



FROM Chief Ed. Menefee
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: May 7, 2021 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: May 8, 2021

The May 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Grissom	Police Department
	John Nilges	Engineering
	Ed. Menefee	Police Department
	Mark Wessels	City Council
	Greg Skornia	City Council
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mark Piontek	City Attorney
VISITORS:	Tony Bonastia	Street Department
	Andrea Lueken	Engineering
	Sal Maniaci	Economic Development
	Ethan Colbert	Washington Missourian
	Allison Forms	Lime Scooters
	Mark Skornia	Emergency Management
	Darren Lamb	City Administration
	Chris Kincaid	Citizen
	Bruce Gindeman	Citizen
	Joe Vernaci	Phoenix Center Development
	Billy Eckelkamp	Phoenix Center Development
	Becky Buhr	Bank of Franklin County

NOTE: This meeting was opened by a status update by John Nilges in reference to the old agenda item for the intersection of Rabbit Trail and Phoenix Center Drive. Local stakeholders were in attendance at this meeting and were briefed by John Nilges on the results of the study that had been conducted in addition to possible remedies. Engineering will be conducting further analysis of the intersection and will likely request that he item be revisited by this committee in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

4A 21-03-0003 Lime Scooter Status update: The committee discussed the ongoing trial period for Lime Scooters. As of this meeting, the police department has fielded a total of ten complaints in regards to Lime Scooters. The majority of the complaints were in regards to the age of riders in addition to the presence of scooters on the river front trail. Some complaints were also made in regards to scooters being operated on sidewalks. The committee discussed the primary complaints in addition to other questions and concerns that had come up and ultimately made the following recommendations to move forward with:

1. Require photo ID for any rider who checks out a Lime Scooter. This should help reduce the amount of young children and teens on scooters. Lime will achieve this via their app, which will require that a photo ID be scanned prior to starting a ride.
2. Updated operations boundaries were created. The committee agreed on a map that included updated operation boundaries for scooters. The boundary still includes most of the North section of town, but will prevent scooters from being taken on Mo 100 or any area South of Mo 100. The scooters will still be staged in the downtown area after being picked back up by Lime. These operations boundaries are subject to future change if necessary.
3. A reduced speed zone of 10mph will be established along the river front trail. Lime will also make it impossible to end a ride on the trail, which should reduce the amount of scooters being abandoned along the trail.
4. Lime will restrict the operations of scooters along 5th Street due to the already high volume of traffic. Scooters may still be operated across 5th Street.
5. Lime will be placing more noticeable tags on their scooters in the city reminding riders to stay off sidewalks when operating scooters.

As the above recommendations are implemented by Lime, the police department will continue to monitor complaints/issues on an ongoing basis and will report back to the committee at the next meeting. (OPEN)

4B 21-04-0004 Speed complaints on Earth Crest Drive: Several speed complaints have been received from residents of Stone Crest Subdivision in regards to speed on Earth Crest Drive. The committee discussed this item and agreed to conduct a speed study of the area. The speed study was completed over a week period with an enforcement threshold of 10mph over the posted speed limit. Below is a brief summary of the study:

85 percentile both lanes = 32 mph
85 percentile direction 1 = 28 mph
85 percentile direction 2 = 34 mph
Overall enforcement rating 6.8% (relatively low)
Direction 1 enforcement rating 0.8%
Direction 2 enforcement rating 11.1%

The committee discussed the results and noted that while when considering both directions of travel, Earth Crest Drive scored quite low when compared and scored alongside other residential streets. The committee did note that the study results were unique in that there was such a drastic difference between Direction 1 and 2. This could be explained in part due to turning movements that are made on the approach to Direction 1. In considering only the results from Direction 2, the committee did note that approximately one in ten vehicles entering the subdivision from the Phoenix Center area were traveling at least 10mph over the posted speed limit. The committee discussed possible remedies and agreed that at this time it is most appropriately addressed through aggressive speed enforcement by the police department. (CLOSED)

NEW BUSINESS:

5A 21-05-0005 Review of block party/street closure request form: Mark Skornia had made some modifications to the current block party request form to make it more generic and to include requests for other street closures as well. The committee reviewed the updated form and suggested a couple of small changes. Mark Skornia will update the form based on the committee's recommendations and the form will be approved for use. (CLOSED)

5B 21-05-0006 Request for street lighting in the 800 Block of West Main: This request came from a resident in the area. There is currently a street light in the area of her residence that was originally billed to a private citizen. The resident was requesting that the city have the light activated and begin paying for the services. The committee reviewed the current lighting in the area and noted that there is currently an operational light mid-block and that it likely already satisfies city code on street lighting. Andrea Lueken will check to confirm that the current lighting is in compliance with the code and if so, no further lighting will be recommended. (CLOSED)

5C 21-05-0007 Request for a four way stop at West Main and Tiemann: This request came from the same resident as the above request. The complaint cited speed as a concern and also requested speed limit signage on the block. The committee discussed the request and noted that stop signs are not to be used as speed control devices. Some questions did come up as to why the intersection mentioned was only a three way stop. The committee did agree to complete a speed study on West Main prior to moving forward with this item. Engineering will complete the study and update the committee. (OPEN)

5D 21-05-0008 Request for parking block stripes on Cedar Street at West Main: This request came from a local business. Designated parking stripes were requested on Cedar Street North of Main Street. The committee agreed to approve the request. Street Department will handle the striping. (CLOSED)

5E 21-05-0009 Site distance complaint at 5th and 47: A complaint was received from a citizen about poor site distance for traffic attempting to turn North on Mo 47 from Westbound 5th Street. The committee discussed the request and agreed that no further action was required from the city at this time. Andrea Lueken will forward the citizen's concern along to Mo-DOT so that they could address it at their discretion. (CLOSED)

5F 21-05-0010 Review of No Parking Zone on South Lake Shore Drive: Due to ongoing issues with parking in the area, Parks Department has requested no parking on both sides of South Lake Shore Drive from Grand Avenue to the Parks Building. The committee approved the request. An amended ordinance will be drafted by Engineering and presented to Council for approval. (CLOSED)

5G 21-05-0011 Request for a stop sign at Front and Jefferson: This request came from a resident, who cited poor site distance as a concern. Engineering completed a site distance analysis of the intersection which was discussed by the committee. The committee agreed that often times site distance is less than ideal, specifically in business districts due to cars parked roadside, but that there was nothing particularly unique about this intersection. Engineering did note that the parking “bump out” for Eastbound traffic did give Jefferson Street traffic the opportunity to safely move forward to achieve a better line of site. Engineering also noted that they would explore adding another parking “bump out” on the other side of the intersection as part of future development. No changes were recommended at this time. (CLOSED)

5H 21-05-0012 Parking complaint at Karen and Camp Street: This complaint came from a resident who lives in the area. He suggested that the Northwest corner of the intersection should be designated as No Parking. His concern was that cars parked roadside were causing traveling vehicles to leave their lane as they navigated the curve, which causes a hazard. The committee reviewed the intersection and agreed to paint a solid center stripe through the radius of the curve to help motorists maintain their lanes. (CLOSED)

5I 21-05-0013 Complaints about U turns at Main and Oak: This request came from a business owner, who cited U turns as an ongoing issue at Main and Oak, along with the other intersections along Main Street downtown. The committee discussed this request and agreed that at this time current codes were sufficient and that no further measures were necessary. (CLOSED)

5J 21-05-0014 Review of city codes on alternative types of vehicles: The committee reviewed the updated city codes that were adopted in 2019 which pertain to ATV’s, UTV’s, Utility Vehicles, and golf carts on city streets. The committee agreed to leave this item on the agenda for the next meeting. A formal suggestion with how to proceed with the current codes will be presented to the committee at the next meeting. (OPEN)

5K 21-05-0015 Request to remove No Parking zone on High Street at the city pool: This request came from Parks Department and was approved by the committee. An amended ordinance will be prepared by Engineering and presented to Council for approval. (CLOSED)

5L 21-05-0016 No Parking request on Circle Drive: This request also came from Parks Department, partially as a result of the construction of the new pool. The committee agreed to approve a No Parking zone on Circle Drive from High to State Street. Engineering will prepare the amended ordinance for Council approval. (CLOSED)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 4, 2021 at 08:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Ed. Menefee
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Sherri Klekamp