

CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, November 30, 2015**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. Roll Call

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Mayor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Gretchen Young (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Brian DeGuzis (COAST), Maurice Olivier, Dustin Gray, Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

Members absent: Dennis Munson, Jack Flick

2. Old Business

A. Review/approval of minutes from September 21, 2015

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Gray, to approve.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

B. Safety Concern – Intersection of Central Avenue and Exit 7B ramp

Sgt. Speidel gave a staff update, stating that Facilities and Grounds have ordered two “Turning Traffic Must Yield to Pedestrians” signs but that they have not been installed yet. They will be located at the bottom of the intersection coming off of the ramp. Staff is also seeking a quote from Electric Light for a “No Turn on Red” lit sign that would be pedestrian activated. It was noted that there is also a potential for a school crossing guard at this location and that Sebago Technics, the city’s traffic light consultant, was also reviewing options for this intersection. Discussion ensued.

Matt Cox, Fisher St., addressed the committee. He stated that there are more students walking to school and that he is concerned about traffic turning right at the base of the ramp without fully stopping. Would support a crossing guard in the short term with a flashing light (RRFB) like the one on Rutland St. as a permanent solution. Also noted that the whole intersection is difficult for motorists.

Katy Cox, 101 Belknap St. addressed the committee. She said that informally she thinks that parents are happy that the city is looking at the intersection.

Speidel suggested that residents continue to vocalize their support for a crossing guard to their respective representatives and other venues.

Motion: Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Olivier, for staff to look at cost for No Turn on Red lit signage, crossing guard and other potential improvements at this location, compared and contrast and report back to committee.

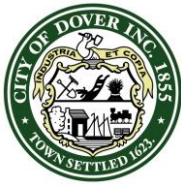
Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

3. New Business

A. Court Street/Union Street intersection traffic concern

Speidel stated that Councilor Thibodeaux had received complaints from some of her constituents regarding this intersection. He said that there was not information on the number of complaints and isn’t sure if the police department would support an uncontrolled crosswalk at this location.

Parker stated that Court Street is an area that the city intends to look at as a whole.



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Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to **table the item and ask for Councilor Thibodeaux or the resident who had contact her to attend the next meeting to provide additional information**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

B. All Way Stop proposal, Washington and Arch Street intersection

(this item is listed as D on the agenda)

Weston summarized that this three way stop was implemented as a temporary measure for the Silver Street Reconstruction project; and now many residents are requesting that it remain. Schmidt stated that he think it works to slow down traffic. Parker stated that it works to allow traffic from Arch Street get onto Washington.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to **keep this as an all way stop.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

Speidel stated that police department would follow up with an ordinance revision for the Council.

C. Discussion on school related transportation matters

(this item is listed as B on the agenda)

No one from the School Department was present

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to **take no action.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

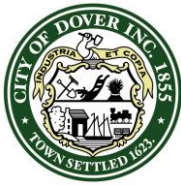
D. Staff update on Silver Street Reconstruction

(this item is listed as C on the agenda)

Young stated that the traffic has been restored to two way on Silver Street. She stated that the final paving and full striping will be completed in the spring. Speidel stated that staff is still reviewing the appropriate locations for crosswalks. Weston asked about the potential round-about located at the end of Silver Street. Parker noted that staff was meeting with the Department of Transportation to look at this.

Katy Cox, 101 Belknap St. addressed the committee. She said that middle school and high school students cross Silver Street at the Belknap intersection. Speidel said that staff will look at the intersections now that Silver Street is back to two way. Weston asked for a staff report at the next meeting.

E. Expansion of Transportation System in NH – TransportNH (by request)



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Motion: Speidel made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, **to take no action**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Citizens Forum

No citizens spoke.

5. Member Comments

Parker stated that as part of the High School improvement work, a traffic analysis will be completed for the whole Route 108 corridor from the Madbury town line as well as Bellamy Road to investigate ways to make improvements. He said they are hoping to go out to bid before Christmas with the intent of trying to target work in the next CIP.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.