

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on January 26, 2021.

Due to the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order # 12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, the Traffic Operations Committee was authorized to meet electronically. The City of Concord utilized the WebEx platform for this electronic meeting.

There was no physical location to observe and listen to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to Governor Sununu's emergency Order # 12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04.

All members of the Committee had the ability to communicate during this meeting through the WebEx platform, and the public had access to listen and participate in this meeting as necessary.

Attendees: Matt Cashman, David Cedarholm, Terry Crotty, Sam Durfee, Karen Hill, Jim Major, John Thomas, Todd Welch, Rick Wollert. Fred Reagan joined the meeting late.

Absent:

Guests: Dick Lemieux

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. Approval of Minutes – December 22, 2020

The meeting minutes of December 22, 2020 were approved. *Motion:* Durfee. *Second:* Major. Members in favor: Major, Thomas, Wollert, Durfee, Cedarholm. *Unanimous.*

b. Overview of City-Wide Crash Data

Thomas reviewed the crash data reports that had been submitted and distributed. Calendar year 2020 had fewer crashes than prior years due to COVID, less traffic, more careful drivers and policing. There were five pedestrian accidents in December. Committee discussed the accident with a resident using a snow blower; Thomas believed speed was not a factor. Details were shared about the accident with a child in a crosswalk who was struck after getting off of a school bus; it appears the situation was not safety related, the child was found at fault for the accident for failing to use caution prior to crossing the street.

After Reagan joined the meeting, Cedarholm provided opportunity for Reagan to discuss the accident with the child; nothing new was reported.

c. City Council Meeting Update

Cedarholm reported that there were no transportation items at the last Council meeting.

d. *Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update*

Hill reported that there were no new items discussed at the last TPAC meeting.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

a. *Update on Bog / Carter Hill / Horse Hill / River Road intersection study*

Cedarholm reported that he and Hill are finalizing a memo to be brought to Council at their March meeting.

b. *Update surrounding back to school traffic patterns*

Crotty reported that the hybrid and remote school attendance has lessened traffic flow at the schools and there have been no notable issues to report. This item may now be removed from future agendas.

c. *Update on sidewalk priorities*

Durfee reported that the sidewalk list has been finalized and a report will be presented to TPAC on January 28th.

4. New Discussion and Action Items

a. *Discuss NHDOT request to revise striping on Manchester Street near Exit 13*

Major noted that the area had been striped in 2017 and will be put on the list to revise this spring.

b. *Discuss request from Councilor Hatfield for city-wide striping policy / process*

Cedarholm commented that this request should be addressed by TPAC. Hill reported that Councilor Hatfield had requested striping in the Liberty Street area and that she wanted to understand the striping process in the City. Major added that striping costs the City roughly \$105,000 per year in annual maintenance. Guest Lemieux recalled prior issues regarding funding for striping twice a year and could not recall the outcome of the discussion. Cedarholm will contact Councilor Hatfield to see if she would like to have a meeting with Engineering and General Services.

5. Tabled Items

a. *Discuss traffic counter data for Hoit Road, and 'cross traffic does not stop' signs at the Hoit Rd. and Mountain Rd. intersection.*

Item tabled to see if new signs improve operations.

b. *Discuss request for crosswalk at South Street and Mooreland Avenue.*

Item tabled until traffic and pedestrian counts can be performed after Covid-19 subsides.

c. *Request from resident regarding traffic speed concerns on Ridge Road and intersection with Forest Street.*

Item tabled until traffic and pedestrian counts can be performed during the school year.

- d. *Discuss status of intersection improvements for Centre and Washington Street intersection.*

Item tabled until a Public Meeting can be held and funding can be appropriated.

- e. *Discuss status of installation of Audible Pedestrian Signals at Pleasant/Green and Pleasant/State intersections regarding safety concerns for blind resident.*

Item tabled until funding can be appropriated.

- f. *Discuss status of temporary median island test at CVS/Burger King driveway and resident concerns regarding Burns Avenue turn-around traffic.*

Item tabled until Engineering can send out letter to businesses.

- g. *Request to Councilor Todd from resident Sean Dugan of 10 River Road to address speed concerns on River Road. Councilor Todd requested data speed be collected if prior data was not available.*

Item tabled until traffic and speed data can be collected in the spring.

Motion: Durfee. Second: Thomas. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 am.