

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2026**

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) met at 6:00 pm on January 22, 2026, in City Council Chambers, 37 Green Street.

Members Present: Greg Bakos (Chair), Councilor Todd (Vice-Chair), Councilor Foote, Councilor Schultz, Marcus Flynn, Nicole Fox, Ian McGregor, Chris Nadeau, Erika Rydberg-Hall, Ganesh Sharma, Mickey Shoemaker (late), and Craig Tufts

Members Absent: None

Guests: Terri Paige (CAT Transit)

City Staff: Mike Bezanson (City Engineer), Karen Hill (Transportation Engineer)

1. Call to Order

Bakos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Introductions

a. Appointments

The Committee welcomed the new members, Councilor Kris Schultz - Ward 9, Ganesh Sharma, and Marcus Flynn, and everyone introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – December 11, 2025

On a motion made by Nadeau, seconded by Todd, the meeting minutes of December 11, 2025 were approved with 4 abstentions: Flynn, Fox, Sharma and Schultz.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

None.

6. New Business

a. Committee Overview

Hill circulated the Committee Ordinance in the agenda packet. She briefly summarized what the Committee is tasked with and that it is an advisory Committee to City Council. Bakos gave a brief history of the Committee for the new members.

Hill then reviewed the 2025 accomplishments and 2026 goals that were discussed at the December meeting.

The Committee briefly discussed the upcoming Master Plan process, hoping to be involved. Todd explained that it will be under the discretion of the Planning Board.

b. Review CIP Project Scoring Process

Hill circulated last year's CIP scoring criteria in advance of the meeting and opened it up for discussion on any desired modifications and data needed for this year's efforts. Nadeau mentioned the importance of economic development opportunity for some of the projects that ranked low last year that he feels is not captured in the scoring. He also explained that if certain projects include state/federal funding that should be a consideration.

Foote asked about projects not in the list such as Langley Parkway and McGregor mentioned the need for a Loudon Road project.

The Committee agreed that new projects will likely come out of the master planning process and that the task at hand is to rank the current projects in the CIP.

The Committee discussed that a small group should examine the safety criteria and data and score the projects appropriately.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion about potential modifications to the scoring process including adding categories like bicycle level of stress, user experience, economic development, community support and others; but ultimately agreed to leave it similar to last and to actually simplify it by combining the subcategories. Hill will circulate an empty weight spreadsheet for members to fill in.

Hill will also add an "other" score for members to add points for certain projects they feel are important for reasons not covered in the criteria.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. Consent Reports

None.

9. General Updates

a. City Council Meeting

Todd provided an update from the January City Council meeting:

- Council accepted the report from the TOC/TPAC regarding a request for a crosswalk on Regional Drive at Chenell Drive.
- Council accepted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or BUILD, grant funding from the U.S. DOT for the purpose of designing and constructing a portion of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP #543).
- Council accepted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Municipal Work Zone Agreement with the NHDOT concerning proposed

pavement improvements along NH Route 106 (Sheep Davis Road) and US Route 3 (Manchester Street).

- Appointments for our newest TPAC members Marcus Flynn and Ganesh Sharma were approved.

b. *Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee (TPAC-BP)*

No updates provided, the Subcommittee has not met since the last meeting.

c. *Traffic Operations Committee (TOC)*

Hill shared the latest TOC meeting agenda in the packet, no further discussion.

d. *Public Transportation (CAT)*

Paige discussed data and updates that were provided in the agenda packet. She mentioned that the Concord-Laconia Connector (CLC) is being discontinued and shared the justification.

Todd inquired about the loss of access to Merchants Way/Exit 17 with the CLC discontinuance. Paige explained that CAT is considering minor route changes that may be able to restore access to Exit 17, or at least for the times of the CLC connection. She stated that they are currently completing on/off counts for those trips for the last few weeks the CLC is operating. She added that a lot of factors go into route changes, mentioning that any wholesale changes would take longer; but a small change may take about 60 days to restore access to Exit 17, if feasible within the existing routes and run times.

Foote asked about the services being fare free and how to require businesses that are serviced to aid in funding. Paige mentioned that it is an on-going fundraising challenge, but she hopes that businesses will participate due to existing funding challenges that CAT's facing.

10. Project Updates (Staff)

a. *CIP #588 – Loudon Road Bridge*

Bezanson mentioned that 60% plans are expected in the next couple of weeks, with approval to move forward with final design to follow.

11. Other Discussion Items

None.

12. Adjourn

On a motion made by Foote, seconded by Schultz, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM by unanimous consent.

13. Next Meeting

February 26, 2026