CITY OF CONCORD
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2026

The Traffic Operations Committee (TOC) met at 9:00 am on October 20, 2026
in the Second Floor Conference Room, 41 Green Street

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

Absent: Fred Reagan, Michael Bezanson

Non-voting Staff: Sarah Ferguson

Guests: Pat DeAngelis (51 Noyes Street)
Jim McConaha (7 Cypress Street)
Chris Moore (9 Cypress Street)
Linda Zollo (15 Noyes St)

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes

a. *September 15, 2026 TOC Draft Meeting Minutes*
On a motion made by Bass, seconded by Demers, the meeting minutes of September 15, 2026 were approved. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

3. Review City-Wide Crash Data

a. *September 2026*
Item tabled to the November meeting.

4. Council/Committee Updates
None.

5. Project Updates
Hill provided a brief update on the status of various ongoing Engineering projects.

6. Unfinished Business

a. None.

7. New Business

a. *Referral from City Council regarding a proposed ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 17, Vehicles and Traffic, Article 17-6, Miscellaneous Rules, by adding Section 17-6-12, Noyes Street and Cypress Streets - Restricted Access During School Drop-Off/Pick-Up Hours; together with a communication from John F. Weaver*

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Hill provided a summary of prior discussions and the status of the City Council/TPAC discussions. She confirmed the City Manager sent a letter to Concord School District (CSD) but a response has not yet been received.

Linda Zollo, 15 Noyes Street, shared her continued concerns about the School District's plan to add traffic to her neighborhood. She feels that every effort from the neighborhood has been refuted or knocked down and the ordinance is the only way to maintain the safety of the neighborhood and children walking to and from school. She feels as though this is a social justice concern, as not every family is able to drop their children off at school and that many have to walk and will be walking in this neighborhood. She feels that the safety of the campus itself, and the drop-off parents are being prioritized. She mentioned that 79 buses will pass her house each day, and her concerns are that a well-established neighborhood with mature trees will be impacted with this proposal.

Pat DeAngelis, 51 Noyes Street, discussed the current ordinance restrictions in place in the neighborhood. DeAngelis noted existing no-right-turn restrictions from Clinton Street intended to discourage cut-through traffic. She has concerns with increased traffic mixing with children walking to school. DeAngelis stated that the School Board has not presented an alternative plan and that the ordinance appears to be the neighborhood's remaining option.

Chris Moore, 9 Cypress Street, mentioned that he is retired and is home to observe the neighborhood. He expressed frustration that residents felt compelled to propose an ordinance and hire legal counsel. He mentioned concerns with sight lines and turning movements that already exist in the neighborhood. He expressed concern about the School Board's responsiveness to the neighborhood. He invites everyone to visit Cypress and Noyes Street to see the actual current traffic concerns. He also shared concerns that sidewalks would impact parking.

Jim McConaha, 7 Cypress Street, shared a letter from a neighbor, see attached. He shared concerns that the proposed high volume of traffic is not safe. He described the neighborhood as historically quiet, with primarily residential traffic and pedestrian activity. He expressed concerns about the effects of sidewalks on neighborhood character, resubmitted the neighborhood petition, and stated that alternatives to the original plan had been rejected.

Hill clarified that the City Manager's letter addresses the traffic pattern and sidewalks, while TOC's discussion would focus on the referred ordinance. She added that the referral was also sent to the City Solicitor's office and initial concerns have been raised about ambiguity, enforceability, and liability. Hill does not feel that the ordinance as written is the solution to the concerns.

Casey thanked the residents for sharing their concerns, but expressed concerns about enforcing the ordinance as presented.

There was a brief discussion between the Committee and the residents.

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Hill moved not to recommend the ordinance as written and to refer it to the City Solicitor for further review of its language, seconded by Demers.

Discussion:
Demers noted that although the City has made ordinance changes to accommodate other traffic concerns, such as parking and turning movements, he was concerned that similar restrictions could be applied to many neighborhoods and schools throughout the City.

Casey and Bass questioned whether an ordinance is the appropriate solution.

Casey proposed amending the motion to request consideration of whether an ordinance is the appropriate mechanism to address neighborhood concerns, recognizing that the School District's pending response to the City could identify alternatives that affect the need for an ordinance.

Hill made a motion to accept the proposed amendment to her original motion, seconded by Demers.

Cashman confirmed the Superintendent received the City's letter and plans to respond. He thanked attendees and encouraged residents and City staff to consider the forthcoming response.

Chris Moore stated concern that the School District claims there is no space for another alternative, but they have the space for three full-sized soccer fields and bleachers. He believes the solution is keeping the buses and vehicles using the main entrance and Conant as they always have.

Residents expressed concern that the School District's traffic engineer had not presented an alternative excluding Noyes and Cypress Streets for comparison with the current proposal.

All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Cashman left the meeting after this discussion.

b. *Referral from City Council regarding a communication from Casey Callahan, resident of Centre Street, requesting consideration of a flashing pedestrian light at the intersection of Rumford and Centre Street*

The Committee reviewed the resident's concern and noted that City records showed no recent pedestrian crashes at the intersection.

Hill noted Centre Street's width and history of speeding concerns and stated that improvements such as bump-outs could be considered with future corridor paving.

Bass made a motion to acknowledge the concerns, but until a crosswalk policy, to include RRFBs installation and priority locations, and a funding source is

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established, it is premature to install them at this location over potential others in the City, seconded by Casey, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee agreed that the location should be added to the list for further evaluation in the future.

The Committee also recommended that if the pedestrians are crossing Centre Street to travel to school, they could cross at the intersection of Centre/N Spring where a crossing guard is present during walk to school hours.

c. *Referral from City Council regarding a communication from Abby Dollries, Ward 4 resident, requesting consideration be given for an extended Walk Signal Duration and an implementation of an Exclusive Pedestrian Phase at the intersections of Centre Street and Green Street*

The Committee reviewed the resident's concern and confirmed concurrent pedestrian phasing is very common at traffic signals in the downtown area. Hill confirmed the City is converting more as projects move forward to introduce consistency.

Hill discussed an upcoming project that will replace the intersection controller, which would allow a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) to be introduced, as appropriate.

Hill made a motion to retain the concurrent pedestrian phasing at the intersection while addressing the concerns raised by recommending the implementation of a Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) once the new controller is installed and confirming that appropriate vehicle yield-to-pedestrian signage is in place seconded by Palmer, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

d. *Resident request through SeeClickFix in regards to safety concerns at the South Street crosswalk at Wilson Ave*

The Committee reviewed the resident's concern and noted that appropriate signage is in place, including a WEEBLE. Hill confirmed no record of recent pedestrian accidents at the intersection. Demers agreed to upgrade the crosswalk signage that appeared to be faded. Hill will reach out to the resident to have the grass panel mowed.

e. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for a crosswalk on Broadway near Rollins Park*

The Committee reviewed the resident's request and discussed concerns with adding mid-block crosswalks on Broadway when a crosswalk at the main entrance already exists.

f. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for a No-U turn sign at the intersection of Fort Eddy Road and Fort Eddy Plaza*

The Committee reviewed the resident's request. Hill mentioned Schedule VIII

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U-Turns Prohibited in Designated Places (see Section 17-4-6). She suggested that it appears this movement is restricted by ordinance but wanted to complete more research on the history before placing a sign.

g. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for a crosswalk on Abbott Road at Loon Ave*
The Committee reviewed the resident's request and agreed a crosswalk could be considered in the future with the City's annual paving program.

h. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for an additional sign on Little Pond Road prior to the stop control at Auburn Street*
The Committee reviewed the resident's concerns and based on recent discussions regarding the intersection, agreed that adequate signage is in place. The Committee did not recommend further action at this time.

i. *Resident request through SeeClickFix for a crosswalk on Bow Street at Rockingham Street*
The Committee reviewed the resident's concerns and confirmed crosswalks are not required at stop-controlled, minor intersection approaches. Based on the area and for consistency, the Committee did not recommend adding a crosswalk at this time.

8. Next Meeting
November 17, 2026

9. Adjourn
On a motion made by Palmer, seconded by Hill, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 am. All in favor.

Minutes prepared by Karen Hill and Sarah Ferguson

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Rundlett buses

From: Mary Anne Chapman <machapman321@gmail.com>
To: jmcconaha@aol.com
Cc: Betty Nitchie
Date: Jul 30, 2026 at 9:37 AM

Hi Jim,
Betty Nitchie forwarded to me your email with questions regarding the Rundlett buses. Here is my recollection of what occurred back in the early 1980's:

I'm not sure of the exact year, but it was most likely sometime between 1980 and 1983, when a group of young mothers on Cypress St became extremely concerned for the safety of our children. The school bus drivers were using the Rundlett back parking lot for dropping off and picking up of students, and then would speed down Cypress St to exit the area. Our group of 4-5 mothers decided to bring this matter up with the principal of Rundlett at that time, Mr Ordway. We did not have an appointment, but just walked over to the school to see if we could speak with him about our concerns. Mr Ordway graciously brought us into his office and listened to what we had to say. He took our concerns seriously and agreed that this was a significant safety issue. His solution was to move the loading and unloading of students to the front of the school, thus eliminating the potential for a serious accident on Cypress St. This change was accomplished quickly and with no fuss at all, for which we were very grateful.

I wish you success in your efforts to get the current plan changed.

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Chapman