

City of Concord
Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm
City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Dick Lemieux, Chair, called the meeting to order. Those in attendance included:

Committee Members Present:

Dick Lemieux (At-Large - Chair)
Brent Todd (Council Representative)
Byron Champlin (Council Representative)
Ursula Maldonado (At-Large)
Craig Tufts, (Bicycling Community)
Tom Irwin (At-Large)
Sheila Zakre (At-Large)
Rob Mack, Traffic Engineer (City Manager's Designee)

Committee Members Not Present:

Rob Werner (Council Representative)
Jim Sudak (Public Transportation Representative)

Staff, Visitors and Guests Present:

Ed Roberge (City Engineer)

2. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

a. Referral by the Chair to discuss the status of the sections of N. and S. Main Street immediately north and south of the Downtown Complete Streets Project

This was a special meeting of TPAC to finalize a report and recommendation to City Council on a potential test of back-in angle parking on Main Street. This is a continuation of the discussion at the August 27, 2015 meeting that culminated with TPAC approval of a motion to test back-in angle parking in front of the state house plaza and on Capital Street over this winter. Staff was requested to draft a recommendation and report for City Council for further TPAC review.

On further reflection, Ed Roberge questioned the efficacy of a potential test of back-in angle parking in the central core along Main Street. A primary concern was the desirability to maintain consistency in parking operation along the corridor. If the test proved desirable to the public, the expectation might be to stripe back-in angle parking in conjunction with new Main Street construction; this would create conflicting expectations if the already-constructed front-in parking remained on the east side of N. Main Street. He felt that it would be unlikely that Council would approve funds to repave and restripe the already-completed east side to convert front-in angle parking to back-in. He suggested that if a test of back-in angled parking was to be considered, that

a location outside of the Main Street project and the downtown core might be more appropriate. S. Main Street south of Concord Street was suggested as an example.

A concern was noted that Main Street merchants were stakeholders in the 2012-2013 discussions that led to the approved design for Main Street, and back-in angle parking was not generally supported by them at that time. A temporary test now of back-in angle parking this fall would coincide with peak shopping season and might raise renewed concerns from retailers.

After further consideration, TPAC members concurred that furthering a proposal to test back-in angle parking within the Main Street project area might increase the risk of avoidable public backlash which could affect the public consensus on the Main Street project reached in 2013. TPAC approved a motion to reconsider its August 27, 2015 motion to test back-in angle parking in front of the state house plaza and on Capital Street over this winter (Motion-Irwin; Second-Todd; Unanimous). TPAC then approved a motion to remove its August 27, 2015 motion to test back-in angle parking in front of the state house plaza and on Capital Street over this winter (Motion-Irwin; Second-Champlin; Unanimous).

3. Other Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at about 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: September 24, 2015
 October 22, 2015
 November 19, 2015