

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2020**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on November 24, 2020.

Due to the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order # 12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Traffic Operations Committee was authorized to meet electronically. The City of Concord utilized the WebEx platform for this electronic meeting.

There was no physical location to observe and listen to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to Governor Sununu's emergency Order # 12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04.

All members of the Committee had the ability to communicate during this meeting through the WebEx platform, and the public had access to listen and participate in this meeting as necessary.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Sam Durfee, Jim Major, Fred Reagan, Todd Welch, Richard Wollert (joined the meeting late)

Absent: Matt Cashman, Terry Crotty, Karen Hill, John Thomas

Guests: Dick Lemieux

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2020

The meeting minutes of October 27, 2020 were approved with the following amendment: item 3B the school is 'Rundlett Middle School'.

Motion: Durfee. Second: Major. Unanimous.

b. Overview of City-Wide Crash Data

Item not discussed as Thomas was not present.

c. City Council Meeting Update

Cedarholm reported that the Loudon Road bridge report is being finalized and may accommodate an option regarding the high volume of traffic that is turning on to I-93 South.

d. Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update

TPAC did not meet on November 19, 2020.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

a. S. Main St. 'Weeble' – Discuss/follow-up on GSD action on other 'wandering weebles'

Major reported that the 'weeble' had been removed for the season after it was

hit; it was near Sanel Auto Parts.

- b. *Update on Bog / Carter Hill / Horse Hill / River Road intersection study*
No update at this time; waiting on Karen Hill's return from leave.
- c. *Update surrounding back to school traffic patterns*
There was not a Concord School District representative present to report on this item. Reagan noted that there are no problems to report in his District.
- d. *Discuss resident's sight distance concerns at the corner of Shaw Street and High Street in Penacook.*
Discussion on this item was postponed until the December meeting.
- e. *Discuss tree trimming on Main Street and Centre Street*
Cedarholm reported that the City owned tree at Centre and Green Streets had been removed. Another tree, which is privately owned, will need to be trimmed and the owner will be notified.
- f. *Speeding vehicles on Shawmut Street near the Eastman School*
Welch performed speed and traffic counts between Oct. 28th and Nov. 12th. Based on the data collected, there does not appear to be an issue with excessive speeding in the area. The Engineering Division will follow up with the resident who expressed the concerns.

4. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. *Request to Councilor Pierce from resident Helmet Koch for signage, sidewalks, and traffic calming measures on Knight St, Hutchins St, around the Second Start School, and around Garrison Park, to address his concerns about speeding and safety.*
- i. *Specific requests were made to add signage identifying the area as a "School and Park Zone", and installing a sidewalk leading to Garrison Park from Hutchins and Knight Street.*
Cedarholm provided a photo confirming the lack of sidewalk in the area leading to the park. Durfee noted that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee (Bike-Ped) has already placed this section of Hutchins Street on a list of Priority Sidewalks that the subcommittee is recommending for a future sidewalk. Wollert requested a copy of the list that Bike-Ped is drafting. Lemieux confirmed that the list will be provided to Wollert when the Agenda is distributed.
- b. *Request to Councilor Todd from resident Sean Dugan of 10 River Road to address speed concerns on River Road. Councilor Todd requested data speed be collected if prior data was not available.*

Cedarholm commented that Engineering will conduct a speed count on River Road in the spring, as it is too cold to put out the counters in the winter.

- c. *Request from the Parking Committee on September 21, 2020 to look into speeding issues on Franklin Street near Rumford Street.*

Cedarholm had received a request and requested that Welch perform a speed count. Welch performed speed counts, and reported that based on the data collected there does not appear to be an issue with speeding in the area. Welch will respond to Councilor Hatfield with the data after contacting Thomas.

5. **Tabled Items**

- a. *Discuss traffic counter data for Hoit Road, and 'cross traffic does not stop' signs at the Hoit Rd. and Mountain Rd. intersection.*

Item tabled to see if new signs improve operations.

- b. *Discuss request for crosswalk at South Street and Mooreland Avenue.*

Item tabled until traffic and pedestrian counts can be performed after Covid-19 subsides.

- c. *Request from resident regarding traffic speed concerns on Ridge Road and intersection with Forest Street.*

Item tabled until traffic and pedestrian counts can be performed during the school year.

- d. *Discuss status of intersection improvements for Centre and Washington Street intersection.*

Item tabled until a Public Meeting can be held and funding can be appropriated.

- e. *Discuss status of installation of Audible Pedestrian Signals at Pleasant/Green and Pleasant/State intersections regarding safety concerns for blind resident.*

Item tabled until funding can be appropriated.

- f. *Discuss status of temporary median island test at CVS/Burger King driveway and resident concerns regarding Burns Avenue turn-around traffic.*

Item tabled until Engineering can send out letter to businesses.

6. **Hoit-Whitney Intersection Improvements Project Update:**

Cedarholm summarized the status of the proposed roundabout for the intersection of Hoit and Whitney Roads. The Developer's Interchange Development Plan was accepted at the November Planning Board meeting on November 18, 2020 and the public hearing is on the agenda for their December meeting. A development agreement between the City and Developer is moving forward. Reagan commented that at the south west side of the existing roundabout in Boscawen, the sidewalk stops before the round-a-bout, and does not start again until before the bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.