



FROM Chief Jim Armstrong  
TO: Traffic Commission Members  
SUBJECT: November 3, 2023 Traffic Committee Meeting  
DATE: November 6, 2023

The November 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mike Grissom	Police Department
	Charles Stankovic	Engineering
	Chad Briggs	City Council
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mark Piontek	City Attorney
	Duane Reed	City Council
	Jim Armstrong	Police Department
VISITORS:	Tony Bonastia	Street Department
	Andrea Lueken	Engineering
	Justin Frankenberg	Emergency Management
	Doug Hagedorn	Mayor
	Eric Eloff	Mercy Hospital
	Darren Lamb	City Administration
	Betty Werner	303 Terry Lane
	Tessi Steffens	4 Zetta Drive

**OLD BUSINESS:**

4A 23-10-0039 Review of stop sign at Main and Jefferson: This item was left on the agenda to give engineering a chance to review all of the stop intersections downtown to ensure that they are signed consistently. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no ideal suggestion on differentiating two-way stop intersections from the four-way ones due to current MUTCD standards. The committee agreed that for the time being, the signage would remain the same. (CLOSED)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

5A 23-11-0045 Review of downtown crosswalks: The committee discussed the crosswalk that is currently located at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Elm since it will soon be replaced with colored pavers to

designate the pedestrian crossing. While discussing this specific crosswalk, the committee looked at the other crosswalks downtown which are considered “unmarked crosswalks” due to their lack of pavement striping. The committee agreed that at this time the crosswalks were appropriate as is. (CLOSED)

5B 23-11-0046 Street light request at Westlink and Recycle Drive: Engineering received a request for an added street light at this intersection. The committee discussed the request, and at the time agreed that no street light was needed at that location since we appeared to be code compliant with the current lighting in the area. After the meeting, it was clarified that our current code does set the same 300 foot standard for commercial areas as it does for residential. Since there was some confusion about the code during the meeting, this item will be revisited at the next meeting. (OPEN)

5C 23-11-0047 Stop sign/sidewalk requests on Steutermann Road: Requests have been received for stop signs at several intersections along Steutermann Road as a proposed speed control measure. Residents have also requested stop signs in the area. The committee discussed the speed issue and agreed that based on current standards it is not acceptable to use stop signs as speed control devices. The committee discussed other options and agreed that this issue was best handled from an enforcement standpoint by law enforcement. Mike Grissom has already requested that WPD Officers spend some extra time conducting enforcement in the area. In reference to the sidewalks, the committee agreed that sidewalks in the area may be beneficial as part of future grant projects if there was enough right of way left to install them. Engineering will keep that in mind going forward. (CLOSED)

5D 23-11-0048 Review of crosswalk on Third Street at Mercy: The committee was visited by Eric Eoloff who works for Mercy Hospital Washington. A crosswalk had recently been installed near the intersection of Third and Hancock. Mercy has requested some additional signage and safety measures to help ensure their staff can cross safely. After discussion, the following items were identified as current and potential solutions:

- No parking East of the current crosswalk. Our current code prohibits parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection. Engineering will assess if that is enough space. If additional space is needed, an ordinance amendment will be sent to Council for the extension. Street Department will handle striping the curb yellow.
- Advanced notice signage. Tony Bonastia will check to make sure there is adequate advanced warning signage for both crosswalks near Mercy’s campus.
- Flashing Signage: Mercy is interested in purchasing some type of solar powered flashing pedestrian crossing signage to be installed at their cost. Engineering will research MUTCD complaint options to present to Mercy. This item will be revisited by the committee if and when Mercy has an actual proposal for a specific type of signage.

This item will be left on the agenda for follow up with Mercy. (OPEN)

5E 23-11-0049 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Concerns: The committee was visited by residents who live along E 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The residents cited concerns about increasing traffic and a lack of

sidewalks on E 5<sup>th</sup> Street and specifically questioned the access to the new development on E 5<sup>th</sup> Street across from Willows Court. The committee discussed all of those issues and agreed that sidewalks along 5<sup>th</sup> Street made sense to incorporate along with future goals, especially for grant projects. This item will be left on the agenda to further monitor the access issue with the new development. (OPEN)

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 1, 2023 at 8:00 am in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Jim Armstrong  
Washington Police Department

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Each Member  
Sherri Klekamp