



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Auditorium, CITY HALL
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 23, 2010**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Karen Weston (Chair), John Scruton, Bruce Woodruff (Planning), Ben Clark (Asst. City Engineer) and John Flick, Peter Schmidt

Members Not Present: Marn Speidel (Police)

Others Present: Dave White (City Engineer), Aaron Sanborn, Foster's Daily Democrat, Kirt Schuman, Dover Chamber of Commerce

2. CITIZENS FORUM

Ms. Doris Grady spoke about the safety concerns she has at the Long Hill Road – Old Rochester Road intersection. Staff then gave the update on this to the members and Ms. Grady. (See 3. B below.)

3. NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Forum-Citizen input on traffic and transit issues, problems, and project ideas
Following is a list of Citizens that spoke during the Forum segment on transportation/
transit issues:

Eric Kelsey, 26 Hemlock Forest
Wally Johnson, 20 Sunset Drive
Jeremy LaRose, 41 Baker Street
Sharon Shea, 44 Belanger Drive
Keith Shea, 44 Belanger Drive
Dan Hurley, 1 Keating Avenue
Jim Berry, 1 Hayes Lane
Kim Berry, 1 Hayes Lane
Diane Geraci, 2 Hayes Lane
Paul Geraci, 2 Hayes Lane
Wayne Belleau, 12 Renaud Avenue
Brittany Weaver, Epping
Amanda Merrill, State Senate-SD 21
E.J. Bleiler, 28 Isaac Lucas Circle
M.Olivier, 67A Glenwood Avenue
S.Eisler, 344 Washington Street
David Eisler, 344 Washington Street
Peter G Markos, 8 Renaud Avenue



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Issues and comments ranged from noise concerns on the Spaulding Turnpike, comments on supporting FasTrans (increase funding in the CIP-TIP), wants to expand FasTrans to more trips and weekend service, supporting passenger trains and the Dover station, supporting Bicycle shoulders and routes, supporting the Community Trail development, supporting the TAC endorsing the state erecting sound barriers where neighborhoods are near the turnpike, expressing no support for any parking garage because there are plenty of spaces available downtown, Washington St. is a truck route and a race track, complaint about buses, wants more truck route signs and enforcement, wants to support traffic signal system control in the urban area, and finally, there is no yield or stop sign at the end of the Locust St. slip ramp off Central at the island.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/Approval of minutes from August 2, 2010 Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the August 2, 2010 Meeting minutes, and seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

B. Old Rochester @ Longhill safety concern – staff update

This was discussed in the beginning of the meeting during Citizens Forum. Engineering and Planning staff provided the update that striping channelization was laid out and marked for the strippers as an interim safety measure. It was noted that the strippers may not return to the City for a month or so.

C. Review of Administrative Code: Boards, Commissions and Committees

Discussion ensued on subject; please refer to the audio file for the discussion.*

4. MEMBER COMMENTS

B.Woodruff noted he was asked by the Planning Director to bring transportation projects ideas, for possible endorsement, to the TAC for the Capital Improvements Program process.

B.Woodruff noted they are asking for a funding increase, over the next few years, to fund FasTrans with increased frequency and weekend hours. He described where the money would be allocated.



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Discussion ensued on the fiscal analysis figure, transportation reserve funding account, and ways of increasing money for projects that need funding in the CIP's. B.Woodruff noted the importance of finishing the Arch/Washington Street bridge project.

B.Woodruff noted they are requesting a speed table project for Belknap Street, Cushing Street and Atkinson Street. Discussion ensued on the endorsement for this project, and traffic flow concerns.

B.Woodruff noted they are asking to fix the intersection of Silver Street and Central Avenue and the Exit 8 area, as part of the entire Silver Street reconstruction project. Discussion ensued in regards to the traffic flow, traffic signalization management, and implications from speed tables.

B.Woodruff noted a project for a traffic flow change at the Upper Square. Discussion ensued on the traffic ideas concerning the 2 -way traffic lane change proposed by R1330.

B.Woodruff noted a project for the Master Traffic Signal Control System Phase II. He discussed the signalization work completed for this project, and what needs to be finished. Discussion ensued on the work completed, and the importance of this project. The goal is to process traffic efficiently on a system-wide management basis.

D.White said he will not endorse speed tables. He discussed the issues this will cause. B.Woodruff noted that he feels that the speed tables acts as a deterrent to people who use the streets as shortcuts.

Discussion ensued on traffic flow on Lexington, Cushing Street and Atkinson Street, and ways of deterring increased traffic, and supported studies on speed tables.

B.Woodruff suggested posting a placeholder for this project entitle "traffic content study to be determined by context sensitive planning hosted by the TAC."

A motion was moved to that effect and seconded. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

B.Woodruff noted the modest increase to the FastTrans project.

A motion was moved, and seconded, to endorse the increase. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

B.Woodruff asked for the endorsement for the Long Hill/Old Rochester Road signalization with a crosswalk extension to Long Hill Park. Discussion ensued on previous state work, and on what will be implemented in this project in regard to safety.

A motion was moved and seconded. Vote: 3 yes 2 no.

(Discussion ensued on this project.)



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B.Woodruff asked for TAC endorsement for the Silver Street project, Exit 8 area, and the Silver, Central, and Court Street Intersection. Discussion ensued on motion. A motion was moved and seconded to endorse. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

B.Woodruff asked for TAC endorsement for the traffic flow change project at Upper Square and Chapel Street, and discussed the intended change to the streets. Discussion ensued on traffic lane concerns, and projected ideas for traffic flow change. B.Woodruff stated the amended change to the endorsement will reflect the project on Upper Square, Chapel Street, a 2-way traffic flow change and the project could be a roundabout. A motion was moved and seconded to endorse. Vote: Unanimous Approval.

B.Woodruff asked for TAC endorsement for the master control signal system; this is signal group project efficiency. He discussed the figures for the different phased projects, and discussed the operation that will be used for this signal system. Discussion ensued on this style of signalization. A motion was moved and seconded to endorse. Vote: 5 yes 1 no

K.Weston noted her concerns with the pedestrian crosswalk near the Scammel Bridge on the NHDOT roundabout project. Discussion ensued on the roundabout in concern to pedestrian safety. B.Woodruff noted the conditions that the Planning Department set forth to the Planning Board's recommendation on the NHDOT roundabout project. Discussion ensued on the whether the site would work best with or without signalization, and concerns that need to be addressed to the NHDOT. No motion was made, nor any decision reached.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING (September 27, 2010)

Confirmed.

6. ADJOURN

A motion, and seconded motion, was made to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm. Vote: Unanimous Approval

*For detailed information on this meeting please refer to the audio file found on the City website (under City Reports). WWW.Dover.NH.gov.