

## Scarborough Transportation Committee

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Attendance
  - a. Present at the meeting: Steve Berg, Portia Hirschman, Jon Anderson, Roger Beeley, and Craig Robinson
  - b. Staff: Angela Blanchette, Town Engineer
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024
  - a. Motioned by PH and seconded by SB
  - b. Vote 4-0 (RB abstained)
3. Payne Road Master Planning
  - a. The Committee reviewed the conceptual plans for the Payne Road corridor that informed the draft Traffic Impact Fee Ordinance that is being considered by Council for potential implementation by July 1, 2024.
  - b. The majority of the Committee felt that the need for bike and ped facilities was important along this corridor, however there was discussion regarding implementing more of a separation between the traveling public and the multi-use facilities. Staff explained that these types of changes would not be significant to overall cost and that we can revisit the design as the process moves forward. The goal is to make sure that the elements are in place and that the general footprint of improvements have been considered.
  - c. There was discussion as to whether the projects could be broken up to implement bike and ped at a later date. As the roadway section is constructed the gravel base and shoulders being extended would be minimal in the overall costs if done during the lane widening. If done as a separate project the costs would be higher.
  - d. This design provides the final piece to provide a loop connecting Route 1, Gorham Road, Haigis Parkway, and Payne Road. Currently there are plans for the other 3 corridors that the Transportation Committee has reviewed.
4. Traffic Impact Fees
  - a. Staff provided the overall design and construction costs to implement the conceptual design as two separate projects: Payne/Ginn Road District and the Nonesuch River/Payne Road District. The cost to construction these projects is significant. The bridge crossing alone is a huge undertaking.

- b. The traffic modeling analysis provided a breakdown of the additional capacity that the improvements would accommodate. This additional number of trips was then divided by the total cost of the project.
- c. Staff also discussed funding opportunities that we would need to investigate and seek from the State and Federal Highway for the size of this project. As a result, staff is looking for guidance from Council, Finance Committee, Ordinance Committee, and the Transportation Committee to determine what this allocation for developer's portion should be.
- d. The information was presented at the SEDCO monthly meeting on March 21, 2024. At that meeting SEDCO committed to providing a Business Forum where this information could be further discussed in the end of April.

## 5. Staff Updates

- a. Close the Gap
  - The Town continues to make progress on the final easement with CSX Railway.
- b. Anticipated that the project will be out to bid in May
- c. Gorham East-West Bypass
  - A Public meeting was hosted by the Town of Gorham on March 25th. Additional public meetings are to be scheduled in Westbrook and Scarborough.
  - MTA has established a webpage for this specific project that takes online comments.
- d. Traffic Movement Permit discussions (Maine DOT)
  - DOT continues to work on the Bridges Dr Aroma Joe's TMP
  - Starbucks Certificate of Occupancy is coming soon, with TMP required improvements scheduled for Spring Street this summer.
- e. DOT is updating their Complete Streets Policy. This will help inform our work if the proposed FY25 CIP request for the creation of a Complete Streets & Traffic Calming Guidance Document is funded.

## 6. Public Comment

- a. Jerry and Denise Turner from Heritage Acres provided comments related the need for traffic calming in their area of Payne Rd. Staff explained that with this being a State-aid roadway we need to work with DOT on implementation options. This area is already in the queue and as mentioned at the last Transportation Committee meeting a speed study will be performed as well as a stop sign warrant analysis at the intersection of Payne Road and Scottow Hill Rd, where we are hearing of safety concerns.

The Town has continued to work on making the major arterials and collectors a more efficient means of travel in a direct effort to help reduce the volumes on these local roadways. Therefore, the work happening on Haigis Parkway and Route 1, as well as the delays seen at traffic signals at Cabela's and Payne Rd intersection with Route 1, while frustrating to sit at a red light, makes this corridor less desirable to travel. This type of bigger picture continues throughout town.

## 7. Adjourned