



City of Concord - Transportation Policy Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:

Alex Vogt (Chair)
Dick Lemieux
Bill Hodges
Liz Richardson
Ursula Maldonado
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Committee Members Not Present:

Colette L. Farland-Vogt

Guests/Friends of the Pedestrian Committee:

Review / Accept Minutes

Minutes from the January meeting were accepted.

Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Discussion and Action Items

Pedestrian master plan

No new updates.

Pedestrian counting program

The pedestrian / bicycle count will be on May 7-9 and September 10-12 to correspond with the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project. Ursula, Craig Tufts (TPAC-Bike), Nik Coates (CNHRPC, CNHBC), and Jeff will finalize the details and seek volunteers (CHS, SPS, CNHBC). The committee felt that a 4 hour counting period (2:00-6:00, 2:30-6:30) would cover the time periods that we are interested in counting (school dismissal, commuter, recreational). A four hour period is an extended period for one person to count and may require that some people team up. The count form should have space for the counters to make whatever comments they see fit.

Snow removal

- **Pedestrian Crashes**

Alex noted that a pedestrian was hit while walking along Loudon Road. The sidewalks were not plowed so the pedestrian was walking in the street and was struck by a mirror. Overall, the city has done a good job clearing the sidewalks this winter. Of note is the portion of Eastside Drive from Hazen Drive to Loudon Road which has many residences and school bus stops.

- **Sidewalk leading to the Friendly Kitchen**

The committee noted that the sidewalk along I-393 was not plowed. They were also not clear if the city had approached the state with a maintenance agreement so that the city could clear the state owned sidewalk.

- **Plowing onto sidewalk**

The committee again expressed its concern of people removing snow from their driveways and walks and placing it on the public sidewalk.

- **Safe Routes to School**

Jeff reported that the Citywide Safe Routes to School Committee expressed their concern about plowing of lack of sidewalk plowing along North Spring Street near the Christa McAuliffe School. Similar to TPAC-P, they expressed concern about people removing snow from their driveways and walks and placing it on the public sidewalk. They also expressed a desire to initiate a snow angel program with the help of the Mayor and City Manager. They were not aware of the previous efforts of TPAC-P.

City of Concord website - Report a Concern

The committee discussed the City's new website and the ability for an individual to report a concern through the website. People felt that the need to register was a barrier to participation and felt the sign-in is unnecessary.

Change in Chair

Alex is retiring from the state in May. Come October, he will be wintering out of the state. As a result, the committee will need a new Chair. Alex plans to continue on with the committee as a member. He asked the committee to consider how they want to structure the committee come fall. An option is to combine forces with TPAC-B.