



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Police Department community room, 46 Chestnut Street
Meeting Date: **Monday, November 24, 2025**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Michael Williams (Chair, COAST), Jill Semprini (Community Services), Donna Benton (Planning), Lt. Alex Mitrushi (Police), Kean McDermott, April Richer (City Council), Aaron Williams (Alternate)

Members Not Present (Excused):

Members Not Present (Unexcused): Elizabeth Goldman, Dennis Munson, Susan Tremblay Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

1. ROLL CALL

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:08 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

Motion: D.Benton moved to approved amended minutes for June 23, 2025. Seconded by A.Williams. Vote: U/A.

B. Review/approval of minutes from September 22, 2025

Motion: D.Benton moved to approved amended minutes for September 22, 2025. Seconded by A.Williams. Vote: U/A.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Columbus Avenue – Traffic Concern

Lt. Mitrushi explained concern about speed and the request to reduce the speed limit from 35 to 30mph and raised sidewalks and guard rail. J.Semprini discussed TomTom data.

A.Williams suggested narrowing lanes or using chicanes.

Motion: D.Benton moved to add temporary speed awareness signs there. Seconded by: Lt. Mitrushi. Vote: U/A

Motion: A.Williams moved to reduce speed from 35 to 30mp. Seconded by K.McDermott. Vote: 3-4 with M.Williams, D.Benton, Lt. Mitrushi and J. Semprini opposed.

D.Benton and M.Williams noted the preference to start with temporary measures and see how that works. The group decided to move to Old Business for the next meeting.

B. Horne Street – Traffic Concern



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Lt. Mitrushi discussed the concern of excessive speed and requests from public.

Briana Hillstom of 68 Horne St. explained her concerns and that she tried to find an engineering study and asked questions.

Francesca Trial of Maplewood and President of PTG, noted the PTG has heard concerns previously and the neighborhood needs more support.

Kayleigh Cassidy-Ketchen of 7 Glencrest Ave would also like to see Glencrest Ave to be considered because it is part of the drop off route for the elementary school.

J.Semprini explained NH State law about minimum 30mph unless engineering study supports going to 25 mph. Staff reached out to SRPC for TomTom data. The data is broken out for school vs. non-school hours. Passed along concern about sign/flashing lights.

The group discussed the data and wondered how pedestrian volume can be factored in. Discussed police enforcement and the availability of officer. In January, a traffic enforcement officer will start.

Brad Backowies of 61 Fieldstone Dr asked about staffing levels.

Councilor Richer wants TomTom data verified with another option.
J.Semprini noted staff can ask SRPC to deploy counters during school years.

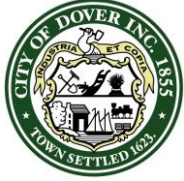
Councilor Richer asked about buying our own counters, about future design and if pavement width would change.

A.Williams recommended a raised crosswalk, targeting speeds of 15-20mph.

J.Semprini Horne will have an overlay.

K.McDermott-budget for engineering portion should be earlier in the CIP than what is currently proposed.

Motion: A.Williams moved (after revising motion) to recommend raised crosswalks at current crossing on Horne St/Ash St (diagonal) and Horne/ Roosevelt. Seconded by Councilor Richer. J. Semprini will look at drainage but part of CIP project to evaluate raised crosswalk there. Vote: 4-3 with J.Semprini, D.Benton, and Lt. Mitrushi opposed.



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Josh Ketchen 7 Glencrest Ave- unsafe driving in general. Crossing Guard or Police Department help direct traffic to what school policy is. Lt. Mitrushi responded.

Motion: A.Williams moved to expand the timing of the lights to be sooner and later (both ends of the day). Motion was then withdrawn after Lt. Mitrushi explained state statute.

A resident asked for the staff to confirm lights are truly 45 minutes before school starts. Lt. Mitrushi responded about process and implementation but staff will look into it.

C. Whittier Street – Traffic/Noise Cameras

Lt. Mitrushi introduced the item and explained the email from the resident and that no state statute allows the cameras other than tolls.

Al Crowe of 27 Whittier and his wife Pat, spoke about the amount of noise at the corner of Sixth and Whittier.

Discussion ensued about cameras not being allowed in NH and other potential options of discouraging loud vehicles. Members are welcome to research other ideas but is not recommended to add to a future TAC agenda as TAC is likely not the right forum for this concern.

D. Atlantic Avenue – Pedestrian Traffic Concern

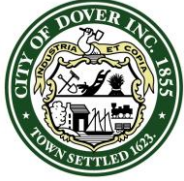
Lt. Mitrushi explained the email received regarding concerns of pedestrians on Atlantic Ave. The group went over the TomTom data and discussion ensued regarding flashing signs, stationing police, enforcement, and that it is on the 2026 paving list.

Motion: A.Williams moved to reduce travel lanes to 10'. Seconded by K.McDermott. Vote 5-2 with D.Benton and M.Williams opposed.

E. 235 Central Avenue – Right of Way Concern

Discussion about email received from attorney about damage to their property. Discussion occurred regarding other communication between the property owner and his representatives and Community Services including truck route signs that were added and the need for a survey and that no action from TAC will occur at this time.

F. Bike Route



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The group went over the handout A.Williams asked Lt. Mitrushi to print at the beginning of the meeting which was meant to jump start the conversation.

K.McDermott felt this could start to guide the portions of the Transportation Chapter regarding bikes/pedestrians.

M.Williams discussed the bus stop analysis and people bringing bikes on the bus and the need for bike racks at certain stops.

D.Benton asked about connectivity not being included and A.Williams answered about wanting to prioritize sections.

A question was asked by a resident about safety protocols. K.McDermott discussed NHDOT and NH Bike Alliance rules and enforcement.

D.Benton explained the Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan update process and timeline.

4. CITIZENS FORUM

NHDOT had reached out for any feedback on Littleworth Road so the email was discussed briefly so that the TAC was aware of the correspondence.

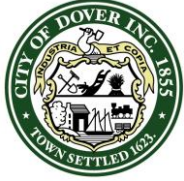
Eric Leaver, 42 Main Street, discussed street repaving recommendations back in June. Glenwood Ave was a resounding success. Old Dover Point Road looks awesome with sharrows and had a bonus sharrow on Gerrish. Sharrows on Back River Road look great and a bonus sharrow was added on Mast Road as well. Henry Law Ave was a mixed bag—new sharrows look lovely but the lanes weren't narrowed from Payne to Back Road. He reminded the TAC that he mentioned the last meeting the same thing happened on Alumni and Back River Road. There seems to be a disconnect between this Commission and painters.

5. MEMBER COMMENTS

Lt. Mitrushi mentioned the new Traffic Enforcement Officer beginning and his goals.

A.Williams discussed D.Benton's response about Bicycle Friendly Streetscape Guidelines and still has questions including land width. Discussion ensued.

A.Williams asked about crosswalk policy which needs updating. M.Williams suggested adding it to a future agenda.



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M. Williams noted COAST Service updates including October being the highest ridership month since October 2017, and the demand response.

6. **CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE**

After discussion, the next meeting date was tentatively identified as January 26, 2026.

7. **ADJOURN**

Motion: D.Benton moved to adjourn at 8:11pm. M.Williams seconded. Vote: U/A.