

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF July 23, 2019**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 a.m., on July 23, 2019, in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Chair
Jim Major, John Thomas, Rick Wollert, Sam Durfee, Terry Crotty, Matt Cashman

Absent: Fred Reagan

Guests: Michele Vance (Principal of Beaver Meadow Middle School)
Leigh Childs (Assistant Principal of Beaver Meadow Middle School)

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 25, 2019 were approved (Motion - Crotty; Second – Cashman).

2. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

- a. Referral from City Council on illegal vehicle left turns from East Side Drive into the CVS driveway.
– Further Discussions on hold pending City Council review of the \$47,000.00 Engineering estimate to fix the issue.
- b. Beaver Meadow school drop-off parking:

Principal Vance & Assistant Principal Childs attended on behalf of Beaver Meadow School to finalize the fall 2019 school year drop-off & parking plan. Everyone agreed that vehicles should 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. This plan would ensure safe crossing for students and would prevent any traffic congestion in the area.
 - i. John Thomas agreed to assist with Police presence and monitoring during the first week of school starting at dismissal time on 8/27/19.
 - ii. David Cedarholm agreed to have Engineering create a map reflecting the new traffic flow for the school to distribute.
 - iii. Principal Vance agreed to draft the correspondence for parents and would include the new map. She agreed to monitor & enforce the new changes.
- c. Iron Works Road speed concerns:
 - i. Reduced speed signs were implemented on Iron Works Rd. The resident was happy.
 - ii. Car counts were collected before and after sign implementation and no changes were identified. A six month review is pending.
- d. Sandquist Street resident stop sign request:
 - i. David Cedarholm set to respond to the resident.
- e. 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:
 - i. Jim Major confirmed that the road was not in the 10 year road paving plan.

- ii. It was discussed that parking is currently convenient for residents & a change would increase the amount of pedestrian crossings.
 - iii. David Cedarholm agreed to reach out to Councilor Kenison for additional clarification on the request prior to forwarding the inquiry to the Parking Committee for review.
- f. Referral from the City Council about the intersection of Hoit and Tallant Rd.
- i. The Concord Fire Department confirmed that their firetruck was able to make the turn with minor maneuvering that only added 9 seconds to the overall drive time. Engineering also considered what it would take to make alignment improvements and any degree of improvement would be very costly to design and implement. There was a general consensus that not enough justification existed to consider modifications to the intersection.
- g. 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. The crash data showed a 50% increase in crashes since the advance green lights were removed in April 2017.
 - i. John Thomas agreed to re-evaluate the crash data to determine if the crashes had relating themes that the Committee could assess.
 - ii. David Cedarholm indicated that a pending CIP was in the works to improve this intersection.
 - 1. Sam Durfee suggested swapping the intersection for a roundabout.
 - 2. Jim Major indicated that the intersection was also slated for re-paving in a couple of years, so any changes should be timed with that.
 - 3. The Committee agreed that parking on Pleasant Street would need to be eliminated if a roundabout or additional traffics lane were to be considered.
 - 4. Rick Wollert agreed to look into the possibility or reinstalling the advance green light signaling.

3. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. Referral from Councilor Kenison regarding a resident request for "Children at Play" for Downing Street:
 - i. The Committee agreed that the signs were not MUTCD compliant and installment was against City practice. David Cedarholm agreed to respond to Councilor Kenison.
- b. New "No Thru Trucking" Street Postings:
 - i. The Committee reviewed the updated list of all street postings and found no issue.
- c. Inquiry from a resident about excessive vehicle speeds from vehicles exiting the Penacook roundabout traveling northbound on Village Street:
 - i. David Cedarholm met with the resident and indicated that the exiting roundabout traffic speeds were not due to the roundabout.
 - ii. John Thomas agreed to add additional Penacook Police "directive control" watches there to monitor the speeds.

- d. Inquiry from Assistant City Prosecutor Paul Halvorsen regarding crashes at the North Main Street/I-393 intersection:
 - i. Jim Major agreed to add additional signage on the median to better direct traffic.
 - ii. Rick Wollert was going to look into the possibility of hanging a sign from the light pole.
- e. Consideration of striping the lanes through the North Main Street/I-393 intersection with dashed lines:
 - i. The Committee determined that no paint lines were warranted at this time.
- f. Inquiry to add "Stop ahead" road painting at the intersection of Rockingham St. and Broadway:
 - i. Jim Major agreed to increase all area signage to 36" to be more visible.
 - ii. The Committee agreed that street painting was not warranted at this time.

4. Open Discussion Items

- a. Staff response to miscellaneous inquiries (refer to correspondence in agenda packet).
 - i. Referral from Chief Osgood relating to Mountain Road bicycling safety concerns:
 - 1. The Police are monitoring the area.
 - 2. The Committee determined that Mountain Road is clearly marked and maintained by the State, so no action is warranted at this time.
 - ii. Resident CRT tracker request to reduce the current Hoit Road posted speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph:
 - 1. John Thomas agreed to set up the speed trailer in the area to get speed counts for further Committee consideration.