

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7:00PM

Weston Police Training Room

180 Boston Post Road By-Pass

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Tom Benson, Richard Gula

Ex Officio Members Attending:

Steve Fogg (DPW), Captain Tom Kelly (Weston Police Dept.)

Public Attending:

Franz Loeber 36 Tamarack Road Lourenço Dantas VHB

Kevin Sheehan Greatland Pat & Bill Fitzsimmons 340 Merriam Street

Judy Nitsch 17 Blake Road

1. Introductions of the Members of the Committee
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/assign someone to take minutes.
 - Approval of the May 19th meeting minutes are postponed to the July meeting.
 - Tom Benson volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.
3. Comments, letters and/or emails from Public:
 1. No public comments
 2. Discussion about various requests that have been received for mirrors on roadways. Steve Fogg talked about what Attleboro and Concord have done regarding this issue. A representative from District 6 MASSDOT said that MASSDOT would not want mirrors on State roads. Steve to cover in more depth in the July meeting.
4. Greatland Realty Partners (GRP) presentation on Riverside Road development:
 - Park Road Area Improvement suggestions:
 - Safety Measures
 - Pavement striping or curbing to narrow intersections
 - Straighten the geometry of road intersections
 - Traffic Operations
 - Flashing beacon at the intersection of Park Road and Riverside Road
 - Investigating the option for turn lanes
 - Sidewalks and Crosswalks
 - Sidewalk along Park Road
 - Crosswalk at Blake Road
 - Cut-through deterrence
 - Speed hump at intersection with Blake and Orchard Roads
 - Zoning adopted does not change the density standard. However, lab tenants are typically less densely populated than standard office use. GRP will be reviewing the site plans with the Planning Board at their September meeting.

- Public Comment:
 - Judy Nitsch, 17 Blake Road, referred to the 1980 agreements between Liberty Mutual and the neighbors.
 - All new traffic counting equipment in area – what is that for?
 - “Do not enter local traffic only” signs were very effective during the Intervale Road closure.
 - Supports the meandering sidewalk idea on the East side of the road
 - Alerted that there is a drainage issue on Blake Road so speed hump may be an issue; feels that signage would be better
 - Franz Loeber, 36 Tamarack Road
 - southbound traffic on Park Road is very fast; both vehicular and bicycle traffic.

5. Updates on active Walkway/Sidewalk projects:

- Ash Street.
 - Did not pass at May Town Meeting. Received the comments and will be reviewing them to see if we can improve the project. Rich Gula pointed out that the roadway between the reservoir northward to the Case Estates is treacherous for walkers due to the straight away speeds.
 - Alternative path from Ash Street westward through the woods along the side of the MWRA reservoir channel to Wellesley Street is quite a bit longer and deals with a significant grade change to get up to Wellesley Street in a segment that sees high speeds and lacks a crosswalk.
- Rt 117 @ Merriam / Lincoln Streets
 - Pavement markings implemented resulted in some reduction of speeds, sight lines have been improved – consensus is to wait at least 6 months to determine success.
 - One resident, present at meeting but not identified, felt that improvements were not enough and reported it to West Police Department (WPD). WPD put out a speed board to determine recent experience.
 - Bill Fitzsimmons feels that the striping has made the intersection much safer. Only concern is taking a turn off Rt 117, whether you can ride over the striping in a turn.

6. Other Updates

- Rt 20 @ Wellesley Street / Boston Post Road
 - Steve Fogg reported that the town resubmitted the Design Justification Workbook (DJW) back to MassDOT on May 18th. MassDOT’s Complete Streets, District 6 Projects and Traffic have issued additional review comments. He has reached out to the MassDOT PM to find out if there will be

any further comments and has also suggested a call to try and resolve any remaining comments.

- Rt 30 Reconstruction Project
 - 25% design review has been completed by MassDOT and responded to by HSH. Comment Resolution Meeting (CRM) is scheduled for July 12, 2021.
 - Town expects a design public meeting later this fall.
7. Future meeting – July 21st, 7PM, Weston Police Training Room.
 8. Meeting adjourned.