

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Municipal Government Complex – Commission Chambers
Thursday, May 24, 2012 – 10:00AM

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes		
	April 26, 2012	Amy
2. Old Business		
	Intersection of Main and North	Bill H.
	South and Sunset – Remove Signal and Install 3-way stop	Amy
3. New Business		
	Clark and McKinley – Four Way Stop	Amy
	CR 25A Historic Signage	Bill Lutz
4. Reports		
5. Other Business		
6. Adjournment		

Transportation Committee Mission Statement:

- Explore and determine the concerns of affected residents and business in the City with respect to public transportation infrastructure, including but not limited to streets, highways, sidewalks, bike trails, airports, and railroads.
- Make committee findings; propose plans and specific recommendations to the City Manager, Commission, and other public parties of interest regarding public transportation facilities.
- Assist in informing the public of transportation issues within the City.

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Bruce Jamison, Chris Schmiesing, John Kendall, Marty Grove, Mike Rindler, Mike Allen, Jon Litchfield, Amy Havenar, and Bill Harding.

Absent: Doug Harter, Don Seeberger, Janelle Collier, Roger Wehrman, Roger Ely, Tom Steiner, and Nick Berger.

1. Meeting Minutes

The March 22, 2012 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Old Business

Intersection of Main and North

Bill Harding reported that the lane lines have been milled but there is more work to be done before the stop bars can be moved. He also provided the group with a striping plan of the proposed layout on N. Main Street for after the paving is completed later this year. Mr. Harding provided traffic counts from ODOT for the intersection of Main and Riverside in his discussion about making a dedicated left hand turn lane on N. Main at Riverside.

Mike Allen said that there will be additional work that will need to be done and possibly this will need to be hired out. Mr. Allen will follow up and report back to the committee.

South and Sunset – Remove Signal - Install 3-way stop

Amy Havenar has contacted a consultant to see about the possibility of having the South Street and Sunset Drive intersection evaluated. Chief Jamison stated that he is already looking into the purchase of a radar for the Police Department, so he will check the features to see if he can get one that counts vehicles.

3. New Business

Bicycles at magnetic loop intersections

Guest, Nick Alexander stated he has concerns with the fact that there are dead zones for bicycles/motorcycles to trigger the loops at Clark and Main Street. Mr. Alexander submitted a list of other streets for review of the sensitivity of the loops.

After some discussion it was determined that the solution from this point forward would be to put in loops that are able to pick up bikes and motorcycles. Chief Jamison thanked Mr. Alexander for compiling the list of intersections and for bringing this to the committee's attention. Mike Allen will check the sensitivity of the loops in question.

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Park Avenue and Broadway – Pedestrian Signals

Chris Schmiesing has concerns with the lack of pedestrian signals at the Park Avenue/Broadway/Nicklin intersection. Mike Allen will make note for the 2013 budget to add these ped signals if warranted.

Park Avenue and Downing Street – Sight Distance

Chris Schmiesing also stated his concerns with the sight distance at Park Avenues and Downing Street. Mr. Schmiesing brought up the possibility of restricting the parking. There was some discussion concerning the current limited parking spaces and how removing parking will impact the residents. This is an item that the committee will need to evaluate once the new school is built.

Sunset Drive – Curb and Sidewalk installation

Currently there are no sidewalks on the east side of Sunset to Stratford Drive. Ms Havenar stated that if curb and sidewalks are installed the costs would be assessed to the property owners. Comments were made that the homeowners who would be affected would probably not be in favor of this. The committee decided to wait and see if the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding could be used.

Mid-block pedestrians - 200 W. High Street

Chief Jamison received a complaint about people crossing High Street outside of the crosswalk. The main concern from the citizen was that children will be hit and that they would like to see a mid-block crosswalk installed.

There was some discussion concerning the SRTS component and the education the public. Chief Jamison can incorporate an education component into the SRTS Program if funded.

This is a future project contingent upon if the SRTS funding is available to install bumpouts on High at Downing which may address the issue of crossing at unmarked locations. The committee was not in favor of the mid-block crosswalk because it could possibly cause more congestion on other side streets.

Wood Street – Covington to College Through Traffic

Mr. Schmiesing explained a potential project that would correspond to the development of the area between Covington, College & Wood and introduced some potential traffic modifications that would be proposed should this potential development occur.

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E. Ash Street Reconstruction

There were updates reported concerning the E. Ash Street Reconstruction Project. The 25mph speed limit signs on E. Greene Street have been posted to address the excessive speeding tendencies. The Police Department is trying to keep up enforcement on the E. Ash St corridor and will also monitor E. Greene Street.

Mike Rindler stated that he has heard complaints about business being down due to the construction. After discussion on the local businesses and in particular, the Alternate Business Access Signage – no one in the group has heard a specific complaint from any business along Ash St. regarding the size of the signs. The group determined that no change is recommended at this time.

Park-Broadway- Ash Speed Reduction

The enforcement of the new speed limit is under way for the former State Route 185. The Police Department is monitoring this area heavily. They issued 29 warnings over a 3 day period. The Police Dept. will monitor the tickets and warnings to see where the motorists are from to determine if additional signage is necessary. At this time, until further notification from the Police Department, it was decided not to install any additional 25 mph speed limit signs.

5. Other Business

At the request of the City Planner the Planning Commission has requested the formation of a “walkability-bikeability advisory group” to inform discussions concerning the application of complete street concepts.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.
