

## Scarborough Transportation Committee

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Attendance
  - a. Present at the meeting: Jen Ladd, Tuck Barclay, Steve Berg, Portia Hirschman, Jon Anderson, and Roger Beeley
  - b. Staff: Angela Blanchette, Town Engineer and Autumn Speer, Planning Director
  
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024
  - a. Motioned by PH and seconded by SB
  - b. Vote 5-0 (TB abstained)

### 3. Review of Draft Safety & Mobility Section of Townwide Transportation Study

#### General Comments

- Guiding Principals
  - HCL Example – reduce crashes 20% over the next 10 years??
  - Bike Facilities – connection to the ET?? Connect to key destinations?? Close gaps along collector roads and arterials
- Need Definitions section
  - HCL
  - Shared bike lanes
  - Shared use paths
  - Shared use lanes
- Need Public Input and Outreach section
- Overlay Public Feedback from Open House with data shown
- Implementation Summary
  - Cross reference each section together to see commonalities
  - Table with street list (or roadway segments) identifying areas of concerns for each street including Ped/Bike/Mobility/HCL/within Urban Compact or not - checked off for those that apply
- Incorporate Comprehensive Plan
  - Vision 5 - Transportation

## Section 2 Summary

- Are current traffic impact fee locations addressing all of the problematic locations
- Should more areas be investigated for Traffic Impact Fees?
- Add column identifying
- Map Mobility Corridors with Zoning Districts
- Map with Mobility Corridors (Section 4??)
  - Add overlay for Existing Traffic Impact Fee Locations
  - Currently being considered
  - Future locations to be considered
- Add Traffic Impact Fee Locations to Section 2 Table
  - Letter in table identifying (Existing, Under consideration/Future Consideration)

## Section 3 - Safety

- Figure 5 should not show MTA speeds of 70 mph
- Figure 5 – create list of roads and speed limits for appendix
- Can you overlay population on Figure 7
  - Call out 2020 as unique year to explain the dip
- Normalize the data in Figure 5 by percentage in this category (may be a separate figure)
- Show Urban compact lines/overlay
- Highlight trends (crash types)
- Roadway segment HCL 2021-2023 numbers go 20,21,18??
- Committee members were confused by the 3-year intervals

## Section 4 – Mobility TBD

- How does East-West Bypass impact corridor volumes?
- Mobility discuss should not be limited to just cars
- Need to link areas of safety concern to mobility concerns to find balance

## Bicycle Facility Improvements

- Definitions section
  - Bike Lane (min width of 4' with no curb / 5' with curb)
- Destinations/rec areas
  - Zoomed in views of Village Centers
- Add column for Cost (\$-\$\$\$\$)
- Add Column for Easy of Implementation (Short, Mid and Long-term projects) including definitions of each
- Narrow travel lanes to 10' without curb on local roads
- DOT requires 10.5' min travel lanes, need to continue to ask for waiver on projects
- Bike Lanes section needs specifics with context for each
  - Bike lane widths
  - Travel lane widths

- Curb / no curb
- Speeds
- When appropriate
- Examples of appropriate buffers
- Shared lanes should have a very narrow definition on where they are located. “Scarborough doesn’t have any areas in town that seem to make sense for these. It is for more of urban settings”
- Corridors with high volume/high speeds/truck routes need more protect for bike/ped facilities. This should be called out, and identifying potential buffer treatments
- Continue shared use path up Rt 1 to Sawyer Rd rather than relying on MaineHealth for easement.
- Screen back aerial
- Part of the implementation process should be a timelapse of the priorities to connect bike facilities once the projects have been prioritized.

#### 4. Staff Updates

##### a. Close the Gap

- The Town continues to make progress on the final easement with CSX Railway.

##### b. Gorham East-West Bypass

- A Public meeting will be hosted by the MTA in Scarborough in July. The date has not been set.
- MTA has established a webpage for this specific project that takes online comments.

##### c. 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.

#### 5. Public Comment

- a. Multiple members of the public spoke about the East-West Bypass being proposed by Maine Turnpike Authority. The residents that spoke were in opposition to the new highway and highlighted issues with noise, environmental impacts, and the taking of land. The full comments can be viewed on the Transportation Committee webpage at: <https://www.scarboroughmaine.org/government/boards-committees/transportation-committee>

#### 6. Adjourned