



FROM Chief Jim Armstrong
TO: Traffic Commission Members
SUBJECT: June 7, 2024 Traffic Committee Meeting
DATE: June 10, 2024

The June 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mike Grissom | Police Department |
| Charles Stankovic | Engineering |
| Justin Frankenberg | Emergency Management |
| Chad Briggs | City Council |
| Jim Armstrong | Police Department |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Mark Piontek | City Attorney |
| Duane Reed | City Council |

VISITORS:

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| Tony Bonastia | Street Department |
| Andrea Lueken | Engineering |
| Antjea Wolf | Washington Missourian |
| Sarah Skeen | City Planning |
| Wayne Dunker | Parks Department |
| Doug Hagedorn | Mayor |
| Tyler King | Downtown Washington |
| Carolyn Witt | Downtown Washington |
| Deaneal Mcafoos | Washington in Bloom |
| Pat Smith | 4024 Winterberry Court |
| Lou Folk | 4021 Winterberry Court |
| Katie Dieckhaus | Historical Society |
| Deven Yeary | Historical Society |

OLD BUSINESS:

4A 24-03-0012 Legion loading request: A shuttle service that will be working the Legion Regionals from August 4-13 has requested designated on-street stops on Front Street and Main Street. Representatives from the shuttle service were unable to attend this meeting. This item will be removed from the agenda since it has been open for several months. (CLOSED)

4B 24-03-0013 Traffic issues caused by Club Carwash: Over the last several months, the committee has been discussing traffic congestion that is caused by Club Carwash on busy days. The primary are of concern has been the intersection of 5th Street and Willows Court. After much discussion, the committee has identified two possible solutions to the congestion at that intersection:

1. A new entrance to Club Carwash that is located further to the South on Willows Court: Engineering estimates that this project would cost roughly \$30,000 and it is unlikely that the carwash will participate in funding the project.
2. A right in/right out only at the entrance to Club Carwash: This would be accomplished with the use of delineator posts that will force ALL TRAFFIC that intends to enter the carwash to turn around in the cul-de-sac at Willows Court. This solution was also not seen as ideal since it would force traffic to funnel into the residential cul-de-sac even during times when the carwash is not busy.

Prior to the last meeting, Mike Grissom attempted to get a formal position either in support of or against #2 above from the HOA at Willows Court, however they currently do not have a functioning HOA. The committee discussed both options further and noted that #1 was not a likely solution due to the lack of funding for such a project. The committee was also hesitant to implement option #2 due to fears of additional complaints from residents of the subdivision about the drastic increase in turn around traffic. Mike Grissom reached out to the residents who originally brought this issue forward, and they provided a signed petition from the residents on Willows Court. In all, a total of 10 residents were in support of the concept, while only 1 responded against it. 4 residents chose not to respond at all. With that in mind, the committee agreed to move forward with installation of the delineator posts. (CLOSED)

4C 24-05-0026 Stop sign request at Rabbit Trail and Statten Drive: At the last meeting, the committee was visited by several residents who live in the area. The residents expressed concerns in reference to an increase in traffic volume along with what they believe to be a speed issue in the area. They indicated that the risk at this location is compounded by the large number of pedestrians walking and the lack of sidewalks. Mike Grissom explained the committee's stance on using stop signs for speed control based on current MUTCD standards. During conversation, the committee agreed to leave this item open to allow engineering time to collect updated speed data in the area. Data from those studies which included speed and traffic count data for two different locations on Rabbit Trail along with one location on Statten Drive were reviewed at this meeting. Mike Grissom pointed out that the data indicated that vehicle speed on Rabbit Trail Drive is not unique when compared to other city streets where data has been collected. (CLOSED)

NEW BUSINESS:

5A 24-06-0030 Street closure request: Street closure applications were reviewed for the Fair and Fair Parade along with one new event, the Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social. The committee approved both requests, however the new event will need to go to council for final approval. (CLOSED)

5B 24-06-0031 Discussion about painted utility cabinets: The committee was visited by members of Downtown Washington along with the Parks Department. The idea of having local artists paint city owned property such as electric signal control boxes and barricades in parks was discussed. The committee was unopposed to the concept. It was agreed that for items located in the parks system, the Park Board should be the entity to approve specific locations and proofs prior to starting work. For items such as utility boxes that are in ROW, it should be sent to council for approval. (CLOSED)

5C 24-06-0032 Review of parking on vacant lot at Missouri River Bridge: This discussion came as a result of several parking complaints on the lot. Ultimately, Parks Department has long term plans for the lot, however until work begins on that project Street Department will sign it as no parking. (CLOSED)

5D 24-06-0033 Stone Bridge Subdivision sign package: The committee reviewed and approved a sign package for several new streets in Stone Bride Subdivision. Engineering will send the ordinance amendment to Council. (CLOSED)

5E 24-06-0034 Request for painted parking stalls on Cedar Street between 5th and Fremont: This request came from a resident in the area as a result of ongoing congestion. Street Department will add the project to their list of priorities. (CLOSED)

5F 24-06-0035 Request for street lighting at 24 Town and Country Drive: This request came from the business in the area. The committee discussed the request and agreed to revisit it at the next meeting after Engineering has time to look into what it will cost the city. (OPEN)

5G 24-06-0036 Stop sign review for new Fox Crest Drive: The committee reviewed the placement of new stop signs on the new street where it will connect with North Crest Drive. The signage location was approved. Engineering will send the ordinance amendment to Council for approval. (CLOSED)

5H 24-06-0037 Stop sign request at 7th and Nora: This request for a four way stop came in from a resident. The committee discussed the request and denied it. Engineering will move our temporary speed limit signage to the area to help remind motorists of the speed limit. (CLOSED)

Note: At the end of the meeting, the committee was briefed by Wayne Dunker about a request to address boat trailer parking at the river front. This item was discussed briefly, but will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on July 5, 2024 at 8:00 am in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully,

Chief Jim Armstrong
Washington Police Department

CC:
Each Member
Sherri Klekamp