



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

DATE: March 26, 2015

SUBJECT: Report from the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee recommending the adoption of an amended Comprehensive Transportation Policy.

Recommendation

Accept this report and set a public hearing to adopt an amended Comprehensive Transportation Policy.

Background

On March 10, 2008, the City Council amended the Code of Ordinances, Title V, Administrative Code, Chapter 30, Administrative Code, Article 30-3, Boards and Commissions, by adding a new section, Section 30-3-14, Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (Resolution No. 2170). By creation of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC), the committee was specifically charged to develop policy related to city-wide traffic and transportation systems including long-range multi-modal transportation planning, bicycle and pedestrian facility planning as well as public transportation services.

In 2009, TPAC developed a comprehensive transportation policy, based on so-called "Complete Streets" principles, through the coordinated efforts by the subcommittees as well as the full TPAC committee. By Resolution No. 8333, adopted January 11, 2010, the City Council adopted this Comprehensive Transportation Policy, the first such municipal policy in the state of New Hampshire.

Discussion

The Comprehensive Transportation Policy has guided the city in the planning and development of its transportation projects over the last five years, the most notable of which was the Main Street Complete Streets project, a project awarded grant funding in part due to its complete-streets features. TPAC recognizes value in updating and enhancing policy statements to reflect nationally-recognized language in describing the city's guiding principles embracing a goal to have a complete multi-modal transportation system that serves residents, employees, visitors and businesses, and achieves the overarching goals of safety, economic vitality, enhanced quality of life, community health

and environmental and fiscal sustainability. As such, TPAC considered the development of an amended policy statement.

The amended policy development and review process included eight TPAC public meetings (January, March, April, September, October and November, 2014; and January and March 2015). It was unanimously supported by members of the full TPAC committee on March 26, 2015.

Therefore, TPAC recommends that City Council accept this report recommending that the City Council adopt the attached amended Comprehensive Transportation Policy.

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cc: Transportation Policy Advisory Committee