CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on September 15, 2026 in the Second Floor Conference Room, 41 Green Street

Attendees: Alec Bass, Michael Bezanson, Matthew Casey, Matt Cashman, Kevin Demers, Karen Hill, and Harold Palmer

Absent: Fred Reagan

Guests:

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

a. *July 21, 2026 TOC Draft Meeting Minutes*
On a motion made by Bass seconded by Demers, the meeting minutes of July 21, 2026 were approved as amended. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

3. Review City-Wide Crash Data

Crash data was provided to the Committee for review.

a. *July 2026*
There were 80 reportable crashes in July 2026. This compares with 83 reportable crashes in July 2025. 17 crashes resulted in injuries. There were no fatality involved crashes. There were 2 reported crashes involving pedestrians and 2 involving bicyclists.

b. *August 2026*
There were 77 reportable crashes in July 2026. This compares with 100 reportable crashes in August 2025. 17 crashes resulted in injuries. There were no fatality involved crashes. There were 0 reported crashes involving pedestrians and 3 involving bicyclists.

Casey summarized the data and mentioned, again, that we are seeing more crashes involving E-bikes.

4. Council/Committee Updates

Hill noted that Council reviewed and discussed the report from the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee regarding the Middle School project. Bezanson shared that Council ultimately voted to accept the report.

5. Project Updates

Hill noted that GSD is working with GMI to construct the Broadway at Wiggins Street intersection improvements and Green Street/Civic District sidewalk improvements.

Demers noted that GSD has completed the resurfacing of the Woodcrest Heights neighborhood and still needs to apply final pavement markings. He added that Prescott/Thomas Streets are under construction.

Bezanson added that final paving of Airport Road is set to begin this week or next.

6. Unfinished Business

a. *None*

7. New Business

a. *Resident request in regards to speed and pedestrian safety concerns on Sewalls Falls Road with request for a WEEBLE at Sewalls Falls Road at Sylvester Street and speed feedback signs at Beaver Meadow School*

Hill provided a summary of the residents' requests. She explained that WEEBLEs are removed in the fall to accommodate long-line striping and winter operations and are typically redeployed in late spring, which does not align well with the school calendar. She also noted that this particular crossing is staffed by a crossing guard during school pick-up and drop-off hours.

The Committee acknowledged that the number of turning movements at this intersection makes it a difficult location for placement of a WEEBLE.

The Committee discussed prior conversations regarding the installation of curbing along this segment. Members agreed that accommodating drainage would be difficult and that the improvements would likely develop into a larger-scale project.

Cashman added that the School District has discussed alternatives for traffic flow on the Beaver Meadow site, but that further consideration would require a traffic study.

Hill shared a 2008 Concord School Zone Signage Worksheet, in which the City's previous traffic engineer inventoried signage within the City's school zones and recommended a consistent preferred sign package, including speed feedback signs. Hill noted that it appears the recommendations were never programmed or funded.

Demers stated that he would follow up regarding where Sylvester Street and Sewalls Falls Road fall within the paving program.

Casey stated that, in the interim, the School District should consider temporary measures to help alleviate vehicle queuing on Sewalls Falls. The Committee discussed the possibility of queuing vehicles on Second Street, double-stacking vehicles at the secondary driveway, and directing vehicles to exit onto Sewalls Falls Road.

Bass moved to recommend no action by the City at this time, noting that a crossing guard is provided at this intersection and is the safest means of facilitating pedestrian crossings during school operations. Bass further moved to recommend that the City Council appropriate funding through an upcoming CIP, in collaboration with the School District, to implement consistent signage throughout the City's school zones, similar to the recommendations outlined in the 2008 Concord School Zone Signage Worksheet, Hill seconded the motion, all in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bass and Bezanson left at 9:55am.

b. *Resident request through SeeClickFix in regards to safety along the sharp corner on Weir Road*

The Committee reviewed a map of the area. Hill confirmed that the City does not allow or install mirrors within the public right-of-way. The Committee also discussed that a pedestrian sign would not be appropriate at this location. The Committee agreed that, given the roadway geometry and low traffic volumes, no action is necessary at this time.

c. *Resident request through SeeClickFix in regards to the island at N Main Street and Horseshoe Pond Lane*

The Committee reviewed a map of the area and confirmed that proper signage is in place. After noting that pavement markings had not been restored following the resurfacing project, the Committee agreed that adding a short double yellow line leading up to and around the island could help clarify traffic flow. Demers asked Hill to provide a sketch of the proposed pavement markings.

8. Next Meeting

October 20, 2026

9. Adjourn

On a motion made by Casey, seconded by Palmer, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 am. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Karen Hill and Alec Bass