

# Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting

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## 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 Bjornn

Bruce Sutherland-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, Rick Robbins, Roscoe Orton, Stephen Smith, Blake Garner, Lyle Wakefield, John Millar, Virginia Pratt, Dee Dee Tucker

Chairman Robbins opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

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

Minutes were reviewed and **Reed Nielsen** motioned to approve and **Roscoe Orton** approved.

### **Unfinished / Old Business:**

Rick Robbins asked for a brief discussion on last month's topic on the Henderson development.

### **New Business:**

- a. Located at 67 West 1<sup>st</sup> South is a cut in the pavement on the roadway next to the curb, (So. Side) The asphalt has been removed and the area is about 18 feet long, 2 feet wide and about 6 inches deep. There are two cones setting inside the cut. A lot of the time the cones are on their side making it hard to see this area at night. This creates a hazardous area for bikes, vehicles and J walking pedestrians. When we get snow this will increase the hazard of this area.

*This situation is taken care of and has been inspected for back fill and will be filled in by the end of this week.*

- b. Truck traffic from First West on to Seventh South.

**Rick Robbins** asked about the stop signs flaggers staying on the side of the road instead of walking out to the middle of the street. **Blake Gardner** reported that he has been working this area and the flaggers are to be in the middle of the lanes when stopping traffic. **Blake Garner** will make sure that they are going all the way out and flagging from the correct position.

- c. Pedestrian walkway on the east of the Hemming construction on 1st west. **The past few days there, the contractor has been blocking the pedestrian walkway (discussed in the last meeting) all of the way to the edge of the traffic as they are loading materials (block, wood, etc) onto the deck. There probably needs to be a reminder given to**

**the contractor regarding the need to keep the area open.** Possible suggestions for the contractor to find another way to load materials into the building.

**John Millar** said that he has visited with the foreman Sam Moss in regards to rules and regulations for the area and that he cannot be blocking the area. **John Millar** will continue to watch this area closely and make sure that the walkway remains clear.

- d. Need for a cross walk south of the Hart between it and the I-Center. Garth Gunderson

**This has been previously addressed and the quorum remains in agreement that adding a crosswalk in this area would prohibit the flow of vehicle traffic.**

- e. First Mike Ricks would like the **solid** white lines at the Railroad tracks on the corner of University Blvd and South Yellowstone Hwy to be re-stripped **dotted**. He stated he has talked to Doug Barker, Dave Hope and Captain Randy Lewis concerning this area and they also feel it needs to be re-stripped dotted going all the way around the corner from University onto South Yellowstone Hwy. I have not yet verified these conversations with Barker, Hope or Lewis.

**John Millar** aggress with the dotted line and will look into the possibility of painting the lines through the intersection the next time the paint crew is in the area and thinks that he may request our paint crew to fix the intersection not the state crew.

- f. Second Mike Ricks would like the speed limit sign that is located near the Temple Parking lot on 2<sup>nd</sup> East to be moved much further to the South for safety reasons.

**John Millar** will look into the sign placement and felt that he had put a lot of consideration into the placement of that sign when originally placed.

- g. Third Mike Ricks strongly encourages the City and County to be more responsible for the pedestrians' safety on South 5<sup>th</sup> West. He stated the road is very narrow and he would suggest the speed limit signs be lowered to 25 MPH all the way down 5<sup>th</sup> West, past the intersection of University and 5<sup>th</sup> West all the way down to 7<sup>th</sup> South. This item should be given to the County Commissioners to be added to their agenda for discussion as well.

**John Millar** insured Mike Ricks that the City is performing a traffic study in that area and monitor the areas that are owned and maintained by the City. **Stephen Smith** asked if there were sidewalks and **John Millar** confirmed that there were not any. **John Millar** said that they would get the speed counter out and review the results then sign accordingly.

**Report on projects:**

**John Millar** reported the bridge at 7<sup>th</sup> S. is in the design process and the goal is to do the South half during the winter and then finish the North half during the spring so traffic is not shut off.

**Stephen Smith** asked about how dark it is on 2<sup>nd</sup> S. and that the crosswalk is not turned on either. **John Millar** reported that the college has all of the work done; they must not have the system turned on yet. **Rick Robbins** asked if the power lines had been completed and John Millar confirmed that the power lines are done.

The turning lanes are in the process and lights will be installed toward the end of the month. Ground work will be done with the old system in place then the new lights will be installed during the winter. Old stripping will have to be ground off and temporary striping will be put down until permanent striping can be installed next spring.

Motion to dismiss by Roscoe Orton second by Stephen Smith