

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2025**

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) met at 6:00 pm on March 6, 2025, in the Second Floor Conference Room at Concord City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Members Present: Greg Bakos (Chair), Councilor Brown, Councilor Foote, Nicole Fox, Ian McGregor, Chris Nadeau, Councilor Todd (Vice-Chair), Craig Tufts

Members Absent:

Guests: Terri Paige (Concord Area Transit)

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Bakos called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes January 23, 2025

On a motion made by Tufts, seconded by Brown, the meeting minutes of January 23, 2025 were approved by unanimous consent.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. New Business

a. Review and Discuss CIP project scoring

Hill shared the scoring summary with the Committee, there was discussion about the process and recommendations for improving it next year.

Questions arose in regards to funding source, economic development, and community support. It was discussed that TPAC recommends projects based off of specific criteria and Council makes the financial decisions.

Councilor Foote asked why Langley Parkway was no longer being scored. Hill mentioned that it was removed from the CIP, therefore it was not included. The Committee discussed how the project ultimately affects other CIP projects and

planning but ultimately decided that the opportunity to re-discuss it should happen with the Master Plan update.

The Committee ultimately recommended the project scoring as is. They felt it was important to highlight in the report that this was the first time scoring the projects in this manner and there is always room for improvement. Also, to remind Council that TPAC ultimately supports all of these projects and that prioritization is based solely on the criteria.

The Committee felt that next year, if Hill could provide some additional information, it could help guide the scoring process, including, but not limited to traffic volumes, crash data, and bridge condition.

6. Old Business

None.

7. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

a. *None.*

8. Consent Reports

a. *TPAC-BP November 4, 2024 meeting minutes were approved by consent.*

9. General Updates

a. *City Council Meeting*

Todd mentioned that the two consent reports regarding River Road and Borough Road were approved by consent. Hill circulated the reports in the agenda packet.

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

Tufts mentioned TPAC-BP met and discussed upcoming paving streets and sidewalks. The Subcommittee reviewed the Clinton Street scoring and discussed scoring longer segments differently. He mentioned that when the Clinton Street segment was re-scored in smaller segments, the scoring did change. He added that the Subcommittee also continues to review monthly bicycle/pedestrian accident data, with a desire to develop a map in the future.

c. *Traffic Operations Committee (TOC)*

No update provided.

d. *Public Transportation (CAT)*

Concord Area Transit (CAT) updates were circulated in the agenda packet. The Committee questioned why the ADA paratransit numbers seem low. Hill will follow up with Paige.

10. Project Updates (Staff)

a. CIP #17 – Sidewalk Projects

No update provided.

b. CIP #31 – McKee Square Intersection Improvements

Hoping to have a public meeting in April.

c. CIP #520 – Intersection Safety Improvements (Centre/Washington)

Hill shared a concept plan and informed the Committee of the upcoming public meeting on March 11.

d. CIP #543 – Merrimack River Greenway Trail

Tufts mentioned that the City and FMRGT are continuing with easement efforts at 6 Loudon Road.

e. CIP #588 – Loudon Road Bridge

Bezanson mentioned an upcoming public meeting on March 20th with notices going out this week. He explained that it is a Public Informational Meeting to provide a general update and receive public input on the preferred alternative.

f. CIP #590 – Green Street Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Hill shared a concept plan and informed the Committee of the upcoming public meeting on March 11.

g. CIP #657 – Deck Park Feasibility Study

City Council presentation coming up.

11. Other Discussion Items

Fox asked for a status update on the review of the Complete Street Policy. Bezanson shared there is no update at this time.

Brown approached the Committee to participate in an earth day celebration and encouraged TPAC members to ride the bus on April 22nd, and to encourage others to as well.

12. Adjourn

On a motion made by Todd, seconded by Brown, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM by unanimous consent.

13. Next Meeting

April 8, 2025