

# Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

February 7, 2012 Agenda

5:15 PM - City Hall



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**REXBURG**  
America's Family Community

**Mayor Richard Woodland**

**Traffic and Safety Committee Members:**

Rick Robbins-Chairman  
Reed Nielsen-Vice Chair  
Roscoe Orton  
Stephen Smith  
Lyle Wakefield  
Virginia Pratt  
Blake Garner  
Patrick Bjorn

Jerry Merrill-City Council Liaison  
John Millar – Staff Liaison/Public Works  
Randy Lewis- Staff Liaison/Police Captain  
Doug Barker-University Security Liaison  
Dee Dee Tucker- City Staff/minutes

**Those that were present: Reed Nielsen, Roscoe Orton, Lyle Wakefield, Jerry Merrill, Stephen Smith, Blake Garner, Randy Lewis, Keith Davidson, Virginia Pratt, Dee Dee Tucker**

Reed Nielsen opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

**Review and Approval of the October 4, 2011 Minutes:**

Minutes unanimously approved for November and December meeting.

**Unfinished / Old Business:**

No old or unfinished business to discuss.

**New Business:**

- a. Jerry Merrill welcomed and group introductions were made.
- b. Left turn lane on 2<sup>nd</sup> East, resolved. Turn lanes currently at location.
- c. Lights outs at Nature Park are out due to broken wire to be fixed in the spring.

**2. Open discussion of relevant issues:**

- a. *Roscoe Orton* expressed a concern for the backup of traffic on the University extension and the on/off ramp. *Keith Davidson* reported that this is a section handled by the State and they would have to do an impact study to see what the risk is for that area. *Randy Lewis* indicated that there has not been any wrecks or accidents reported due to the traffic backing up in that area to his knowledge. *Reed Nielsen* asked that *Keith Davidson* follow up with the State to initiate a study done at this location.
- b. *Jerry Merrill* had a suggestion from citizens to implement a lighted crosswalk at 2<sup>nd</sup> E. 1<sup>st</sup> S. intersection similar to the Hawk Light. *Keith Davidson* confirmed more lighting has been installed and flags mounted at the location, not a fully lighted cross walk light but additional lighting. *Randy Lewis* said that this intersection has had several different options tried and has found the current setup to be the most efficient. *Dee Dee Tucker* said that she would follow up and make sure that there are flags in the flag holder.
- c. *Jerry Merrill* asked if there were any plans for a bus service around the PEZ Zone. *Reed Nielsen* said that several different college group have tried to run a shuttle operation but

found that students could walk to destination just as fast as waiting for the bus with an additional charge.

- d. *Jerry Merrill* asked about responsibility for the sidewalks and keeping them clear. The city requires people to take care of their own properties and if there is an issue, when notified, Ordinance Officer will issue warning and follow up. Keith Davidson will check on the maintenance responsibilities of the pathway by North Hill road.

### **3. Report on Projects:**

*Keith Davidson* reported on behalf of John Millar on the following projects.

Roads approved for repair for 2012-

2<sup>nd</sup> E. from Artco to the Interchange, CRABS

2<sup>nd</sup> S. to 3<sup>rd</sup> E. then 3<sup>rd</sup> E. to 3<sup>rd</sup> S. to 4<sup>th</sup> S. and around to Harvard. Also in front of the School District Office.

Bridge replacement at 7th South and 4th West is under construction. It is part of the street widening project planned for next year on 7th South, in front of Gale Harding's property down to 5th West. The cost is estimated to be about \$400,000. Hoping to pour the South section Monday.

A budget of \$30,000 will be set aside for crack sealing.

Projects planned for 2012 were reviewed. Public Works Director Millar proposed a seal coating budget for about \$250,000 dollars. The 2012 street construction budget is set at \$1.9 million dollars. A budget of \$1.2 million is still available for the City Council's discretion. A rough budget was presented for the worst roads in town.

Unused snow removal money will remain in the street budget for road reconstruction next summer.

The Main Street signal light project on Center Street and 1st East will get the poles installed in about two weeks.

### **4. Report from Committee Members concerning Safety Issues**

### **5. Adjournment**

Patrick Bjorn motioned to adjourn Roscoe Orton second and all members are in favor.