



**FROM** Chief Ed. Menefee  
**TO:** Traffic Commission Members  
**SUBJECT:** October 2, 2020 Traffic Committee Meeting  
**DATE:** October 6, 2020

The October 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Mike Grissom	Police Department
	John Nilges	Engineering
	Ed Menefee	Police Department
	Greg Skornia	City Council
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Mark Piontek	City Attorney
	Mark Wessels	City Council
	Greg Skornia	City Council
<b>VISITORS:</b>	Mark Skornia	Emergency Management
	Tony Bonastia	Street Department
	Terry Buddemeyer	Washington Ambulance

**OLD BUSINESS:**

4A 20-06-0010 Request for handicapped parking in front of 24 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: The owner of Angelina’s has requested this parking for their customers. Engineering is currently in the process of reviewing on street handicapped parking in the entire down town area. Engineering recommends that we consider the downtown area its own “complex” for purposes of total handicapped parking spaces. Engineering will provide a count for the total number of parking spaces in the downtown area in addition to the current number of handicapped parking spaces (both on and off street). The committee agreed that if the city is not deficient in spaces based on current standards for a large complex, that no further handicapped parking would be warranted. (OPEN)

4B 20-06-0012 Complaints about parking on Third Parkway at East Lane Drive: A complaint was received in reference to parking near this stop sign causing site distance issues. The committee noted that the stop sign issue was likely enforceable by the police department, but that the intersection itself may also be part of the issue. Engineering is in the process of taking a look at that intersection from a site distance stand point. Engineering did come to the meeting

with a recommendation to relocate the current stop sign further to the East so that it would be closer to the edge of pavement on East Lane Drive. The committee agreed that moving the stop sign alone may be an adequate solution since it will create a more ideal line of site for vehicles stopping at the intersection. Engineering and Streets will also look at the possibility of adding a stop bar. The stop bar will be added at the discretion of Engineering and Streets when the stop sign is moved if they feel it would be a significant benefit. This item can be monitored going forward and revisited if need be. (CLOSED)

4C 20-07-0013 Request for the city to take over an alley light at 1212 E Third: This request was for the city to take over the existing light for maintenance and billing. The committee frequently gets requests for lighting in alleyways. Historically the city does not light alleys and our current code does not require it. Considering we get these requests frequently, engineering will be developing a standardized form to make these requests which will require every resident who borders the alley to approve the request. Once the form is developed it will be brought to the committee for approval and will be used to review these requests going forward. (OPEN)

4D 20-07-0014 Request for a street light in the alley near 604 Hancock: This request will be handled in the same manner as the above item. It will be left open for the time being. (OPEN)

4E 20-08-0021 Request for new speed signage in the area of Rabbit Trail Drive and Lexington/Wenona: This request was to consider installing radar speed display signage in the area due to ongoing speed complaints. The committee agreed that before considering such a request, a current speed study should be conducted in the area. The results from the speed study were presented and discussed at the meeting. The following is a summary of the results:

Rabbit Trail Drive south of Millicent Court

Total volume (6 days)- 6054  
Average speed- 28.50  
Percent over speed limit- 75%  
Percent over 31mph- 41%  
Percent over 36mph- 11%

Wenona Drive east of Mike Alan Drive

Total volume (7days)- 8043  
Average speed- 28.46  
Percent over speed limit- 73%  
Percent over 31mph- 35%  
Percent over 36mph- 8%

Wenona Drive east of Hara Lane

Total volume (7days)- 9024  
Average speed- 26.44  
Percent over speed limit- 66%  
Percent over 31mph- 21%  
Percent over 36mph- 2%

Lexington Lane east of Brookshire Lane

Total volume (7 days)- 11168

Average speed- 29.90

Percent over speed limit- 87%

Percent over 31mph- 45%

Percent over 36mph- 9%

Since this initial request was to consider adding radar controlled speed signage to the area, the committee then looked at the speed study that was conducted on Front Street prior to adding radar controlled signage to that area. The following is a summary of that study:

Front Street near Olive Street

Total volume (7 days)- 21,639\*\*see note below\*\*

Average speed- 26mph

Percent over speed limit- 81%

Percent over 26mph- 57%

Percent over 31mph- 24%

\*\*the equipment used for the Front Street speed study was a radar controlled data collector. For that reason, total volume and speed numbers may be slightly inflated since radar controlled equipment also has the potential to pick up passing trains.

The committee discussed the most recent speed study results and noted that most often, police use a 10mph enforcement threshold for conducting traffic enforcement. For that reason, the percentage over 36mph was used as a reference for how many vehicles could potentially be stopped for speed on a given day. The committee also agreed that going forward it would be best to consider requests for this type of signage based on a combination of three factors: speed, volume, and crash history. It was agreed that it is difficult to determine exactly what the results of the current study mean since we have limited data on other city streets. In an attempt to establish more of a baseline, engineering will be collecting speed data at numerous other locations over the coming months. When more data is collected, the committee will revisit this request. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 6, 2020 at 08:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Ed. Menefee  
Washington Police Department

CC:  
Each Member  
Mary Trentmann