

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2025**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on April 15, 2025
in the Second Floor Conference Room, 41 Green Street.

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

Absent: Matt Cashman, Terry Crotty, Fred Reagan

Guests: Ray Fournier (184 Oak Hill Road) and Dave Bastien (185 Oak Hill Road)

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2025

The meeting minutes of March 18, 2025 were approved. Abstain: Casey

b. Overview of City-Wide Crash Data

Deputy Chief Matt Casey submitted January through March data in advance of the meeting. The Committee reviewed the data.

There were 113 reportable crashes in January 2025. This compares with 123 and 101 reportable crashes in January 2024 and 2023, respectively.

There were 113 reportable crashes in February 2025. This compares with 96 and 106 reportable crashes in February 2024 and 2023, respectively.

There were 84 reportable crashes in March 2025. This compares with 93 and 80 reportable crashes in March 2024 and 2023, respectively. 15 crashes resulted in injuries. There were no fatality involved accidents. There were 2 reported accidents involving a collision with a pedestrian and 0 involving a bicyclist.

c. City Council Meeting Update

Hill shared the latest TOC referral reports in the agenda packet and mentioned that they were approved by consent at the City Council Meeting.

d. Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update

Hill shared that TPAC recently worked on scoring transportation CIP projects to recommend to Council for the upcoming budget process. The report was approved by consent at the City Council Meeting.

3. Project Updates

- a. Hill provided a brief summary of construction projects that will hopefully be happening this year, including the intersection improvements at Sewalls Falls Road and Abbott Road. She mentioned that two other projects are pending budget approvals, including intersection improvements at Centre Street and Washington Street, and a crosswalk installation and curb line adjustments on Clinton Street.

4. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

- a. *None*

5. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for speed limit signs in the Country Club neighborhood*
The Committee discussed NH RSA 265:60 that defines a statutory speed of 30 mph for business or urban residence district, unless otherwise posted, which would be applicable in this neighborhood.

It was determined that because of the context of the neighborhood and geometry of the roadways that in general, excessive travel speeds would be unlikely. The Committee felt that the perception of speeding would likely be limited to a small number of inconsiderate drivers; and that no type of permanent signage is likely to correct that behavior.

The Committee did agree to explore temporarily placing the Police Department speed trailer in the neighborhood to educate drivers. Location is based on a number of factors; the Police Department will determine feasibility. Hill will ask the resident if there is a specific spot in the neighborhood that is most susceptible to the concern.

- b. *Resident request through SeeClickFix to relocate the “No Thru Trucking” sign from Appleton to Oak Hill*
Fournier shared that a while back there was a “No Thru Trucking” sign on Oak Hill Road near the first utility pole after Appleton Street. However, many years ago there was a vehicle accident and when the utility pole was replaced, the sign was taken down and never replaced. He requested that the “No Thru Trucking” sign on Appleton Street be moved to Oak Hill Road as Appleton Street is a dead end street and the sign is not needed.

Hill shared that Oak Hill Road is designated as a no thru trucking street based on the City map.

Bastien added that the truck traffic, coupled with the high speeds and the curve in Oak Hill Road, near their homes, creates an unsafe condition. He has personally

witnessed trucks not navigating the turn safely, crossing the centerline and encroaching the edge of pavement.

The Committee reviewed the request and noted that “No Thru Trucking” signs are currently posted on Shawmut Street, Oak Hill Road at the Loudon T/L, and Shaker Road already. Casey mentioned that having the sign on Oak Hill Road may help with enforcement, thereby making the entire area clearly posted. With that understanding, the Committee agreed to relocate the “No Thru Trucking” sign from Appleton Street to Oak Hill Road.

6. Other Discussion Items

- a. *None*

Next Meeting: May 20, 2025.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.