

CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Police Department community room, 46 Chestnut Street
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 22, 2025**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Michael Williams (Chair, COAST), Jill Semprini (Community Services), Donna Benton (Planning), Chief David Terlemezian (Police), Kean McDermott, Susan Tremblay, April Richer (City Council), Aaron Williams (Alternate)

Members Not Present (Excused): Dennis Munson

Members Not Present (Unexcused): Elizabeth Goldman, Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

It was noted that with a regular member absent, A. Williams could vote as an alternate.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/approval of minutes from June 23, 2025

A.Williams noted that E.Leaver noted discrepancies in the minutes. Discussion ensued to provide the discrepancies in advance of the next meeting.

Motion: D.Benton moved to table the minutes. Chief Terlemezian seconded. Vote: U/A.

B. Fourth Street parking concern – resident request

J.Semprini explained the concern received by the citizen (that parking in front of the church impeded sight distance). The suggestion is to reduce one parking space on Chestnut Street on the eastern/southern/right side. Discussion ensued about also removing a parking space on the left side.

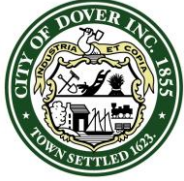
Motion: K.McDermott moved to remove one parking space from the right hand side. S.Tremblay seconded. Vote: U/A.

C. Citizen correspondence RE: NHDOT changes to Rte 9/Rte 155 intersection

Debbie Gourd, 6 Beverly Lane represented the concern about pedestrians crossing Rt. 155 from Rt. 9 to Bellamy Road after the NHDOT reconfiguration and requested a “no turn on red sign” be added. She explained that coming off Bellamy and taking a right for northbound, there is no visual cue of crosswalk. Discussion ensued about NHDOT static sign, reconfiguration, and the benefit of adding a “no right turn on red sign”. The request was to also ask NHDOT to fast track this request and the idea came up about the school also sending a letter to NHDOT.

Parker Cook, 11 West Knox Marsh Rd. shared concerns.

Eric Leaver, 42 Main St. would rather see crosswalk there, a reconfiguration, and solve the ADA issue.



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J.Semprini provided background and history including that the crosswalk was not ADA compliant due to the island with infrastructure in it. She can forward the correspondence.

Suggest City Council to provide letter to install “no turn on red” sign, reconfigure signal timing/phasing.

Discussion ensued about long range plan, adding pedestrian time, pedestrian connection down Bellamy.

Discussion ensued and motion was amended into two.

Motion: K.McDermott moved to ask Council to write a letter to NHDOT endorsing NHDOT to re-instate crosswalk, phased timing, and “no turn on red” sign. Seconded by: Chief Terlemezian. Vote: U/A

Motion: K.McDermott moved to research mitigating cost/feasibility of sidewalk on other side of Bellamy. Vote: U/A.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tennyson/Henry Law intersection three-way stop petition

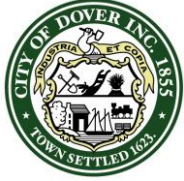
Amy and Ryan Donahue, 176 Henry Law Avenue requested a 3-way stop at intersection of Tennyson and Henry Law. They discussed increased speeds and increased traffic, especially on Tennyson. There are crossing signs but no painted crosswalk, there have been a lot of near misses and asked that a stop sign on Tennyson come back.

Juanita Lord, 178 Henry Law and Mike Lee of 174 Henry Law shared similar concerns.

Discussion ensued about this request for 3-way stop vs. previous request about a painted crosswalk. J.Semprini went over Marn Speidel’s previous response. There was a traffic study done for the waterfront development which was reviewed by a third party. The Chief will get data from trailer.

Motion: S.Tremblay moved to recommend to Council to put in a 3-way stop at the intersection of Tennyson and Henry Law Ave. Seconded by Councilor Richer. Vote: U/A.

A.Williams recommended to explore other traffic calming techniques to try to reduce speeds on Henry Law Ave to 20mph.



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K.McDermott also requested to look at the waterfront's traffic study.

B. Hubbard/Middle intersection sight obstruction concern

J.Semprini explained concern from citizen and compensation policy for trees. The property owner did not want the tree removed and felt it should have been part of the site plan review for Hubbard Road.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: K.McDermott moved to dismiss without action. Seconded by: S.Tremblay.
Vote: 7-0-1 with A.Williams abstaining.

C. Tolend Road truck traffic concern

Tracey Lauder, 250 Tolend Road presented the concern about Brox and Waste Management trucks on Tolend Road.

M.Williams summarized the truck policy. Staff will verify about signs that Marn Speidel had said were on order.

K.McDermott asked if staff can ask for a meeting with companies about truck routes to try to reduce impact.

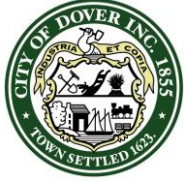
Discussion ensued about the city sending letters to Brox and Waste Management.

Motion: K.McDermott moved for TAC to write an educational letter to the frequent flyers (Brox and Waste Management) to compromise on their routing strategies, be aware of their impact on community along route to their places of business.
Seconded by: Chief Terlemezian.

K.McDermott offered to draft the letter and city staff can assist. M.Williams suggested the Chief or someone on staff review for accuracy.

D. Arch Street traffic concern

Nancy Carroll, 17 Arch St. discussed the traffic study completed at the end of August by SRPC and how the data was not useful when school wasn't in session. Noted trailer was useful and other traffic calming measures may be useful like the speed tables/bumps like Portsmouth installed.



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Staff explained that the 85 percentile was 32mph from the TomTom data which was from 2024-2025 cell phone and GPS device data.

A.Williams challenges the 85 percentile as the industry standard and noted the context of the street should be used to determine speed limit.

Ms. Carroll further explained that narrowing lanes down did help. Arch St. should be on list for permanent speed radar sign. She asked SRPC to extend the tube timeline.

Discussion ensued about parking on street.

E. Washington/Payne all-way stop proposal

Motion: A.Williams moved to add an all way stop. S.Tremblay seconded. Vote: 7-0-1 with Councilor Richer abstaining.

4. CITIZENS FORUM

Eric Leaver, 42 Main Street discussed street markings on Alumni Drive, Back River Road.

Staff responded about implementation/intention and that crosswalks exceed MUTCD standards.

5. MEMBER COMMENTS

A.Williams found discrepancies from motions.

Councilor Richer-asked about a new officer for traffic enforcement? The Chief answered about traffic enforcement and TAC liaison as well.

Discussed Broadway thru traffic, speeding up Florence/Pearl.

October 8 is Bike/Ride to school day.

6. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

After discussion, the next meeting date was tentatively identified as November 24, 2025.

7. ADJOURN

Motion: M.Williams moved to adjourn at 8:17pm. D.Benton seconded. Vote: U/A.