



# CITY OF CONCORD

*New Hampshire's Main Street™*

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Earle M. Chesley P.E., General Services Director

**DATE:** February 14, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Transfer Station Entrance Modifications

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report to authorize the sum of \$ 35,000 for modifications to the Transfer Station Entrance off Old Turnpike Road.

### **Background**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services performed an inspection of the City's Transfer Station off Old Turnpike Road. The station is owned by the City who owns the permit and is operated by Casella Waste Systems.

As part of this inspection, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services indicated to the City that occasionally traffic entering the facility back-up onto Old Turnpike Road during peak hours of operation on Saturdays. Since this is inconsistent with their rules, they requested the City to make modification to address the matter.

Representatives from the General Services Department and Casella Waste System met with officials from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to seek guidance and clarification on this and other matters in their inspection report. From that meeting, it was decided by the parties that Casella would first attempt certain onsite traffic measures to address the peak Saturday traffic volumes to manage the traffic internally on site.

Casella Waste Management staff implemented several internal measures on weekends and found them to be ineffective in alleviating traffic from backing onto Old Turnpike Road.

Subsequently, October 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, representatives from Casella Waste Systems and the General Services Department met with officials from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and advised the City's plan to correct traffic from backing onto Old Turnpike Road is to

construct a secondary access approximately 200 feet south of the current entrance on Old Turnpike Road whereby vehicles could stack on adjacent City owned property during Saturdays of high traffic volume from the Spring through the Fall. The area is used in the winter for snow storage.

**Discussion**

The expense of this modification is not included in the FY 2024 budget, and consequently a supplemental appropriation is requested to accomplish this work in a timely manner.

Cc: Brian Groshon, Casella Waste