



Engineering Services Division

Traffic Operations Committee

Meeting Agenda – September 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

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: Traffic accident data for August 2014 was reviewed. There were 95 reportable accidents in August 2014. This compares with 85 and 86 reportable accidents in August 2013 and 2012, respectively. 22 accidents resulted in total of 25 people injured. There were no fatalities.

There were four accidents involving pedestrians: a pedestrian aged 57 years working in the roadway on Minot street, stepping out from behind a dump truck and being struck by a passing vehicle that was waved through the work area (minimal injury, pedestrian at fault); a pedestrian aged 71 walking in the Hannaford parking lot and being struck by a driver aged 69 backing out of a parking space (minor injury, driver at fault); a pedestrian aged 26 years crossing S. Main Street in the crosswalk at Thompson Street and being struck by a southbound driver eating a burrito (minor injury, driver at fault); and a pedestrian aged 28 years jogging along Fisherville Road and while crossing at Bog Road, was struck by a Bog Road vehicle turning right onto Fisherville Road (minor injury, driver at fault).

There were two accidents involving bicyclists: a bicyclist aged 43 years traveling eastbound on the sidewalk near Morningstar Apartments and striking a vehicle attempting to exit from the apartment driveway (minor injuries, bicyclist at fault, no helmet worn); and a bicyclist aged 24 years travelling eastbound on Pleasant Street, crossing the intersection at N. State Street on a red light, and striking the passenger side of a southbound vehicle (injuries, bicyclist at fault, no helmet worn).

- 2) City Council meeting update.

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: There were no TOC items on the August 11, 2014 Council meeting agenda.

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

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: TPAC did not meet in August 2014. TPAC would discuss the Snow Street speed referral from Council at its next meeting.

B. On-going Discussion and Action Items.

- 1) 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: Further action pending feedback from Councilor Herschlag.

- 2) Referral from Council regarding a concern by a resident of Snow Street on traffic speeds and cut-through movements and requesting stop signs to slow traffic. (**Council: 7/30/14**).

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Following up on TOC's discussion last month, Eric Crane reported that he performed targeted speed enforcement on Snow Street on several occasions. Enforcement was done using a motorcycle that was hidden from view. His opinion was that overall traffic speeds appeared appropriate and that excessive speeding was not observed. Several drivers (including local residents as well as through drivers) were stopped and spoken to and several received warnings. Rob Mack noted that this item would be discussed by TPAC next week with the Snow Street resident in attendance, and that he would report on TOC's discussion from last month including the supplemental enforcement efforts reported today.

C. New Discussion and Action Items

- 1) Request from a resident on High Street requesting High Street parking be further set back from the Summer Street intersection and that a stop sign be installed on Community Drive near the school driveway (**Engineering: 2/2/14**).

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: Rob Mack reported that the Parking Committee met on September 15, 2014 and did not support the requested change to the parking restriction on High Street near Summer Street. TOC discussed the length of the painted stop line on High Street (painted across half of the street width) and if it was possible to consider a shorter length that would reflect half of the 'two-way travel' width, considering that parking takes up 8 feet of the street. That might encourage northbound drivers to stop closer to the curb, leaving more space for right turns from Summer Street. GSD will consider.

Regarding the request for a stop sign on Community Drive to slow traffic, it was noted that the MVSD is investigating potential changes to campus access and site circulation as was discussed at the August 19, 2014 TOC meeting. Possible geometric and traffic control changes to the Community/MVSD driveway intersection were included in the plan. TOC members concurred that the school proposals for this intersection should be first considered, preferably including reaching out to the neighborhood.

D. Open Discussion Items

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

DISCUSSION / ACTIONS: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Traffic Operations Committee

***The next Traffic Operations Committee meeting will be held on
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 @ 12:00 PM in the 2ND Floor Conference Room.***