

Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2007

Committee Members Present: Lynn Archibald, John Millar, Randy Lewis, Jodi Weimer, Randy Reese and Randy Schwendiman.

Approval of Minutes

Not enough members to make a Quorum. Minutes were unable to be approved.

Reports

Police

Captain Randy Lewis explained there are many cars wanting to turn left at 7th South and 2nd East that are turning right (west) doing a U-turn and going east. He explained a traffic study will be done after Thanksgiving and another after the Temple is dedicated.

Captain Lewis reported two pedestrians and a bike have been hit at the intersection of South 1st West. All three incidents happened at night. Public Works Director John Millar said a street light has already been arranged to be put in at this intersection. Rocky Mountain Power will put them up.

Randy Reese is concerned because all lighting from the crosswalk at 2nd East and 3rd North is gone since decorative lights were put in by BYU-Idaho.

Streets

Nothing to report this month

New Business

Committee Bylaws

Not enough members to make a Quorum. A Vice Chairman was unable to be elected.

Quadrant Reports

Tickets are being issued on S. 12th West for violations. City police trying to get a grant to obtain an Electronic Sign showing speed traveled. University Boulevard scheduled to be completed by end of October.

Captain Lewis said there haven't been any complaints recently. There is still some truck traffic. More signs would be helpful. An electronic sign has been received thanks to a grant along with a generous donation from Archibald Insurance Agency. The police department is excited to put it to use.

National Parking Survey by BYU-Idaho

No report on this. Public Works Director John Millar has still not received any info on this.

Azell Jacobson concerned about traffic sign in the business addition near Valley Wide Co-op. Are these city streets or private streets? Do we have jurisdiction?
Public Works Director Millar said signs have been put up in this development.

Street Light out on Cul-De-Sac
The light has been replaced.

Citizen's Request – Ruth Lee Hernandez

a- Request to change speed limit on 7th South between the Freeway and 12th West from 35 mph to 25 mph. Has safety concerns for children in that area.

The committee does not know if this road warrants a reduced speed. They will discuss this again at the next meeting and make a decision.

b- Noise generated by a Motorcycle at 12 Midnight.
Nothing can be done about this.

Status of project at old Co-op Building location

Public Works Director Millar said this is county property. It will be an ongoing situation for some time.

Citizen's Request – Review parking in front of the Temple

This has been resolved.

Randy Reese had a request for lower speed limit on 1st West between 2nd South and 4th South to 20 mph. The committee will look at this but going from 25 to 20 mph would most likely be ineffective.

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

Intersection of 5th West/Main Street – turning lanes – ITD responsible

Public Works Director John Millar said this project will not be done this year.

Traffic flow in Alleyways North & South of Main Street - City Council has approved funding & bid, project has begun.

Paving will be done next week if weather permits. The project will most likely be completed next year. A new access will be made between the old Dale Jewelers and Wells Fargo.

Traffic lights at Main/2nd East – Left and right turn lanes on 2nd East at that location.

Public Works Director John Millar explained going north bound at this intersection, another lane may be needed. It would be a dedicated right lane. They are reluctant to stripe another lane because the lanes would be very tight. He will get with the police department and find a solution.

Final design for roads and location of school buildings on S. 12th West – John meeting with the School District monthly for status and traffic survey. Traffic Impact Study received, will discuss results.

Jodi Weimer said she is concerned with the predicted increased traffic on 12th West to 7th South without making any improvements to handle the additional traffic flow. Once the roads are in, another traffic study should be held. The school district would be partly responsible for new roads.

Public Works Director John Millar explained this study is just a draft. To widen 12th West from a 2 lane to a 4 lane would cost roughly 1-1.5 million dollars per mile. The school district would pay impact fees, and developers would be required to upgrade roads. If a road is impacted so much it takes it past its capacity, they can be required to pay more.

Next Meeting date— December 4, 2007

Meeting adjourned.

TRAFFIC/SAFETY COMMITTEE PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 1- Traffic flow from Main Street to 7th South on 2nd East.
- 2- Intersection at 4th South and 5th West.
- 3- Intersection/Traffic Light at Main Street and Pioneer Road.

PROBLEM INTERSECTIONS/FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- 1- South Yellowstone Highway & Trejo.
- 2- South Yellowstone Highway & 5th West.
- 3- Intersection at 7th South and 2nd West.
- 4- Intersections on 2nd East to 7th South.
- 5- Future traffic requirements for new High School & Elementary School on S. 12th West, with resultant impact on vehicle movement and safety issues.
- 6- Future traffic considerations when the new Stake Center is built near the Trejo/Yellowstone Intersection.