



Engineering Services Division

Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2014

Attendees: Rob Mack, PE, PTOE, Engineering Services
Jim Major, General Services
Greg Taylor, Concord Police Department
Eric Crane Concord Police Department
Rick Wollert, Concord Fire Department
Dick Lemieux, TPAC Chair

A. Regular Discussion Items

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

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Crash data for October 2014 was reviewed. There were 98 reportable crashes in October 2014. This compares with 102 and 127 reportable crashes in October 2013 and 2012, respectively. 26 crashes resulted in total of 38 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were four October crashes involving pedestrians: two pedestrians (workers) conducting traffic control on the northbound side of the Village Street work zone and being struck by a northbound vehicle that fled the scene but was later located (injuries, driver at fault and facing multiple charges, reflective clothing worn); a pedestrian aged 59 years crossing S. State Street in the crosswalk at the Pleasant Street intersection on the WALK indication and being struck by a driver aged 81 turning left from Pleasant Street westbound (injury, driver at fault); a pedestrian aged 86 pushing a shopping cart in the Walmart parking lot and being struck by a driver aged 56 backing out of a parking space (injury, driver at fault); and a pedestrian aged 56 years jump-starting a vehicle in the Concord Hospital parking lot and being pinned by the vehicle when the person in the driver seat mishandled the clutch causing the vehicle to roll forward (person in vehicle unfamiliar with using a manual transmission).

There was one October crash involving a bicyclist: a bicyclist aged 39 years traveling northbound on N. Main Street in the middle right-turn-only lane approaching the I-393 intersection, bearing left onto Bouton Street from that same lane and being struck by a vehicle bearing left onto Bouton Street from the left-turn lane (injury, bicyclist at fault, helmet not worn).

Crash data for November 2014 was also reviewed. There were 97 reportable crashes in November 2014. This compares with 88 and 98 reportable crashes in November 2013 and 2012, respectively. 19 crashes resulted in total of 25 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were two November crashes involving pedestrians: a pedestrian aged 53 years crossing N. State Street in the mid-block crosswalk north of McGuire Street and being struck by a northbound vehicle (injury, driver at fault); and a pedestrian aged 34 years crossing Broadway in the crosswalk at Allison Street and being struck by a vehicle traveling northbound on Broadway (injury, driver at fault, poor lighting and dark clothing listed as contributing factors).

There was one November crash involving a bicyclist: a bicyclist aged 26 years traveling westbound (wrong-way) on the Loudon Road sidewalk, crossing the I-93 northbound off ramp against the signal indication and being struck by a vehicle turning right from the off ramp (minor injury, bicyclist at fault, helmet not worn).

2) City Council meeting update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its November 8, 2014 meeting, City Council accepted an Engineering Services report recommending select signal hardware upgrades at the Pleasant/Warren/Fruit intersection.

3) Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: At its November 20, 2014 meeting, TPAC approved an update to the city's Comprehensive Transportation Policy, prepared a report to City Council recommending consideration of enhanced non-motorized vehicle access between the downtown and the Horseshoe Pond area, and discussed the planned CAT purchase of new buses.

B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) None.

C. New Discussion and Action Items

1) Proposed update to the city's Comprehensive Transportation Policy.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: TOC members reviewed a copy of TPAC's proposed update to the city's 2010 Comprehensive Transportation Policy. Rob Mack provided a brief overview of the updated document which will be submitted to City Council in January for a February public hearing.

D. Open Discussion Items

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

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: None.

2) Other Discussion Items.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Rob Mack noted a recommendation from the November 17, 2014 Parking Committee meeting to consider installing a short white pavement marking to better-identify the corner radius where one turns right from Summer Street eastbound to High Street. At issue is traffic speed around the corner and poor identity of where the sidewalk ends and the street begins. TOC members concurred that reconstruction of the corner including curbing and tip-down would be an appropriate improvement that could be considered in conjunction with the next street repaving. As an interim improvement, Rob Mack provided General Services with a sketch of a potential painted white line to better indicate the corner radius.

Members discussed winter sidewalk maintenance along Loudon Road, with attention to some localized issues where businesses plow snow back onto the sidewalk area. General Services will remain cognizant of the issue and will contact individual property owners as appropriate.

It was noted that guardrail along Elm Street was recently damaged due to an off-the-road crash near Horse Hill Road. General Services will look into the damaged section and check in with the police department to identify the driver responsible for the damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Mack, PE, PTOE, Traffic Engineer
Chair, Traffic Operations Committee

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 @ 12:00 PM in the 2ND Floor Conference Room.***