



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

DATE: January 24, 2014

SUBJECT: Report from the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee recommending the Loudon Road Improvements Project (CIP #19).

Recommendation

Accept this report.

Background

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) has reviewed the development of this project on a number of occasions over the past year. TPAC members have also attended the December 21, 2013 public information meeting. The recommendation and endorsement of this project, as herein reported, was made by TPAC at its January 23, 2014 meeting.

Discussion

TPAC fully endorses the general design features proposed for the Loudon Road Corridor Improvements Project. In particular:

- The proposed three-lane conversion and related improvements fully comply with the “complete streets” provision of the city’s Comprehensive Transportation Policy. The existing corridor has for too long been one of Concord’s “least complete” streets.
- The proposed project will enhance safety for all users. The extraordinarily high history of vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle crashes along this section of Loudon Road has been the number one concern for this corridor for over a decade.
- We concur that it would be an effective and realistic solution for this corridor.
- The proposed project would enhance the ‘livability’ of the corridor while generally maintaining current traffic levels and local access. Any potential alternative project to improve capacity and ‘solve’ existing vehicle delays would act to attract higher

and faster traffic volumes, possibly negating previous efforts that have successfully diverted to Regional Drive and I-393.

While TPAC understands the competing interests in additional roadway capacity and corridor safety improvements, the proposed project best balances accessibility, safety, and livability for all users, and in a timely and fiscally realistic way. As such, TPAC recommends that City Council endorse this important safety-improvement project and approve both resolutions regarding same.

cc: TPAC