenda. Hill provided a brief update on the Hoit/Mountain Road intersection and the potential to submit the intersection for a NHDOT Roadway Safety Audit (RSA).

**c. *Public Transportation Committee (TPAC-PT), Terri Paige***

Paige discussed the need to hold a quarterly meeting in December. Paige mentioned a grant that CAT received that will allow them to stay fare-free through FY-2023.

Paige is still looking for drivers, she is hopeful that the recent pay increase will draw some interest.

Paige mentioned the need for an on-demand response service in Concord. CAT is wanting to expand their taxi voucher program but are prevented by limited taxi services in Concord.

**10. *Staff Updates***

**a. *Storrs Street Extension (CIP 18)***

No discussion.

**b. *Whitney Road / Hoit Road Intersection (CIP 30)***

The City's contractor, FL Merrill is working on Whitney Road improvements and slopes in NHDOT ROW for now. The work will begin on the large roundabout in the spring.

**c. *Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP 543)***

Conservation easement is holding up the cornfields project. Cedarholm to follow up with Lemieux and Bakos on letter received from NHDOT.

**d. *Langley Parkway Phase Three (CIP 40)***

No discussion.

**e. *Loudon Road Bridge (CIP 588)***

Cedarholm provided an update on the GACIT Hearing and the status of the Loudon Road Bridge project. He indicated that the Engineering Study Report determined \$22.4 million is needed to construct the preferred alternative versus the \$8.7 million that is currently in the Ten-Year Plan (TYP). He discussed the need to hold a public informational meeting for the project. NHDOT also requested barrier between the Shared-Use Path (SUP) and the roadway, that has been included in the above inflated cost. NHDOT is working on a Municipal Agreement with the City that will also include language regarding the Exit 14 project and Bow-Concord widening.

**f. *I-93 Bow-Concord***

*See item 10e above.*

**11.**        *Other Discussion Items*  
None.

**12.**        *Adjourn*  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm by unanimous consent.

**13.**        *Upcoming Meeting Dates*  
December 16, 2021