

Scarborough Transportation Committee MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

1. Call to Order & Attendance
 - i Members in Attendance: Jennifer Ladd (Chair), Craig Robinson, Roger Beeley (Planning Board Liaison), Allen Paul (Long Range Planning Committee Liaison), Nick McGee (Council Liaison), Portia Hirschman, Steve Berg, Tuck Barclay
 - ii Staff in Attendance: Angela Blanchette (Town Engineer), Autumn Speer (Planning Director)
 - iii Consultant: Bill Bray (Barton & Loguidice)
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023
 - i Motion to approve made by Portia Hirschman, seconded by Steve Berg
 - ii All in favor - unanimous
3. Town-wide Transportation Study Kick-off

Angela Blanchette introduced the Town-wide Transportation Study that was funded by Town Council in the FY23 budget. While the need for detailed plans and study is needed throughout Town, we need to start with an overall study to provide direction for future efforts. This Transportation Study is intended to move forward key initiatives and provide a road map to next steps related to the many traffic-related issues and concerns that the Town is facing.

In order to stay within the Council budget for this project the Transportation Committee has spent the past few months prioritizing the needs in town and has provided an overall summary of the key elements that we strive to have included in the current study.

Bill Bray, the town's traffic consultant from Barton & Loguidice discussed the key elements that they will begin working on with direction from the Transportation Committee.

- A. Haigis Parkway Master Plan & Study – A conceptual improvement plan that considers traffic speeds, controlled access to adjacent properties, pedestrian and bicycle travel desires, etc. will form the framework for transforming this critical town corridor serving safely and conveniently all roadways users.
 - i Elements with this master plan include partnering with MaineDOT to reclassify this corridor from a limited access highway to a walkable, bikeable complete street. This may include legislative action.

- ii Aesthetics should be factored in as this corridor will act as a gateway to the community.
- iii This master plan will be a high-level view of what this corridor could be with next steps laid out for the committee to consider.

B. Identify Town “Hot Spots” –

- i To identify hot spots throughout town the following elements would be considered: Zoning, Safety (High Crash Locations and future predicted High Crash Locations), Mobility, Access Management, and Roadway and Trail Connectivity
- ii This task will not only include investigating existing locations that need attention, but identifying those areas in town that are most likely to reach thresholds of safety and congestion concerns as well as identify areas that with additional traffic volumes will tip the scale into areas of concern.

C. Pedestrian/Bike/Byways

- i Map existing and proposed improvement areas to identify corridors to connect destinations throughout town. This may not be the shortest route, but would highlight the safest routes for bike and ped mobility.
- ii Highlight connections to the spine for our bike/ped network, the Eastern Trail
- iii Recognize Complete Streets elements that are needed to accomplish connectivity goals.
- iv Identify opportunities for traffic calming
- v Suggest updates to Complete Streets Policy addressing rural and urban area designations and considerations.

D. Establish Future Priorities - The Study will identify and help prioritize next steps and additional studies that would be required for specific tasks or areas of concern. The Transportation Study will provide the following:

- i Short-term, Mid-term, and Long-term considerations and recommendations
- ii General Cost implications for recommendations in terms of low, medium, and high (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$)

This Transportation Study will be a parallel effort with the revamping of the existing Traffic Impact Fees. As discussed in the past, Payne Road corridor is an area of town that will need additional work and with the closing out of existing Traffic Impact fees in this area, associated with work happening over the next couple of years, new impact fees will need to be considered. This work will begin with internal staff, however additional funding requests may be warranted in order to include consultant’s help in detailing out the new impact fee areas. These funding requests are anticipated to be part of the FY25 budget request.

4. Projects and Committee Updates

- i Highland Avenue Multi-Use Path
 - a. Going out to bid in April 2023
- ii North Scarborough Intersection Improvements
 - a. Going out to bid in April 2023

- iii Planning Board Project Offsites
 - a. Starbucks (Marden's Parking lot) has Spring St improvements including a 4-way stop on Spring St at the Walmart and Marden's site driveways
 - b. AR Building apartment complex at the corner of Mussey Rd and Gorham Rd. They will be adding sidewalk along both Gorham Rd and Mussey Rd frontage as well as down to Spring St including pedestrian signals at the intersections and a new 4th leg to the Spring St/Gorham Rd intersection.
 - c. The Downs 2023 Offsite projects will begin soon with work along Route 1 for signal upgrades (Sawyer to Haigis), traffic islands installed at Oak Hill, and signal and alternating merge improvements in North Scarborough.

- iv Conservation Commission Update
 - a. FY24 CIPs related to environment, to be discussed at our next meeting

- v Sustainability Committee Update
 - a. Sustainable Scarborough Day – October 1, 2023 more details to follow

- 5. Public Comment – No public comment was provided

- 6. Adjourn – Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023