

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF May 28, 2019**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 12:00 p.m., on May 28, 2019, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees:	David Cedarholm, Chair	Absent:	Matt Cashman
	Jim Major		Fred Reagan
	John Thomas		
	Rick Wollert		
	Sam Durfee		

Guests:	Terry Crotty
	Gary Ford
	Linda Schmitd
	Pamela Sheldon
	Emily West

1. Regular Discussion Items

a. Overview of City-Wide Crash Data

Crash data for April 2019 was reviewed. There were 89 reportable crashes in March 2019. This compares with 109 and 98 reportable crashes respectively in April 2017 and 2018. Two accidents involving pedestrians and none involved bicyclists.

2. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

- a. Referral from City Council regarding a communication from Councilor Bouchard on resident safety concerns about illegal vehicle left turns from East Side Drive northbound into the CVS/Burger King driveway - Further discussion is on hold pending additional engineering evaluation.

3. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. Referral from Councilor Kretovic regarding constituent concerns with on-street PM parking along Sewalls Falls Road near Beaver Meadow School that interferes with Sewalls Falls Road through-travel during afternoon school pick-up times. Two options were discussed as possible solutions.
 - i. Allow vehicles to enter the north school access road off the 2nd Street entrance and stack vehicle on 2nd street and the north access road, and designate the northbound side of Sewalls falls road as No Parking or No Standing.
 - ii. Allow vehicles to stack on Sylvester Street and the southbound side of Sewalls Falls Road, and designate the northbound side of Sewalls falls road as No Parking or No Standing.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the School District at the Beaver Meadow School to review the situation and discuss the above options while on site.

- b. Inquiry from a resident of Iron Works Road on potential measures to reduce speeds along Iron Works Road near Russell Martin Park.

- i. Following a discussion by the committee members and input from Iron Works Road resident Emily West about the issue of vehicle traveling east that do not heed the change in speed limit near the entrance of Russell Martin Park, it was decided to install a “Reduced Speed Ahead” sign to provide advanced notice for eastbound motorists on Iron Works Road in hopes to affect a reduction of vehicle speed into the City from the west. To monitor the impact of this change, it was agreed that Engineering would install the remote vehicle speed monitoring devices before and after the installation of the sign.
- c. Request by a resident of Sandquist Street to install a stop sign on the Sandquist Street approach to Basin Street.
 - i. Discussion on the item was deferred to the next meeting.
- d. Inquiry from Councilor Kenison regarding a constituent concern on pavement condition along S. Spring Street and the possibility of switching on street parking from the northbound side to the southbound side.
 - i. Discussion of this item was deferred to the next meeting.
- e. Concern by SAU 8 bus transportation staff on weeble placement at the Warren/Westbourne intersection.
 - i. It was agreed to remove the weeble from this location as it appeared to be an obstruction to bus travel.
- f. Concern by SAU 8 regarding bus turnaround on Garvins Falls Road.
 - i. The SAU 8 staff had introduced this discussion item and wanted to know if the City could assist with making improvements at the south terminus of Garvins Falls Road to provide greater ease in turning busses around. After an assessment of the City’s right-of-way it was determined that the property in question at the end of Garvins Falls Road is all private property, and therefore not something the City could assist with.

4. Open Discussion Items

a. Staff response to miscellaneous inquiries (refer to correspondence in agenda packet)

- a. Inquiry from Councilor Kretovic regarding the crosswalk on North State Street just south of Knight Street. It was agreed to evaluate this crosswalk for sight distance and accident history.