



## Engineering Services Division

# Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Agenda – May 20, 2014

Attendees: Ed Roberge, PE, Engineering Services  
Steve Henninger, Planning Division  
Jim Major, General Services  
Eric Crane, Concord Police Department  
Rick Wollert, Concord Fire Department  
Terry Crotty, Concord School District  
Dick Lemieux, TPAC Chair

### A. Regular Discussion Items

- 1) **Overview of city-wide accident data, including prior-month accident summary and discussion of select accident locations, circumstances and potential action.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: monthly accident data not available for discussion.

Eric Crane summarized recent enforcement efforts related to seat belt usage. One focus area is in the vicinity of Concord High School.

- 2) **City Council meeting update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its May 12, 2014 meeting, Council accepted TPAC's report supporting a statewide Complete Streets policy (see below).

- 3) **Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) update.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its April 24, 2014 meeting, TPAC prepared a report recommending that City Council support a statewide Complete Streets policy under consideration with the NH Municipal Association for the 2015-2016 Legislative Policy Process.

### B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) **Referral from the Parking Committee regarding a request from Havenwood-Heritage Heights to increase the parking setbacks at its driveways along Christian Avenue (Parking: 11/18/13).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its May 19, 2014 meeting, the Parking Committee endorsed a revised parking ordinance along Christian Avenue that would increase the minimum parking setback to driveways at HHH to 20 feet. The Parking Committee's recommendation would be submitted to City Council in June for a July 14, 2014 public hearing.

## C. New Discussion and Action Items

- 1) **Request from Jason Manning, resident at 16 Guay Street, to reduce the posted speed limit on Guay Street due to high speeds (Engineering: 4/11/14).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At issue is a concern on excessive traffic speed along Guay Street and a request to add a 'Children at Play sign or consideration of lowering the speed limit. Engineering will look further into the issue and report back to TOC next month.

- 2) **Referral from Councilor Herschlag requesting that additional traffic calming methods be considered on Wildflower Drive between Abbott Road and Woodbine Avenue and on Woodbine Avenue between Mayflower Drive and Sorrell Drive (Council: 4/14/14).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Engineering is assessing traffic conditions along the subject roadway segments, including conducting traffic volume and speed counts. Further discussion of the item was deferred to next month pending additional information.

- 3) **Referral from Councilor Grady-Sexton regarding crosswalk safety along Warren Street at Concord High School (Council: 5/16/14).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At issue is a student request to install push-button activated crosswalk signs/beacons at the two primary crosswalks on Warren Street at the High School. The request appears to refer to a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) or an LED-encircled pedestrian crossing sign as was recently installed near the Plymouth State campus. Ed Roberge noted that the City has programmed bump-out and curb/crosswalk improvements to consolidate and improve the three existing crosswalks to two well-defined locations. This project is programmed in the out-year and also requires funding share from the school district which has not yet included it in its funding program. The installation of supplemental beacons is an option that can be further considered when the project design is funded, although there is a substantial cost associated with such beacons.

## D. Open Discussion Items

- 1) **Staff response to miscellaneous inquiries (refer to correspondence in agenda packet).**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: None

- 2) **Parking issues on S. Curtisville Road near Broken Ground School.**

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Ed Roberge reported the Parking Committee's current efforts to respond to resident concerns on parking and traffic flow issues along S. Curtisville Road during school dropoff and pickup times. The committee met with the neighborhood and school district representatives to discuss the concerns. The Parking Committee endorsed restriction on on-street parking on S. Curtisville Road near the schools. This recommendation would be submitted to City Council in June for a July 14, 2014 public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ed Roberge, PE  
City Engineer

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 12:00 PM in the 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Conference Room.***