CITY OF CONCORD
TRANSPORTATION POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

The Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) met at 6:00 pm on September 24, 2026 in City Council Chambers, 37 Green Street

Members Present:	Greg Bakos (Chair), Marcus Flynn, Nicole Fox, Ian McGregor, Chris Nadeau, Erika Rydberg-Hall, Councilor Schultz, Ganesh Sharma, Mickey Shoemaker, Craig Tufts
Members Absent:	Councilor Foote, Councilor Todd (Vice-Chair)
Guests:	Eric Gallagher (Outgoing Ward 6 State Representative, interested in Public Transit Subcommittee)
City Staff:	Mike Bezanson (City Engineer), Karen Hill (Transportation Engineer), Alec Bass (Assistant City Planner – Community Planning)

1. Call to Order

Chair Bakos called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2026

On a motion made by Schultz, seconded by Flynn, the meeting minutes of July 23, 2026 were approved.

4. Public Comment

Eric Gallagher, speaking as a resident, asked what was going on with the sidewalk improvements on Green Street.

Bakos explained the project and its history at the Committee and Council. He expressed that it will be great when it is complete, as it is intended to calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety.

Gallagher mentioned that a map of proposed sidewalks was presented at the September 19, 2026 Master Planning Session and asked for it to be displayed on the screen. He pointed out the top ten sidewalk segments. He mentioned that he recently proposed a bill that would allow municipalities to build sidewalks on State property, which would allow the segment along Pleasant Street to be built, but it did not pass due to a technicality. He feels this is an important segment.

Gallagher supports the proposed sidewalk segment along Clinton Street. He also feels that closing the gaps along South and South Main Streets is important because pedestrians currently need to cross back and forth to utilize the sidewalk.

He believes the Airport Road sidewalk should be extended to complete the connection to Manchester Street and asked if Manchester Street will receive sidewalk.

Hill replied that the City does have a CIP project, which will include State funding, to provide sidewalk on both sides of Manchester Street. She also added that the sidewalk on Airport Road currently ends at its present location because that was the limit of the road resurfacing project at the time.

Schultz noted that Gallagher takes many walks and provides social media coverage of the sidewalk networks throughout Concord.

Sharma observed that many of the priorities appear to be in the south end of Concord and asked why.

Hill shared that the master plan board presented only 8 sidewalk examples; the complete list is available in the 2017 Pedestrian Master Plan.

5. TPAC Referrals from City Council, Staff and Chair

None.

6. Unfinished Business (continued from July 23, 2026)

a. Loudon Road Corridor discussion

Hill shared that she is working with a consultant to get a scope for the traffic signal warrant analysis at Woodcrest Heights Road and Loudon Road.

Fox mentioned that Concord Greenspace conducted a walk audit of Loudon Road from the Merrimack River to D'Amante Drive, in which 25 members of the public participated. She said they plan to summarize and present the results in a report. She noted that a temporary sidewalk condition led to some complications for one participant who travels in a motorized wheelchair. Fox acknowledged the challenge but confirmed that it was resolved by the City the following day.

Bakos noted that improvements to the Loudon Road corridor should not be lost and suggested that they remain a priority in the upcoming master plan.

Schultz referred back to the individual who presented concerns about the Gully Hill area and inquired about potential short-term, low-cost improvements.

Bakos stated that Staff has already narrowed lanes in the area and that, because the area has minimal interruptions and friction, it would be difficult to address driver behavior with low-cost solutions. He also mentioned the prior concept to construct a multi-use path in this area and felt that it should be discussed during the upcoming master plan process.

Hill noted that the Loudon Road lane reduction was in the previous master plan.

b. Review current Master Plan projects and status

The Committee entered a working session to review the short- and long-term projects in the existing master plan. Members shared their thoughts and comments on each project, and Hill recorded a list of projects and comments for continued discussion at the next meeting and eventual sharing with Council.

The Committee had several questions about the Garvins Falls Urban Reserve Area Study and associated projects. Bass will share a link to the study for Members to review prior to the next meeting.

The work session ended at the long-term I-93 improvement items, and the Committee will continue its evaluation next month.

7. New Business

a. Request from Planning Board to nominate member(s) to serve on the Planning Board's Master Plan Advisory Subcommittee

Bakos made a motion, seconded by Flynn, to nominate Craig Tufts as the TPAC representative and Ian McGregor to serve as the alternate. All in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consent Reports

None.

9. General Updates

a. *City Council Meeting*

Schultz shared that the report from TPAC regarding the Middle School Project was discussed and that Council appreciated the work, listening, and effort undertaken by TPAC. Hill explained that the report was accepted by Council and noted that the City Manager has sent a letter to the School District requesting a response.

Schultz, Tufts, and McGregor briefly discussed the proposed bike park at Russell Martin Park, which was discussed at Council.

b. *Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee (TPAC-BP)*

No meeting.

c. *Traffic Operations Committee (TOC)*

Hill shared that meeting minutes are available on the City's website.

d. *Public Transportation (CAT)*

Schultz noted that she is meeting with Terri Paige, CAT, next week to plan for the subcommittee's first meeting.

10. Project Updates (Staff)

Hill noted that the Green Street and associated sidewalk improvements are underway. She also noted that the Broadway/Wiggin improvements are under construction and will be completed shortly.

Bezanson stated that the Loudon Road Bridge project is awaiting a grant decision and that he hopes to hear back within 3 weeks.

Hill shared an update on the ornamental streetlight replacement project along Loudon Road and Manchester Street. She mentioned a material delay, but the City is hoping to install the lights in November.

11. Other Discussion Items

None.

12. Adjourn

On a motion made by Bakos, seconded by Schultz, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm by unanimous consent.

13. Next Meeting

October 22, 2026

Minutes prepared by Alec Bass and Karen Hill.