

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF August 27, 2019**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 a.m., on August 27, 2019, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Chair
Fred Reagan, John Thomas, Rick Wollert, Sam Durfee

Absent: Jim Major, Terry Crotty, Matt Cashman

Guests: Dick Lemieux, Todd Welch, Ashley Hamilton

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 25, 2019 were approved (Motion – Durfee; Second – Thomas).

2. Regular Discussion Items

- a. Overview of City-Wide Crash Data shows 91 accidents occurred in July 2019, which is the same as July 2018. No fatalities. One incident involved a pedestrian and one involved a bicyclist.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

- a. Referral from City Council on illegal vehicle left turns from East Side Drive into the CVS driveway:

David Cedarholm discussed this item with Councilor Bouchard, including the \$47,000 price tag to install the median, some possible alternative lessor expensive options such a Jersey barriers median (temporary or permanent), and she indicated a need to think about it more. The Committee members discussed other possible options including closing off the dedicated right turn entrance into CVS from East Side Drive and converting the existing exit onto East Side Drive into a right-turn entrance and left turn only exit. This option would allow for a shorter proposed median with the benefit of not limiting turning movements in and out of the Red Apple Buffet's rear parking lot. The jersey barrier option was further discussed including painting it to address s comment about The Another option that was discussed would be allow left turns existing Burger King onto Loudon Road which may minimize the impact to Burns Ave from vehicles looking for way to navigate towards East Side Drive. This option would require shortening the median on Loudon Road. These options require further review with a follow-up discussion with Councilor Bouchard.
- b. Beaver Meadow school drop-off parking:

The new drop-off parking implementation is starting today. John Thomas confirmed being onsite to provide additional Police presence and monitoring during the first week of school starting at dismissal time. *Additional map copies would be made and handed out by the Police as reminders to parents.*
- c. Inquiry from Councilor Kenison regarding pavement conditions along S. Spring Street and the possibility of switching on street parking from the northbound side to the southbound side:

TOC does not support relocating on street parking. The current paving program does not include repaving and re-striping this area. David Cedarholm agreed to follow up with Councilor Kenison.

- d. Discuss crash data in response to a resident's concern about an increase in the traffic crashes at the intersection of Green, South, and Pleasant Streets:
- i. *John Thomas agreed to take a closer look the crash data to determine if there are predominant movements and times when the crashes occurred.*
 - ii. *Rick Wollert spoke with Peter Crouch, a NHDOT Senior Traffic Engineer, and confirmed that it would not be legal or MUTCD compliant to reinstall the advance green light signaling.*
 - i. *Traffic counts and times would need to be tracked and reviewed to determine if a left turn lane is to be created or if alternate traffic patterns should be implemented.*
 - iii. *Todd Welch will look into the existing lane dimensions for possibly adding left turn lanes and how that would impact roadside parking. Findings will be reviewed at the next TOC meeting.*
- e. Inquiry from a resident about excessive vehicle speeds from vehicles exiting the Penacook roundabout traveling northbound on Village Street.
- *Discussion Postponed until next TOC meeting so John Thomas can discuss progress.*
- f. Inquiry from Assistant City Prosecutor Paul Halvorsen regarding accidents at the North Main Street/I-393 intersection.
- Confusion has been identified regarding the placement of the left turn traffic signal hanging over the middle lane. David Cedarholm is also looking into relocating the overhead signal head to a post mounted one. Todd Welch will review the spacing of the mast arm to determine if the second signal head can be moved over for the left turn lane.*
- Additional signage is pending General Service's installation on the left and right sides of the intersection. Hanging an additional sign on the overhead light pole is being looked into.*
- David Cedarholm agreed to manually measure the curb to curb distance at the Main Street/I-393 intersection per Dick Lemieux's request for additional bike lane spacing at this intersection.*
- g. Consideration of striping the lanes through the North Main Street/I-393 intersection with dashed lines.
- *Discussion Postponed until next TOC meeting so Jim Major could be included. Thermal Paint recommended in high traffic areas for 365 visibility.*

4. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. Excessive speeds on Little Pond around curve just west of Pond Place Lane and near 34 Little Pond Rd.

**Accident history needed. Pending CPD review/monitoring. Possible trailer location.*
- b. Complaints about vehicles parking in the bike lane on N. State St. across from the Blossom Hill Cemetery near Wicklunds Garage.

** David Cedarholm agreed to send a reminder letter to the garage and would reach out to CPD as Police enforcement is needed.*
- c. Complaint about vehicles and trucks traveling down the lane that runs parallel to N. State Street just north of the Franklin Street roundabout.

**TOC recommendations for a "Local Traffic Only" sign pending further discussions with Jim Major regarding Mr. Terrasi's request for a "No Thru Traffic" sign.*

- d. Referral from the City Clerk with a request for a stop sign on Country Club Lane at Oakmont Drive.

**Discussion Postponed until next TOC meeting so Jim Major could be included, but committee members felt that a stop sign was not warranted.*

5. Open Discussion Items

- a. Dick Lemieux commented that enforcement should be considered regarding the nightly removal and more thoughtful storage of all construction and road closure signage on City sidewalks, in shoulders, right-of-ways and bike lanes to ensure safer bicycling conditions.