

Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2007

Committee Members Present: Lynn Archibald, Graydon Burton, Eric Sundberg, Jodi Weimer, Randy Schwendiman, Rick Robbins, John Millar, Trudy Porter, Kendall Nielsen, and Lyle Wakefield.

Approval of Minutes

Rick Robbins moved to approve the minutes for January 9, 2007.
Graydon Burton seconded it.
All approved.

Additional Committee Members & Roster

Lynn Archibald will get a hold of Deborah Lovejoy for contact information on Janet Crawford, at 526 Gemini Dr, to represent the southwest quadrant of the city. The committee believes all of the city's regions are represented.

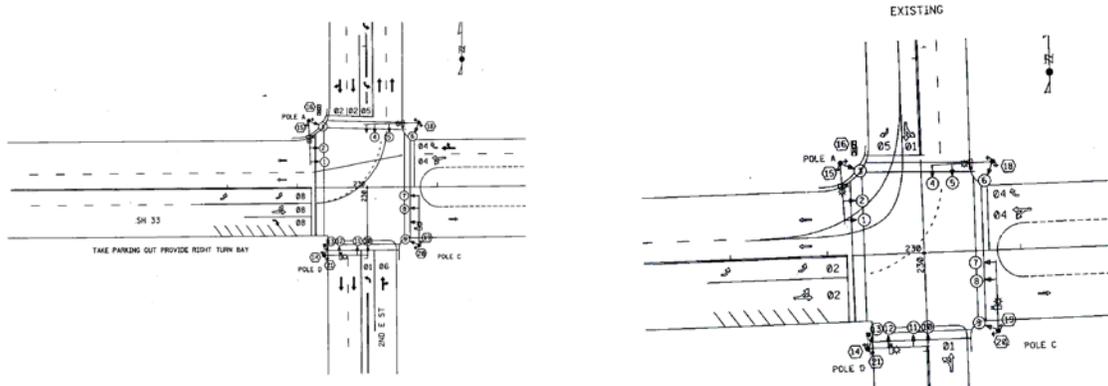
Committee Bylaws

Randy Schwendiman will submit the bylaws to the city council at the February 7, 2007 meeting.

Reports

Randy Lewis was excused for this month's meeting, but sent an email informing the committee the department had set up a speed trailer on 12th West and was also patrolling the area more. They also added the MPH signs discussed in the last meeting. The "no trucks" signs have been ordered and will be set up north of Rexburg Motor Sports and on the north end of Valley Wide. The city is still working with ITD for the same signs. These will be posted on Hwy 33 off of 12th West. Valley Wide does sell truck permits, but does not offer overnight parking for trucks; however they do not enforce this. Randy will provide information on the egress size for Valley Wide at the next meeting.

John Millar introduced the plans for the intersection of 2nd E and Main. These lights will be synchronized and the plan is to have it completed early summer 2007. The city is still looking for funding. The plan is shown below.



Randy Lewis informed the committee of an accident on the corner of 2nd East and 2nd North in which the control box for the signal light was damaged. John Millar has spoken to ITD and it will take a couple of weeks to replace it because each one is custom made. In the mean time, the city has added a four way stop to help with traffic flow.

Old Business

The crosswalk light at 7th South and 1st West is still not working. John Millar informed the committee that the cause is bad wiring; however, he will have to wait for the weather to clear because it is under the asphalt. This is the same situation for the pedestrian crossing at the Snow building

New Business

Rick Robins questioned what became of the situation on North Hill Road where the homeowners got upset at people going through the subdivision down to 2nd East. Lynn Archibald asked if was going to be widened. John Millar informed that this intersection does not warrant for a wider road. He mentioned people are using it and at the moment has had no concerns.

Quadrant Reports

John Millar is still checking with ITD to see if they can apply a dedicated left turn signal at Main Street and 5th West to help with traffic flow.

The committee is still concerned with speeders around school areas.

Citizen's request – Wes Laurence- reduce speed to 25 mph from 35 mph on South 5th West. Install stop signs to help reduce speeds?

John Millar informed the committee that there was a stop sign at one time, but the traffic studies concluded it was outside of the warrants and did not warrant for one, so it was removed. The committee believes it is premature at this time and the city should wait

until the university boulevard extension is complete- expansion will start this summer and will include reduced speeds. John Millar reported that in the original plan it will be a two lane road, but later with right of ways it will become a 5 lane road.

John Millar's Request – Review of Traffic Flow in Alleyways North and South of Main Street

John Millar said the city is in the process of working on a major project in the North alley this summer. The results from this project will help make the decision for other alleyways in the city.

Lyle Wakefield – Traffic congestion at Pioneer Road and Main Street

The committee will take further action when the intersection is completed. John Millar will get a dedicated left turn lane in by summer for a total of three lanes. Initiation on this will begin this spring.

Rick Robbins is concerned with a contractor sign on the corner of Pioneer Road blocking driving views. John will look at this and if it is in the right of way- it will be removed.

Pedestrian crosswalk near the Middle School

The concern is that pedestrians are not always using the crosswalk and are walking between waiting vehicles. The committee believes there is no apparent solution. Kendall Nielsen suggested the school provide a cross guard. Graydon Burton suggested a fence to the crosswalk with no other exit except this. Lynn Archibald will call the principal for input and any concerns the school may have.

Exit at the Snow Building parking lot creates delays

The recommendation for a right turn exit only will be discussed at the next meeting. Randy Reese was excused from this month's meeting so the committee could not get the feedback from the university. John Millar notified the committee the city has expressed their concern with how the university will handle parking for their new project. The university wants to make a 600 car parking lot near the temple. The university did hire a national firm to do a study on their parking dilemma and will present the results to the city within the next 30 days.

Lynn Archibald will be out of town for the next meeting. Eric Sundberg will act as chair in his absence.

**Next meeting March 6, 2007 at 5:15 pm.
Meeting adjourned.**

