

# City of Sanford



**From the Desk of  
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City Manager**



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## Memorandum

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To: City Council  
Subject: Manager's Report for September 2, 2014  
Date: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

### **Road Impact Fees:**

Administration has begun a review of the Road Impact Fee Ordinance as recognition has been expressed by the City Council, Planning Board, and Growth Council that the current Ordinance should be formerly reviewed. Recent communications to Planning, Public Works, and the Growth Council considered the following:

### **Current Ordinance:**

1. Review of the Scope of Intersection Improvements contained within the 2007 Report, "Traffic Impact Fee Study Sanford, Maine."
  - a. Determination of current and future applicability of original scope
  - b. Determination of a reduced scope, if any, for any or all intersections
  - c. New engineered estimates of revised scope of intersection improvements
2. Application of currently collected Funds
  - a. Comparison of Collected Funds versus original or Revised Scope of Improvements
  - b. Recommendations of reduced Scope at each of the 5 Intersections
3. Verify the assumption that Currently Collected Funds may be fully and appropriately expended on the intended Intersections.

### **Future Ordinance Amendments or Dissolution:**

1. Review of current Traffic Improvements necessary given anticipated future development impacts
2. Consideration of how Road Impact Fees are assessed
  - a. Past Practice of negotiating larger Impact Fees under Contract Zoning
    - i. History and Results
    - ii. Recommended Amendments of Practice
    - iii. Measurement of Equity across all development
  - b. Driveway Entrance Fee Program assigning Impact Fees to ALL development for infrastructure improvements Citywide – will require a New Study
  - c. Other measurements to assess Impact Fees equitably
  - d. Amendments to the methodology of Calculating the Impact Fees

### **Long Range Planning and Capital Improvements:**

1. Incorporation of use of Road Impact Fees into the Capital Improvement Program
2. Identify and coordinate Leveraged Funding Opportunities
  - a. MDOT Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) – 50% max cap of \$500,000
    - i. Coordination of Sanford Projects within Regional 1 Work Plan
  - b. CDBG Infrastructure Grant – bridges
  - c. Negotiated Cost Sharing with New Development
  - d. Coordination with other State of Local work to share mobilization costs and obtain volume discounts

### **General Elements:**

1. Impact Fees versus General Taxation or Direct Cost to new Development
2. Economic Benefit of Impact Fee Program as it relates to impressions of Sanford's Business Friendly environment
3. Dissolution of Road Impact Fee Ordinance versus Amendment
4. Others

### **School Construction:**

The last of the refining elements have been made and the presentation materials to be made before the State Department of Education are being prepared for the Concept Design of the proposed new Sanford High School and Regional Technical Education Center. Lavalley-Brensinger will meet with the DOE on Thursday to finalize the Concept Design Plans and Cost Estimates. The Core Building Committee (CBC) will meet again on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to prepare final materials.

There will be a public presentation at the Sanford High School's Cafeteria at 6:00PM on September 30<sup>th</sup> to receive full information on the Concept Design to include cost estimates and tax rate projections. The presentation will be followed by a Straw Pole on the Concept Design, just as was done for the Site. Following this action, the CBC will present to the DOE Construction Committee on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00Am in Augusta and again to the DOE Board of Education on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at Seabrook Valley Middle School in Newport.

The CBC is still weighing a December versus a January referendum Vote on the School, but will likely push for a January Referendum to allow proper time to fully disseminate the information on the proposed new School.

### **Subcommittee Work in Progress:**

Property Subcommittee –

- Sale of Emerson School Site and other Properties
- Review of Stenton Trust Outfall Brownfield Site
- Use Policy for Historic Auditorium
- Downtown parking availability

Public Safety and Zoning Subcommittee –

- Firearms No Discharge Zone based upon double State Standards
- Delegated Authority for Property Maintenance Consent Agreements
- Consideration of a 4-way Stop at Railroad Avenue, Yeaton, and Beaver Hill Roads

**Maine Jet Rally and Model Expo:**

The Third Annual Maine Jet Rally and Model Expo will be taking place this week starting on Thursday from 12-7PM, Friday and Friday from 8:30AM – 7PM, Saturday from 8:30AM – 6PM and Sunday from 9PM to 3PM.

Highlights include:

Open flying of model planes, jets, helicopters, and ultra micro flyers

Off-Road Showdown Races on Saturday and Sunday

An Air Show Extravaganza on Saturday from 12:30 – 2PM

Night Flying Ballet from dusk to 9PM on Saturday

More flying demonstrations and racing on Sunday

Air Show Extravaganza on Sunday

Race Finals on Sunday

There will be vendor tents for the various models and supplies as well as food and beverage vendors. Plan to take the family for one or all of the days as the events and activities will be different each day.

Adults \$10

Kids 6-12 \$5.00

Children under 5 Free

Bracelets are also available for Sanford Residents at a \$2.00 discount off each ticket price and may be purchased from Ms. Lord in the Manager's Office.