



FROM Chief Jim Armstrong
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: April 7, 2023 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: April 14, 2023

The April 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Grissom	Police Department
	Jim Armstrong	Police Department
	John Nilges	Engineering
	Chad Briggs	City Council
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mark Piontek	City Attorney
	Mark Wessels	City Council
VISITORS:	Tony Bonastia	Street Department
	Mark Skornia	Emergency Management
	Darren Lamb	City Administration

OLD BUSINESS:

4A 23-02-0004 Pedestrians in and around traffic: This item was closed during previous meeting, however it is being left on the agenda so that the committee can monitor the situation. (OPEN)

4B 23-03-0006 Congestion along 5th Street: At the last meeting the committee discussed congestion in the area of 5th and Cedar along with 5th and Burnside. The congestion in question is caused by on street parking that is associated with nearby businesses. Mike Grissom provided traffic crash history for both locations from January of 2020 to January of 2023. The results are below:

5th and Cedar- 7 total crashes
5th and Burnside – 5 total crashes

The committee discussed the nature of the crashes from the report and noted that the majority of them involved minor damage with parked vehicles being struck by passing vehicles. The committee discussed options and agreed to paint a solid center line in the area of 5th and Cedar.

The committee also agreed to paint the same center line in the area of 5th and Burnside along with on street parking stalls. (CLOSED)

NEW BUSINESS:

5A 23-04-0010 Request for one way streets downtown: This request came from a resident who mentioned adding angled parking on one side to increase downtown parking. The same resident also mentioned restricting parking on one side of 5th Street to create a bicycle lane. The committee discussed both requests and agreed that at this time none of the proposed changes should be recommended. (CLOSED)

5B 23-04-0011 Amtrack Depot parking request: The committee discussed a request from an Amtrack passenger to designate the parking spaces East of the passenger depot as loading zones for passengers. The committee agreed that this made sense during business hours. Engineering will send a restricted parking ordinance to City Council for approval. (CLOSED)

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 5, 2023 at 8:00 am in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Jim Armstrong
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Sherri Klekamp