

## **PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Through TOC and staff, TPAC partnered with the Concord School District and CNHRPC in the development of the Safe Routes to School Program.**

In conjunction with the 2008 Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for the Abbot-Downing (formerly Conant) Elementary School and Rundlett Middle School, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements were designed and constructed along the South Street approach to the school campus.

As part of the ongoing Safe Routes to School City-Wide Travel Plan, a network of primary walking routes to each school has been developed. Priority sidewalk snow-plowing routes have also been implemented for prompt maintenance of core walking routes.

Members of Concord's Safe Routes to School team participated in the filming of a video clip promoting walking for happier and healthier kids. The video was produced as a nation-wide promotion for the [Safe Routes to School National Partnership](#) and aired nationally on ABC in October 2013.

**TPAC-PT collaborated with Concord Area Transit (CAT) in the planning and location of a bus stop to service the newly-constructed Friendly Kitchen on S. Commercial Street.**

A proactive effort by both TPAC-PT and CAT, the need for enhanced public transportation access to the new Friendly Kitchen facility was investigated. The new bus stop location was added to existing CAT bus route service in the area.

**Through TPAC-Ped, TPAC-Bike and TOC, TPAC partners annually with the Concord School District, participating in "Bike/Walk to School Day."**

The annual "Bike/Walk to School Day" is celebrated at each school and includes organized/supervised walking and biking groups, walk/bike-to-school safety education programming, and special off-campus topics such as how to safely cross at crosswalks, roundabouts and signals.



Playing on an old riddle, the chicken shows school children how (if not why!) the chicken crosses the street *safely*.

**TPAC supported staff and Concord School District efforts in planning pedestrian safety and operational changes on Warren Street at Concord High School.**

In an effort to address safety concerns and promote safe multi-modal travel along Warren Street in the vicinity of Concord High School, staff collaborated with the school district in designing sidewalk and crosswalk improvements both along the street as well as along the adjacent campus entrance to the school. Included are revised crosswalk locations, construction of curb bump-outs to shorten crossing distances, and revised campus walkways to focus pedestrian walking paths to the enhanced crosswalk locations. The project is included in the city's capital improvement program and will be constructed concurrently with the school district's on-campus sidewalk changes.

**TOC developed a recommended practice for city-wide uniformity in signing and marking school zones.**

In an effort to promote uniformity in the application of school zone signing, crosswalks and pavement markings, TOC prepared an inventory of school crossing facilities city-wide. To resolve the historically disparate types of traffic control at each school, a uniform school zone signing/marketing plan was developed for implementation as funds become available to upgrade area signage.

|                                |  | PREFERRED SIGNING |         | KIMBALL<br>N Spring St |         | MERRIMACK VALLEY<br>Village St |         | PENACOOK ELEM.<br>Village St |         |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
|                                |  | Outbound          | Inbound | Outbound               | Inbound | Outbound                       | Inbound | Outbound                     | Inbound |
| ADVANCE SIGNS                  |  |                   |         |                        |         |                                |         |                              |         |
|                                |  |                   |         |                        |         |                                |         |                              |         |
| SPEED ZONE SIGNS<br>(OPTIONAL) |  |                   |         |                        |         |                                |         |                              |         |
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| CROSSWALK SIGNS                |  |                   |         |                        |         |                                |         |                              |         |
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Illustrative portion of a city-wide matrix of school crossing signage, comparing existing inventory with preferred practice.

**TOC supported staff in the development and implementation of temporary traffic signal and parking changes to enhance management of downtown traffic circulation and reduce delays during Main Street closures for major downtown festivals.**

Every year, there are a number of major downtown events that involve the closure of much of Main Street and intersecting side streets to motor vehicle traffic. Effective traffic circulation in and around the downtown area is crucial to downtown businesses, employees and visitors alike. Staff collaborates annually with event organizers to plan and implement temporary traffic control and parking changes throughout the downtown to accommodate revised traffic patterns and minimize potential delays. Downtown events include: Market Days (pictured below); Rock'n Race; and Halloween Howl.



A mix of non-motorized travelers enjoys Main Street during Market Days.