Scarborough Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2026

1. **Call to Order & Attendance**

   Attendees: Jennifer Ladd (Chair), Craig Robinson, Tuck Barclay, Stanis Moody-Roberts, Portia Hirschman, and Roger Beeley (arrived 6:20 PM)
   Staff in Attendance: Angela Blanchette, PE (Town Engineer), Erin Moriarty (Deputy Planning Director)

2. **Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2026**

   Tuck B motion to approve
   Craig R seconded.
   Vote was unanimous (Portia H abstained – not present at meeting)

3. **Portland – West Review of Concepts**

   MDOT held 2 public events last week for the Portland – West project. Craig, Roger, Stanis, and Tuck were able to attend the in-person meeting in Gorham. Jen and Portia were able to attend the virtual meeting.

   Review of scenarios laid out by MDOT:

   - No Build 2045 – not reviewed during meeting
   - Targeted Upgrades – review limited to Scarborough areas or adjacent intersections
   - Substantial Upgrades – review limited to Scarborough areas or adjacent intersections
   - 2-Lane New Road – not reviewed during meeting
   - 4-Lane New Road – not reviewed during meeting

   The discussion focused on Targeted Updates and Substantial Upgrades. The Committee briefly reviewed the No Build 2045 scenario. This included paving projects, work included in local CIP, MDOT Work Plan. Targeted focuses on safety improvements and Substantial focused on congestion.

   Not reviewing all inspections and corridors, focused on Scarborough intersections and those adjacent to Scarborough.

   No Build planned/committed: shoulders on Rt114 and 22 is engineering only. Some items that was “planned” have been completed through Town or Development Traffic Movement Permit requirements. Update of the No Build scenario is needed to reflect these completed improvements.

   <u>Questions/Comments for DOT:</u>

   1) What is purpose of the study? Is the goal safety or congestion? Or both?

2) We need more information on the existing conditions analysis. What is the problem that we are solving based on the data sets? We would like to see a summary of traffic numbers and how these compare to past data sets.
3) How and when does funding come into the discussion when weighing alternatives?
4) What is DOT's policy for shoulders on paving projects outside of the Urban Compact area? Are 2-foot shoulders, or 5-foot shoulders typical? Are enhanced shoulders being considered on the Rt 114 and Rt 22 for engineering in the current DOT Work Plan?
5) How do the proposed transit upgrades work in tandem with other studies already underway in the region (i.e. Bus Rapid Transit)?
6) Can roundabouts be phased starting with one-lane and then building out a second lane in the future? As an example, the intersection of County Rd and Saco Street shows a 2-lane roundabout, however the property acquisition makes this option not viable. Is a one-lane roundabout possible?
7) It appears that since the Targeted Improvements are focused on safety improvements and Substantial Improvements are focused on congestion relief that the outcome of the project should be a balance between the two categories. Can MDOT confirm that the end result is most likely a combination of projects from Targeted and Substantial Improvements categories and not one or the other?
8) Is there a scenario that would allow for something in between the Targeted and Substantial Improvements? As an example, in the intersection of Rt 114/Blue Ledge Rd can upgrades that include widening of lanes, signal upgrades be made to increase traffic flow while not creating a 2-lane roundabout, which may be more costly?
9) The option which includes a series of one-way roadways in the North Scarborough triangle area appears to build infrastructure with slip lanes to move traffic and create higher speeds, which changes the character of the neighborhood and would make this unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists. The committee did not favor this option.

4. **Updates**

   a. Metro Connect – Official service launch for new Route 25 and Metro connect will be kicked off with a public event at Town Hall on Friday, October 2nd at 9AM. Close to getting service area expanded to include Kaler-Vaill.
   b. Safety Audit – PACTS has awarded funding for the Gorham Rd at Sawyer Rd intersection safety audit. The work will be done in Spring of 2027.
   c. Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Grant – Today is the last day to participate in the online survey related to the temporary installations of traffic calming on Route 1 at Hannaford Dr and Little Dolphin Dr.

5. **Public Comment**

   None received.

6. **Adjourned**