



Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes — March 3, 2026

Meeting Called to order at 9:30 am

Attendees: Mark Gailus, Chair, Marianna Hill, Nick Pappas, Rebecca Woodward, Phil Posner, Dan Schragar
Alyssa Sandoval, Planning Director
Selectboard Liaison: Paul Boehm

Approve minutes: The December 9, 2025, January 2, 2026, and February 17, 2026 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Mark Gailus advised the TAC and the Public Works Commission will hold a joint meeting on March 11, 2026.

Director Sandoval announced that Stantec will make a presentation regarding the Comprehensive Transportation Strategy at the April 14, 2026 TAC meeting. Sandoval also discussed a proposed project with the Volpe Transportation Center in Cambridge using GIS ('geo-fencing technology') to route truck traffic away from 'cut through' and 'small streets' to address motor vehicle traffic complaints and safety concerns.

Public Health Director Melanie Dineen related that she attended a meeting held by the MAPC regarding a multi-town regional transportation network among various towns, including Concord, Acton, Maynard, Littleton and Sudbury.

Economic Vitality Manager Mimi Graney provided updates regarding a 'public art proposal' to create 'rainbow colored crosswalks' using decals on Commonwealth Avenue, West Concord near Eva's Little Kitchen and Vanderhoof's Hardware, Concord Center, to be installed in the first weekend in June. The idea will also be presented to the Historic District Commission. Graney then discussed the details about and installation of Wayfinding Signs along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. The total project costs are approximately \$27,000. Ms. Graney related that substantial funding (\$10,625.00) for the project was contributed by the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

TAC members then discussed the 'Charge' of the TAC. SelectBoard liaison Boehm made comment. Member Rebecca Woodward made comment and also volunteered to draft additional material to address the TAC's role as the 'public facing' office in the town's newly devised procedures to receive input from the public and take action to address road safety and transportation infrastructure (roads/sidewalks) conditions.

CPW Director Alan Cathcart then made a presentation regarding CPW's Road Safety Prioritization Program. He reviewed the 'toolkit' created in consultation with Stantec to create a (1) Master List of Identified Safety/Hazard Locations/Issues; (2) Ranking of Locations based on three criteria (Infrastructure, People, Places) and (3) List of Projects prioritized through the ranking process. Director Cathcart explained that there are many more projects than available funds at the present time. He also explained that the ranking could be reviewed as conditions and town priorities changed.

Comment on the Prioritization Program was made by Andrea Solomon, Public Works Committee Chair, Paul Boehm SelectBoard Liaison, Stantec Staff Person Bill Scarpetti, Nick Pappas, Rebecca Woodward, Steven Dookran, Town Engineer.

TAC and the Town Staff and Consultant Scarpetti then discussed the road paving contracts for 2026, with details on the 'north side' and 'south side' of Rt 2. Mr. Scarpetti discussed creating a feedback loop, establishing milestones to facilitate and demonstrate (to the public) progress on the work. TAC members then viewed an interactive webpage on the CPW website/Engineering Portal:

<https://concordma.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/nearby/index.html?appid=eb97521315ed45f6bc1d53da24aacfe3&sliderDistance=500> The Portal is intended to show proposed road resurfacing projects for fiscal years 2026-2030 in distinct colors for each year. There was considerable discussion among members of TAC, town staff and Mr. Scarpetti regarding the tool and the ideas of the CPW Road Improvement Program. Staff agreed to provide an Excel spreadsheet updating information previously provided regarding the prioritization of projects.

Further discussion regarding the means for the public to communicate with the Town Staff regarding road conditions/safety matters then occurred. It was agreed that the public should be directed to yell at the TAC and not at the Town Engineer. How yelling would be enabled, the methodology for communicating the yelling and responding to it remains an ongoing project.

Additional comments regarding the CPW project/initiative were made by TAC members Nick Pappas and Rebecca Woodward and Liaison Boehm. Public Comments were received from Linda Nieman of Mothers Out Front and resident Karen Jordanais.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.