

Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2007

Committee Members Present: Lynn Archibald, Roscoe Orton, Graydon Burton, Jodi Weimer, John Millar, Randy Schwendiman, Randy Lewis, and Greg Wilcox.

Approval of Minute: Minutes were unable to be approved due to not having enough voting members present.

Reports

Police

No report this month.

Streets

No report this month.

Old Business/Pending Business: (Committee action complete, awaiting completion of the approved project.)

- Intersection of 5th West/Main Street – designated turn signal – ITD responsible.
- Traffic flow in Alleyways North & South of Main Street - City Council has approved funding & bid, project has begun.
- Intersection of Pioneer Road/Main Street – re-striping of left and right turn lanes and minor curb work to be completed by June, 2007.
- Traffic lights at Main/2nd East – Left and right turn lanes on 2nd East at that location. ITD has reviewed the proposed changes and funding has been committed.
- Cross walks near the Middle School – some congestion problems and problems with pedestrians and vehicles. – Principle Mike Bennett will review with teaching staff and advise of recommendations.
- Final design for roads and location of school buildings on S. 12th West – Public Works Director John Millar meeting with the School District quarterly for status and traffic survey.

New Business

Committee Bylaws

Committee Bylaws were approved by City Council on February 7, 2007.

Quadrant reports on traffic/safety issues

The stop sign at 2nd East and 7th South is not being used. It will be discussed when construction by the Temple is completed. There have not been excessive accidents at this intersection. The police department watches this road. Jodi Weimer suggested a 4-way stop. Because there is no accident history, a 4-way stop is not warranted. Chairman Archibald asked the committee to drive by this intersection and observe the traffic flow. The committee will work to come up with some suggestions on how to make this a safer intersection.

Center Street and 7th South has been stripped.

Rocky Mountain Power replacing all failing intersection light bulbs and upgrading from 75 Watt to 100 W

Captain Randy Lewis explained that lights were changed on light poles throughout the city to cut costs. The light bulbs used are out of ratio for the size of poles they are being used on. Captain Lewis will gather more information on this and it will be discussed next month.

Council Member Randy Schwendiman said the light at Trejo and Yellowstone is not shining on the appropriate areas. Captain Randy Lewis will look into this.

Citizen's Request: Mike Ricks

4- way stop at 7th South and 5th West has been requested. Traffic is too fast without having a stop sign. Captain Randy Lewis said this intersection is highly regulated and a 4-way stop is not necessary. They will reevaluate this intersection after University Blvd is complete.

Move 35 MPH sign on 7th South near apartments further East. Captain Lewis said this speed has been working well on this road. They have no reported problems. They will reevaluate this after University Blvd is completed.

Move 35 MPH sign on 2nd East south past the Temple. Chairman Archibald asked the committee to drive up this road and evaluate a good speed limit.

Add lane striping inside of Roundabout. The committee will wait for the Roundabout to be re-striped.

Eliminate heavy truck traffic on Pioneer Road and Millhollow Road. Public Works Director John Millar explained the city will have load limits on heavy truck traffic during spring break up. Port of Entry will randomly be brought in to weigh trucks during this time.

South Exit/12th West has obstructed vision due to trailers parking near the intersection. It is suggested to strip this section as a no parking up to the northern entry to Rexburg Motor Sports parking lot. Public Works Director Millar said even with trailers parking on the street, vision is still clear. Chairman Archibald and Jodi Weimer both said when larger trailers are parked here, it is a problem. Chairman Archibald asked if the city can require Rexburg Motor Sports to post a sign stating there is trailer parking around the back of their building. Public Works Director Millar said the city can make this a no parking zone; it is just an inconvenience to the business. Council Member Randy Schwendiman said if the business has sufficient parking that is safer but perhaps a little inconvenient, it should be enforced. It is not easy parking in the back. Public Works Director Millar purposed that the committee allows him to speak with Rexburg Motor Sports and find a solution together before the traffic safety committee forces a no parking zone.

Other Issues

Greg Wilcox asked when 2nd West would be done. Public Works Director Millar said it will be done sometime this summer, but the project hasn't yet been bid.

It was proposed to stripe 5th South between West Winds and Nauvoo House for parking. It is not currently stripped. Cars are parked there most of the time. Public Works Director Millar will look at this. It does not impact traffic because the street is wide enough.

Next Meeting date—June 5, 2007

Meeting adjourned.