



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, July 28, 2014**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Members present: Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Dave White (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Brian DeGuzis (COAST), Jack Flick, Maurice Olivier, Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

Members absent: Dennis Munson, Dustin Gray, Michael Weeden (Alternate)

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/approval of minutes from June 23, 2014

Parker moved, White seconded, to approve with no amendments. Motion passed 8-0.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Citizen concern – Dover Transportation Center sign placement

Weston requested that this item be placed on the agenda following an email message from a citizen. The citizen was not present to address the concern further. Weston asked Parker for input. Parker stated that the concern has been reviewed, and that the placement of the sign has taken into consideration a potential future change to a roundabout at Third/Chestnut. Speidel stated that sight lines for exiting traffic from the Transportation Center should also be considered. Discussion ensued. Parker moved, Flick seconded, to take no further action on the concern. Motion passed 8-0.

B. Silver Street reconstruction project – staff update

Traffic detour plan: Parker gave overview of a proposed plan to change the flow of traffic on Silver Street to one way at all times in 2015 between Arch and Central, as part of Severino's reconstruction of Silver Street. Speidel clarified some of the particulars of how the detour plan would be laid out. Schmidt and Weston asked questions pertaining to the plan, and further discussion ensued. Olivier moved, Schmidt seconded, to accept the traffic detour plan. Motion passed 7-0.

School zone speed limit proposal: Speidel gave overview of resident concerns that were raised during Silver Street neighborhood meetings. At least one resident had proposed that a formal school zone speed limit be imposed on Silver Street. Speidel gave a synopsis of the statutory school zone requirements from NH RSA 265:60. Questions and answers were posed about how it would be posted. White stated that the cost for both school zone assemblies could be up to \$16K. It was noted that the Safe Routes to School grant funded some sidewalk installations on Rutland Street, Clifford Street and Woodman Park Drive. Discussion ensued regarding the staffing of the school crossing guard position at the Silver/Arch/Towle intersection. Speidel also stated that based on case law annotated in the speed limit statute, school zones were typically limited to no more than 700' from the school. This would place one of the school zone light assemblies within the NHDOT maintained area of the Exit 8 interchange, and require NHDOT approval. It was also noted that the outbound school zone assembly would be placed somewhere near Lexington Street, which is fairly close to the existing traffic signal.



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Parker moved, White seconded, not to endorse the proposal for school zone lights. Parker noted that the issue could always be brought up again if needed. Discussion ensued. Schmidt asked for further study of the issue. Motion passed 7-1.

C. Status report on TAC recommendations (01/01/2013 – present)

Committee members expressed approval for the format of a draft spreadsheet as presented by Parker and Speidel. Parker explained that staff will maintain the spreadsheet and give updated versions to the TAC at least on a quarterly basis, and as new items are added from recent meetings, older items will drop off so the spreadsheet is maintained as a one page document.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS

Parker referred to a constituent's email that Weston had read at the previous meeting and stated that the Parking Commission had already addressed most of the concerns raised.

White stated that the Tolend Road project is winding down, and should wrap up in full by the end of this year's construction season. White also stated that the Watson Road reconstruction project was set to be on the August 13 Council agenda for a decision on whether to move forward.

White stated that the paving bid was awarded to Brox Industries. He said that Jenness and Lisa Beth would be paved first. Olivier asked about Sixth Street, and White said that was on the list as well.

Weston asked staff about Tolend Road issues, at the French Cross Road intersection and asked a question about the seam on Tolend. White said that he was aware of the concern and was working on a fix.

Schmidt stated that a portion of the road toll increase (20%) is supposed to come to the municipalities. He asked if staff had determined how much more revenue was coming to Dover since the increase. Parker said he would follow up.

Schmidt complimented staff for functionality and institutional knowledge.

5. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

Discussion ensued regarding whether to hold a meeting in August. Parker moved to have the next meeting be held on September 22, and the Cecil Group will be in attendance then. Consensus from the committee was to hold the next meeting on September 22.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.