

## **Transportation Advisory Commission, Dover, NH**

### **Minutes of June 2, 2005**

A special meeting of the Dover Transportation Advisory Commission called to order by Chair at 7:00 PM, June 2, 2005, in the conference room of the Public Works Facility, Mast Road.

#### Members Present

Jason Hindle	Chairman
Richard Dolbec	Clerk
Dennis Munson	
John Scruton	
Ed Wentworth	
Peter Schmidt	COAST

#### Staff Present

Gary DeColfmacker	Police
Paul Chalue	Community Services
Steve Stancel	Planning
Chris Parker	Planning
Doug Steele	Engineering
Dave White	Engineering

There were about 25 individuals present.

#### **I. Presentation Lincoln Street Improvements**

Mr. Stowell a representative of TriTech gave a presentation on four alternative plans for the rebuilding of Lincoln Street. Mr. D. Larose of TriTech was also present to assist in the presentation. The Pros and Cons of each plan were pointed out.

There were discussions and questions from the residents. There was objections from the owner of 15/17 Lincoln St. relative for the need of sidewalks, stating that the present system with no sidewalks is fine. It was pointed out that there are sidewalks on both sides of Lincoln at present. The discussion then went to sidewalks on only one side and the south side was suggested. The concern was that his property presently uses the sidewalk space as private "off road" parking for the tenants. The sidewalk in front of 15 & 17 have been removed and crushed stone put in the place. There were questions relative to the width of the proposed finished roadway. The parking scheme along the roadway was discussed, especially relative to the businesses at the Chestnut intersection. The need to accommodate truck deliveries to the business was discussed.

The consensus narrowed the field to proposal 1 & 4. These were then discussed. Plan number 4 was the proffered final contender, with some changes.

A timeline for this project was estimated as beginning by end of August and completed in this construction season (end of November). This presentation ended at 8:15 PM.

## **II. Washington/Central Ave Intersection Improvements**

Ned Codd of Rizzo Associates presented the upgrades that would alleviate the congestion at Central Avenue and Washington Street intersection. The upgrade here is in concert with the Rizzo recommendations of the recent downtown engineering study completed and accepted a few months ago. The plan would provide for two lanes on Central both north and south at Washington St. Presently at peak traffic 1000 cars per hour may navigate the intersection. This limiting factor backs up traffic in both directions. The proposal would provide for better flow and allow up to 1700 vehicles per hour. The consequence is that 5 parking spaces on each side of Central Avenue just south of Washington St. would have to be eliminated.

There was some discussion by Foster's representatives who are the property owners on both side of the street which are being affected. There was discussion on removing the traffic islands, phasing the traffic signals differently. Also a proposal to see if the adjoining parking lots can be made to accommodate more spaces. (This will be looked into.) It was pointed out that this is one of items in the overall downtown plan which is probably 8 to 9 years from completion. It is expected that different aspects will be put in place, to ameliorate the most severe traffic issues that exists.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Richard E. Dolbec  
Clerk