

**CITY OF REXBURG
TRAFFIC/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

MISSION STATEMENT:

To pro-actively promote the efficient use of public roadways in the City of Rexburg and to provide for safe interaction of vehicles and pedestrians on all public ways.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008, 5:15 p.m.

Randy Lewis, Rick Robbins, Graydon Burton, Randy Reese, Trudy Porter, John Millar, Jodi Weimer, Roscoe Orton, and Lyle Wakefield.

Welcome guests, members & new members

Graydon Burton

Graydon Burton welcomed the committee members to the meeting and thanked them for their service.

Approval of Minutes (March)

Graydon Burton

Graydon Burton reviewed the minutes from March 4, 2008. Rick Robbins moved to approve the minutes from March 4, 2008. Trudy Porter seconded the motion. All voted aye, none opposed. **The motion carried.**

Reports

a- Police

Randy Lewis

Captain Randy Lewis talked about pedestrian safety. A class at BYU-I worked on a project on how to improve pedestrian safety. He passed out copies of possible solutions on this issue.

Jodi Weimer asked if the idea of having transportation just for college students has ever been discussed. Randy Reese said this has been discussed, but it is not something the university is willing to implement at this time.

The committee reviewed some of the suggestions.

Captain Randy Lewis also explained the speed trailer is up and running. It has been up around a few problem streets in the city. The Police Department is hoping this will slow people down.

b- Streets

John Millar

Public Works Director John Millar explained a speed study was done on University Blvd. to see what speeds really are on this road. They measured actual car speeds in two places. The study found 85% of cars went 48 mph with average speed at 42 mph. It is currently a 35 mph road. Public Works Director Millar explained if a road is built to handle higher speeds, it is best to put the speed limit at the appropriate level. This does not mean that cars will continually go faster than the posted speed limit. Typically cars will go at the speed they feel most comfortable on these types of roads.

Public Works Director Millar explained they are recommending a speed limit change from 35 mph to 45 mph on the East/West portion of University Blvd. The north/south portion of University Blvd. going around the bend on up to 7th South will stay at 35 mph.

Lyle Wakefield said this speed limit change is a natural change of speed because of the curve going either way on this road.

Public Works Director Millar said he has had a lot of complaints from residents asking the speed limit be increased.

Rick Robbins asked if retail businesses are foreseen to go onto University Blvd. Public Works Director Millar said eventually there will be retail along this road.

Randy Reese asked if there were any concerns at the intersection at 5th West. Public Works Director Millar said this is not a problem; it is well lighted, and has good visibility at this intersection.

Roscoe Orton moved to increase the speed limit on University Blvd from 35 mph to 45 mph on the East/West portion of the road and keep the North/South portion at 35 mph. Rick Robbins seconded the motion. All voted aye, none opposed. **The motion carried.**

Public Works Director Millar briefly explained traffic turn lanes by the schools and at Rexburg Motor Sports are needed. A four-way stop at 2nd South and 4th West would be put in with plans to put in a roundabout by Rexburg Motor Sports in the future. **Public Works Director Millar** will have more information on this at the next meeting.

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

New Business

a- Quadrant reports on traffic/safety issues

Committee Members

Graydon Burton said he noticed the traffic has improved so much with a left hand turn lane on Pioneer Road. Street lines/stripping need to be replaced however. Public Works Director Millar said this will be restriped as soon as weather permits.

Rick Robbins said one of the speed limit signs by Rexburg Motor Sports has been knocked over. Public Works Director Millar will look into this.

Randy Reese explained the university is changing their parking permit system. When students buy a parking permit now, it will be for a certain area instead of just open parking anywhere on campus. This will help alleviate some traffic/parking issues with students driving from class to class. They have also extended time between classes to 15 minutes so there is enough time for students to walk from class to class.

Trudy Porter said there is a sign on 2nd East by a crosswalk that says “stop when occupied” but the sign is a few feet away from the crosswalk which is at 5th West and 2nd East. Pedestrians are crossing off the crosswalk. The sign should be moved closer to the crosswalk.

b- Citizen’s Request –

Roger Marlowe

Upset because stop light at 2nd East and Main does not change when heading west from hospital on Main Street. He spoke with Police Department who told him they would have issued a ticket if he had run the red light.

Public Works Director Millar explained this is ITD issue. He will report the problem to them again. Captain Randy Lewis said the Police Department has had numerous complaints at this intersection.

c- Citizen's Request—

Jon Cozzens/Josh Hirtle

Concerns about street lighting on the south side of the intersection of 2nd West and 3rd South. (See presentation packet) **To be discussed at the next meeting.**

d- Traffic Study requested for a four-way stop at 2nd East and 2nd South and the removal of one of the existing two four-way stops on 2nd East---update on traffic study if any

Public Works Director Millar explained a warrant analysis was done at 2nd South and 2nd East. It is currently a four-way stop. The city is governed by state statute as far as putting in stop signs, traffic signals, etc. They looked at the warrants and found that a four way stop is justified at this intersection. They looked to see if this intersection met the warrants for a traffic signal. They counted cars and pedestrians. They found the average volume of vehicles from all approaches was 790 vehicles per hour. They also found there were six periods of delays of 30 seconds or more out of the 40, 15-minute volume counts. The delays occurred on the major road 2nd East. The study found that this intersection does not meet the warrants for a traffic signal at this time because traffic congestion is intermittent. (A complete report of the survey is available at City Hall.) The conclusion was: "The intersection meets the requirements for a multi-way stop sign but not for a traffic control signal."

Public Works Director Millar said a traffic study at 3rd South and 2nd East will be done to see if taking out the four-way stop is warranted.

e- Presentation on problems t the intersection of Main Street and 2nd East. (Presentation by Richard Clark, Dallin Fogle and Chade Spackman) **To be discussed at the next meeting.**

Other Business:

Ideas on where to put the additional pedestrian lights:

Rick Robbins suggested putting one in west of the stadium.

Public Works Director Millar said 1st North and 1st East would be a good location.

Randy Reese suggested 4th South and 3rd West.

The committee will continue to look at areas that could use these pedestrian lights.

Adjournment

Next Meeting date— May 6, 2008