



Lowell City Council

Transportation SC Minutes

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City Clerk

Date: August 24, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom Hybrid

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Conway and C. Samaras. Also present were Christine McCall (DPD), C. Mercier, C. Nuon and Christine Clancy (DPW).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

C. Elliott called the meeting to order noting attendance motions before the subcommittee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott opened the meeting questioning the status of hiring of new transportation engineer. Ms. McCall noted that they were working with human resources and head hunter services to fill the vacancy. C. Conway noted use of head hunter services with this position and the auditor.

C. Elliott commented on situation on Starbird Avenue noting it is a cut-through and speed issue in that area. Ms. McCall noted they reviewed traffic patterns and speed at peak hours and noted prior traffic calming measures installed prior. C. Elliott noted cut-through raises concerns due to the number of children in that neighborhood during and after school hours. C. Samaras noted that cut-through are an issue throughout the City and that information should be gathered from other communities and their approach to lessening the impact. **Motion** by C. Samaras, seconded by C. Conway to have DPD reach out to different communities for information regarding ideas to reduce cut-through in the City. So voted. C. Conway noted this issue stressed the need for a traffic engineer. C. Nuon noted that Starbird Avenue is a speed issue as well as cut-through issue.

C. Elliott shifted topic to the various traffic construction projects throughout the City. Ms. Clancy noted and reported on three major projects: Lord Overpass; Pawtucket Canal Bridge; and Tiger Projects. Ms. Clancy noted all projects are facing delays due to pandemic shortage of necessary supplies; especially steel. Ms. McCall made note of the progress of the Concord River



Greenway Project which include update regarding latest pedestrian bridge. Ms. McCall commented on Connector Trail Project as well. C. Mercier requested hard copies of all reports be available to Council and public. C. Samaras commented on the Greenway and Connector Trail Projects.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Recess by C. Conway, seconded by C. Samaras. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

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