

**CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:10 am on October 19, 2021
in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 41 Green Street.

Attendees: David Cedarholm, Terry Crotty, Sam Durfee, Gary Ford, Jim Major, John Thomas, Rick Wollert

Absent: Matt Cashman, Karen Hill, Fred Reagan

Guests: None

1. Introductions

2. Regular Discussion Items

a. *Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2021*

The meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 were approved. *Motion:* Wollert.
Second: Thomas. *Unanimous.*

b. *Overview of City-Wide Crash Data*

Thomas reported on the September statistics for the city-wide crash data: there were a very high number of accidents in September; two of the bicycle accidents were hit and run. Detailed reports were submitted in advance of the meeting.

c. *City Council Meeting Update*

Cedarholm reported that two bus stops on North Main St, between Loudon Rd and Bouton St, are being consolidated into one bus stop.

d. *Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) Update*

Durfee reported on items from the last TPAC meeting, including the public meeting at South St and South State St.

3. Ongoing Discussion and Action Items

a. *South State St and South St: Potential pedestrian improvements and school bus stops / turning movements*

Durfee presented regarding the public meeting that was held last week to discuss improvements at six intersections near South State and South streets. Two people had previously provided comments to the City. The plan presented at the public meeting included the option to install bump outs in the street with the intention to reduce speed. The proposed plans are in line with the City's pedestrian master plan.

Ford inquired about the intersection of South State St and Fayette St as it pertains to the school bus stop. Durfee confirmed that the bump out would give the students a place to stand.

Wollert noted that he will need to confirm if the turning radius will be sufficient for the Fire Department's ladder trucks.

Durfee reported that members of the public did not attend the public meeting; it was only attended by Councilors and staff. The proposed plans will be taken to the TPAC committee, and then to City Council for approval. Major will need concise information regarding the proposed changes for the bidding process.

4. New Discussion and Action Items

- a. *Resident request for WEEBLE at new crosswalk on South St at Moreland Ave*
Thomas and Major expressed concerns regarding the many damaged, destroyed and missing weebles in the City.

Cedarholm moved that TOC deny the request for the weeble at Moreland and South, and at Wilson and South, and going forward, will monitor the weeble at Angela and South to see if it continues to get moved or damaged; if so, the City will install an equivalent 'weeble-like' sign on the crosswalk sign post. Seconded by Major. Unanimous.

- b. *Referral from Councilor Rice Hawkins: Speeding concerns on Portsmouth St in the vicinity of the Conservation Area*

Cedarholm shared the correspondence that was submitted to TOC. The residents of the neighborhood would like the following: the speed limit reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH, signs posted "Caution – Children Playing" and a temporary speed mat for the summer.

The Committee discussed the requests and agreed not to support the request to reduce the speed limit, and suggested that a Traffic counter be placed in the area.

- c. *Resident Concern: Speeding on Portsmouth St near Ladybug Lane*

Cedarholm shared the correspondence that was submitted to TOC by Chuck Annal. Thomas is not aware of the pedestrian accident and will look into it. Engineering will conduct a speed count in the area. Thomas will add directed patrols to the area.

- d. *Resident Request through See Click Fix: Stop signs at various roadway intersections with South St*

Cedarholm suggested that the Transportation Engineer evaluate the intersection for possible stop signs relative to the City stop sign policy.

e. *Resident Concern: Speed and safety at the intersection of Hoit and Mountain Roads*

Thomas reviewed the accident data that he had prepared relative to the request. The number of accidents has actually decreased, not increased for 2021 compared to 2019. The resident has requested a four way stop and reduced speed. Wollert suggested that Hill compile data regarding the accidents in the area over time, and develop a chronology of issues and actions at the intersection and then share the data with the resident.

f. *Item added to the agenda*

Cedarholm presented a concern from resident, Ben Stevenson, regarding the intersection of Talent Rd and Hoit Rd; he feels that the intersection is too dangerous.

Cedarholm met with Mr. Stevenson last week and shared the data that had been compiled in the past that had previously been shared with Councilor Rice Hawkins but not passed on to the Stevenson family. The committee reviewed the ownership of the parcels of land at the intersection and the possibility of making changes to the intersection while remaining within the City right of way.

Motion: Cedarholm. Second: Wollert. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.