

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRANSPORTATION POLICY DECEMBER 5, 2024**

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) met at 6:00 pm on December 5, 2024, in the Second Floor Conference Room at Concord City Hall, 41 Green Street.

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

Members Absent:

Guests: Ron Rayner (29 Rumford Street)

City Staff: Mike Bezanson (City Engineer), Karen Hill (Transportation Engineer), Alec Bass (Assistant City Planner)

1. Call to Order

Hill called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2024

On a motion made by Tufts, seconded by Todd, the meeting minutes of November 7, 2024 were approved as amended by unanimous consent. Abstain: Bakos

4. Public Comment

Guest Ron Rayner shared that he continues to advocate to the City and State to allow for public parking inside the new State Legislative Parking Garage. Rayner shared that he spoke with representatives from NH DAS, who stated the garage will be exclusively used for State business. Rayner is asking for folks to reach out to councilors and state legislators to advocate for public use of the garage.

5. New Business

a. Discuss upcoming CIP project scoring/ranking process

Hill circulated documents used by CNHRPC to score TYP projects. The Committee discussed certain criteria after Hill mentioned that this year could be a trial, without weights, to see how it compares to last year's rankings. The Committee decided to move forward with the following criteria:

1. Equity/Environmental Justice

- 2. Safety
- 3. State of Repair
- 4. Network Significance/mobility

Hill mentioned that the goal would be to have the scoring completed for the February meeting.

b. *Summary of N Main Street public meeting*

Hill provided a brief summary from the N Main Street public meeting held on November 19, 2024. She mentioned that Options 1 and 4 seemed like the most desirable locations for new bus stops. She also shared that there was not much preference shared from the public but just a general consensus that safety improvements are needed.

The Committee suggested that CAT circulate a survey to riders. Hill mentioned that the next step is to meet with affected abutters.

6. *Old Business*

a. *Review DRAFT Complete Streets Policy*

The draft document was circulated for review prior to the meeting. Fox shared the draft document has been revised to incorporate all feedback received from the Committee.

The Committee agreed that the document is ready to be sent to Staff for comments, with the understanding there are still some details to refine.

7. *TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair*

a. *Referral from Council in regards to a request from Stephen M. Duprey and others to modify City easements located at #31 and #33 Samuel Drive, as well as permission to landscape and maintain the vegetated area within the center of the Samuel Drive cul-de-sac.*

Chris Nadeau has recused himself from the discussion as Mr. Duprey is a client.

The Committee agreed that 6-feet is likely not enough width and would limit future design of a proper ADA sidewalk/path, keeping in mind the slope of the walkway and cut/fill slopes needed. The Committee also discussed that modifying the easement width would likely not solve the problem and would be difficult to enforce. The Committee suggested a potential ordinance to restrict loitering within the easement, which would be easier to enforce.

b. *Referral from Councilor Horne, on behalf of a constituent, requesting consideration be given to implementing traffic improvements on River Road.*

Hill shared a summary of the Traffic Operations Committee discussions on the item at the November 19, 2024 meeting. TOC recommended additional signage along the curve and increased police enforcement.

TPAC was in support of the recommendations made by TOC.

8. Consent Reports

- a. *Acceptance of Subcommittee Minutes*
 - i. TPAC-BP May 6, 2024 and August 5, 2024 Minutes
The minutes were approved by consent.

9. General Updates

- a. *City Council Meeting*
Councilor Todd presented a City Council meeting update, including:
 - Two new referrals taken up tonight as to Mr. Duprey's and Councilor Horne's requests.
 - Council approved the Penacook Canal Street Bus Stop, which will be located in front of the new park, and approved amending the 150 Fisherville Road Bus Stop.
 - Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application for RAISE funding (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) that's provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation for the purpose of designing and constructing a portion of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail (CIP #543).
 - Council approved a resolution accepting \$23,000 from Sheep Davis Limited Partnership and appropriating it to the Sidewalk Reserve Fund. This relates to the amended Section 21.02 of the City's Site Plan Review Regulations, which states that applicants for plan approvals to the Planning Board can make a donation payment in lieu of actually constructing a sidewalk. This relates to the multi-family housing development located at 303 Sheep Davis Rd.
- b. *Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee (TPAC-BP)*
Tufts shared that the Subcommittee is looking at bicycle and pedestrian crash data and potentially mapping it to utilize in the future.
- c. *Traffic Operations Committee (TOC)*
Hill circulated the latest agenda for information. No further discussion.
- d. *Public Transportation (CAT)*
No update, Paige was not present.

11. Project Updates (Staff)

- a. *CIP #17 – Sidewalk, Bikeway and Streetscape Improvements*
No update since last meeting.
- b. *CIP #31 – McKee Square Intersection Improvements*
No update since last meeting.
- c. *CIP #520 – Intersection Safety Improvements (Sewalls/Abbott)*
No update since last meeting.
- d. *CIP #543 – Merrimack River Greenway Trail*
Hill shared that the City submitted a TAP grant letter of interest for the boardwalk section of the trail.
- e. *CIP #588 – Loudon Road Bridge*
No update since last meeting.
- f. *CIP #657 – Deck Park Feasibility Study*
No update since last meeting.

11. Other Discussion Items

Hill mentioned that the Steeplegate Mall project is coming up on Planning Board agenda for Design Review in December in case anyone is interested in learning more about the project.

12. Adjourn

On a motion made by Brown, seconded by Foote, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM by unanimous consent.

13. Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 23, 2025

February 27, 2025