

City of Concord
Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2015 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting convened on Main Street at the state house plaza for the Item 3 presentation. Dick Lemieux, Chair, called the meeting to order. As there was not a quorum, select agenda items would be deferred to the next scheduled meeting on October 22, 2015. Those in attendance included:

Committee Members Present:

Dick Lemieux (At-Large - Chair)
Brent Todd (Council Representative)
Ursula Maldonado (At-Large)
Sheila Zakre (At-Large)
Rob Mack, Traffic Engineer (City Manager's Designee)

Committee Members Not Present:

Rob Werner (Council Representative)
Byron Champlin (Council Representative)
Craig Tufts, (Bicycling Community)
Tom Irwin (At-Large)
Jim Sudak (Public Transportation Representative)

Staff, Visitors and Guests Present:

Ed Roberge (City Engineer)
Nancy Larson (City Planner)
Barbara Lemieux (visitor)
Althea Barton (visitor)
Clark Todd (visitor)
Glen Todd (visitor)

2. Approval of August 22, 2015 meeting minutes

Deferred to next meeting.

3. Presentations

a. Walking tour of the Main Street Project.

Ed Roberge led a walking tour of the ongoing Main Street project. The tour began along the west side of N. Main Street which is currently under construction. Discussed were: road way cross-section redesign to allow removal of the former double-curb on the west side; paving; sidewalk pavers, planting boxes and sidewalk pavers; wide paved crosswalks and large tip-down ramps; unique lane use to accommodate vehicle and bicycle traffic, parking maneuvers and potential bypass of parking vehicles via the textured median area; and filling of abandoned coal chutes

under the sidewalk. The tour then shifted to the completed east side of N. Main Street. Discussed were: widened sidewalks and plaza areas for dining and future art; planting boxes and irrigation; street lighting and decorative fixtures; planned up-lighting of select trees and architectural features; way-finding signage; sidewalk ramps and features to bring accessibility to building front doors; and truck loading zones.

TPAC members noted the remarkable change in visual vibrancy of the new street corridor. The wide sidewalks, numerous outdoor eating areas, planting and decorative features, and uniform lighting levels created a new sense of place on Main Street.



4. Public Comment

Althea Barton commended TPAC's efforts and hard work in the concept planning stages of the Main Street project. TPAC's vision and commitment to complete streets principles helped forge community consensus on key transportation elements of this signature and legacy project for the city, its residents and visitors from near and far.

5. New business

- a. None.

6. Old Business

- a. None

7. Consent Reports

- a. **Approval of Subcommittee Minutes (Pedestrian, Bicycle, Public Transportation, and Traffic Operations)**
Deferred to next meeting.

8. City Council Meeting Update

None.

9. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

- a. **Referral from City Council regarding a resident concern on wheelchair accessibility on Union Street (City Council: 8/10/15).**
Deferred to next meeting.

10. Status report on subcommittees

- a. **Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee, Craig Tufts**
None.

- b. **Public Transit Committee, Tom Irwin**
None.
- c. **Traffic Operations Committee, Rob Mack**
None.

11. Staff Updates

- a. **Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project - TIGER 2012 (CIP460)**
See Item 3.
- b. **US Route 3 North Improvements (CIP 35)**
None.
- c. **Sewalls Falls Bridge Replacement Project (CIP 22)**
None.
- d. **Loudon Road Corridor Improvements (CIP 19)**
None.
- e. **I-93 Bow-Concord (NHDOT)**
None.

12. Other Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at about 7:20 PM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 22, 2015
 November 19, 2015
 December 17, 2015