TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH, MAINE

Scarborough Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2026

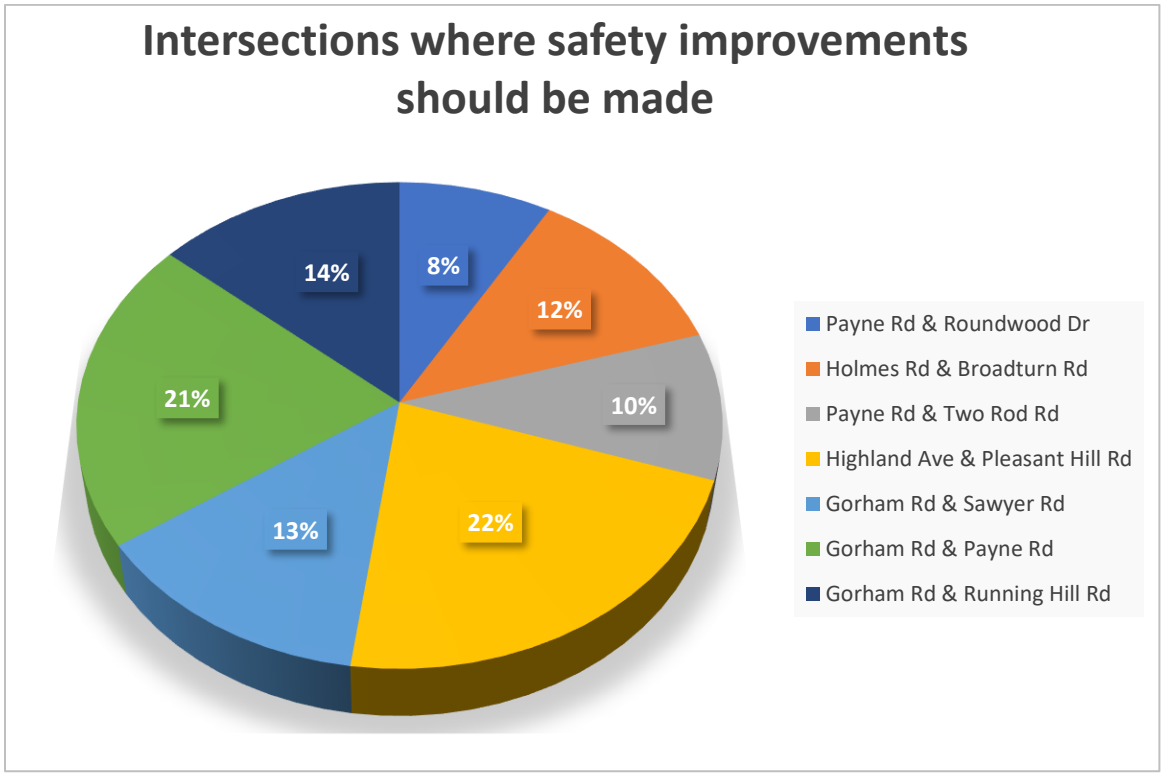
1. Call to Order & Attendance

   Attendees: Craig Robinson, Tuck Barclay, Roger Beeley, Stanis Moody-Roberts, and Peter Freilinger (remote)
   Staff in Attendance: Angela Blanchette, PE (Town Engineer)

2. Review of High Crash Locations (HCLs)

   The Committee reviewed the list of High Crash Locations (HCLs) in Scarborough, recently updated by Maine DOT. The Transportation Committee had a booth at Summerfest and was well received. At the booth public feedback was collected on HCLs, asking the public where would they spend tax dollars to make safety improvements?

   The result of the public feedback at Summerfest:



   The Town has the opportunity to apply for a Safety Audit through GPCOG at one of the HCLs. The committee was asked to prioritize one of the intersections in order to apply for this grant. The committee reviewed all of the intersections as well as crash data associated

with personal injury loss from Maine DOT and narrowed the selection down to 1) Highland Avenue at Pleasant Hill Rd 2) Gorham Rd at Sawyer Rd.

The Committee decided to prioritize Gorham Rd at Sawyer Rd as the candidate for the Safety Audit application. Staff will submit for consideration within the next couple of weeks.

3. Updates
    a. PACTS/GPCOG will be conducting a Safety Analysis and Redesign of 3 intersections identified in the Regional Vision Zero Plan and Connect 2050, noted as critical in the region's high-injury and high-risk networks. Running Hill Rd at Gorham Rd was selected as one of the 3 regional intersections for feasibility of a roundabout.
    b. Eastern Trail – Ribbon cutting was August 6, 2026. It was a successful event with a large turnout. The Committee discussed the fact that not all users of the trail are utilizing the RRFB at Pleasant Hill Rd, which could be dangerous on this busy corridor. Angela mentioned that Public Works will be putting additional advanced warning signage up on Pleasant Hill Road to bring more attention to the crossing.
    c. Metro Connect expansion of services program – October 5 potential roll out of the new service, and a soft launch prior. Service will be free for the first month. Fixed route will follow micro transit in startup later in October.
    d. Portland-West – Maine DOT has provided 5 categories of alternatives: No build (Baseline), Renovation Light (Minor existing road improvements), Renovation Heavy (Major existing road improvements), New Road Light (2-lane bypass road), and New Road Heavy (4-lane bypass road). Included in these scenarios are vehicle improvements, but also transit and active transportation options. Next steps are 2 public meetings: 9/22/2026 in-person open house in Gorham, and 09/24/2026 virtual public meeting. DOT will also have pop-up events similar to Summerfest and will be conducting a survey. Stanis asked if there could be a Community Advisory Group of 4-5 members of each community in the study area for a design charette approach. Roger mentioned this was similar to Planapalooza that was done with the Comprehensive Plan process.
    e. Scottow Hill Road – We expect to hear if we receive the grant for the culvert replacement in September. Pater asked what our odds are to be awarded this grant. Angela noted that this is a highly sought-after grant, since there are not many for local roads, and we have submitted a thorough and detailed application and are hopeful.
    f. Larrabee Farm Rd – The road will be on the 9/2/2026 council agenda for street acceptance. This roadway allows public access to the Larrabee Farm Recreational land. Community Services will be planning a project in the future to construct trail head parking near Gorham Rd off Larrabee Farm Rd.

4. Public Comment

    The committee received public comments from the residents of Kaler-Vale House on Black Point Rd. Pat Jones spoke about the all-women senior housing facility that would like to have Metro Connect service their site. It is currently not included in the service area. They are located at 382 Black Point Rd, which is 2 miles beyond the service area. The Transportation Committee was very supportive of their request.

5. Adjourned